



## Opunake High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Opunake

*Growing good people for a rapidly changing world*

He waihangatanga o te tangata pai i roto i tenei ao hurihuri



### NZ Secondary Schools A National Champs

Back Row: Mr Angelo Hill (Coach), Mrs Catherine Cook (Assistant Coach), Olivia Bright, Isabelle Cook, Hayley Quinnell, Alyscia Lang, Mrs Sharon Quinnell (Manager)

Front Row: Jessica Roach, Iritana Hohaia, Simone Cook (Captain), Krysten Johnson, Tenaeya Sutcliffe

Principal - *Simon Fuller* B.Sc, DipTchg

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# PRINCIPALS REPORT

Ngā mihi ō te wā ki a koe me tō whānau

Greetings to you and your family

Term 4 has kicked off with a sprint to the finishing line. The last day for school is December 8th so this is a very short term. It has been great to see some sun this term (long may it continue).

Term four always brings with it a festive feeling. From the build-up to Christmas through to the many celebrations of student achievement across all disciplines, term four is a term of celebration. However, it can also be a term of pressure and high anxiety for many as well. For students finishing off their NCEA and embarking on external examinations the pressure at this time of the year can feel huge. Year 13 students are in the unique position of graduating from secondary school and this can cause anxiety about what the real world actually looks like. It is important we all discuss these pressures with our young people and work with them to ensure they are well planned and supported to finish the job. As a parent / caregiver do not hesitate to contact the school if are at all concerned with your young person's progress or wellbeing.

Our students over the course of this year have continued the tradition of Opunake High School excelling in sport. This has certainly been the most successful year for sporting achievements in my time at OHS. In almost every sporting code we competed in this year, our students have achieved to the highest level in making playoffs, winning the competition or being named in representative teams. Below is a list of some of the sporting successes our students have achieved in 2017. You will see this quite an extensive list. It displays the passion our students and our community have for sport. Each student or team achievement has a number of people supporting it. It is this support that allows our students to reach their potential, and it is this support that is at the heart of our community. A community that goes out of its way to ensure the diverse range opportunities are continued to be offered to all. Our school and students are extremely grateful for this support and we thank all those that have worked with our students this year.

On the sports theme, huge congratulations to the senior girls' basketball team for becoming back to back national champions. Well done to the players and coaching staff, this is an awesome achievement and one that will be remembered for a long time. Congratulations also go to Isabelle Cook for representing New Zealand U 17 Basketball in the U16 FIBA Asia Cup. The team has been hugely successful and qualified for World Cup!!!!

Iritana Hohaia has just been named in the New Zealand U18 Womens 7s team. This caps off a great sporting year for Iritana who has played a number of codes and given 100% to them all – Very well done.

There are many other achievements occurring as well. Our NCEA achievement is tracking to be the most successful year yet. Te Haumoana, our school Kapahaka group placed, second at Puanga Festival and Katie Sinclair and Janice Baker won a variety of awards at the Young Enterprise Taranaki award ceremony. Their product Basket Buddy has proven to be a hit and their presentation skills were the best in Taranaki.

Lastly our Senior Prizegiving is being held November 2nd at 11am I invite you all to come and celebrate the accomplishments of senior students.

## OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL 2017 SPORTING SUCCESS

### SOCCER:

- Boys were Runners up in, Division 2 Taranaki Secondary School Competition
- Taranaki Reps - Olivia Bright U16+ girls division

### HOCKEY:

- Boys and Girls - Winners of the Championship division, Taranaki Hockey Secondary School League
- Taranaki Reps - U15 boys - Thomas Elliott and Keifer Ericsson

### NETBALL:

- Junior A Team - Winners of the Opunake Satellite Senior Social 2 grade

## **BASKETBALL:**

### **Opunake Basketball Association:**

- Senior Girls and Boys Winners of the A Grade Competitions
- B Girls Runners up in Womens B Grade

### **Awards:**

- Isabelle Cook most outstanding player of the whole league
- Jessica Roach - best and fairest for women A grade
- Aaliyah Clement best and fairest B grade women

### **Taranaki Secondary School Competition:**

- Senior A girls runners up, A grade
- Junior A boys Winners, B Grade

### **Awards:**

- Isabelle Cook most outstanding forward A Girls Div,
- Harley Loveridge Seymour most outstanding forward, A Boys Div
- Simone Cook, Regan Bloemen and Harley Loveridge Seymour, made the All Star teams.
- Glen Abad, highly commended forward for boys b grade div

### **Senior A Girls:**

- National and North Island Champions for small schools
- Isabelle Cook named MVP of the Tournament
- Iritana Hohaia and Simone Cook named in the Tournament Team.

### **Taranaki Reps:**

- U17 Isabelle Cook and Regan Bloemen
- U19 Simone Cook

### **Taranaki Womens Squad:**

- Iritana Hohaia, Isabelle Cook and Simone Cook - Placed 2nd in New Zealand WBA competition
- Angelo Hill being the Coach of both the Taranaki Thunder and Senior A girl's teams
- Isabelle Cook - NZ U17 Womens Basketball Team

## **RUGBY:**

- 1st XV - Winners of the Taranaki Secondary School Premier A Division
- U15, winners of the Taranaki Secondary School u15 open b grade division

### **Reps:**

- Iritana Hohaia named Taranaki Women's 7's player of the year, also was a member of the Taranaki women 7's squad, MVP Secondary Schools 7's
- Mana Tamakaha and Sharna Tito-Green reps U15 taranaki girls rugby
- Iritana Hohaia - NZ U18 Womens 7s team

## **CRICKET:**

- Runners up of the Taranaki Secondary Schools Cricket Division 3 grade, Term 1

## **TSSSA:**

- Lawn Bowls- Winners - Shaun Brider and Joshua Allan
- Quick Rip - Winners - Junior Boys Winners
- 3x3 Basketball - Winners - Girls - Isabelle Cook, Simone Cook, Iritana Hohaia and Jessica Roach
- Junior Volleyball - Runners up - Junior girls
- Orienteering - Winners - Senior Girls competitive division - Katie Sinclair and Janis Baker



As always if you have any questions, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to get in touch.  
Noho ora mai ano

Simon Fuller  
Principal

# SAMOA

Samoa 2017 has proven to be another great opportunity for students from Opunake High School to further develop the life long skills needed to become leaders of the future. Stepping off the plane in 30 degree heat the first of many first time experiences for the 10 students that travelled to Samoa this year. The first 4 days staying near Apia allowed for tours through Government Building, Apia Cathedral, Robert Louis Stevenson Museum and the Museum of Samoa giving a great insight into the history and cultural of this Pacific Paradise. A tour around the island of Upolu with a local guide allowed the opportunity to discover some of the true beauty of this country. Stops at Piula Caves, Lalamona Beach, Te Sua Trench and some of the local villages highlights of the stay. After some unplanned changes to the itinerary, we handed over the van keys and a last minute dash to the ferry we arrived safely on Savaii. Tanu Beach bus was waiting to take us back to our fales, this is truly the experience of the tour. Folding up the coconut leaf blinds and sweeping the white sand off the wooden floor before heading down to the crystal clear 20 degree water. Although there was no tsunami like the 2009 trip, and no rugby win of the 2013 tour the emotion of being invited back Ito O Tane School for sports and cultural exchange is an experience our students will never forget. Snorkling with thousands of different fish and swimming above wild turtles as they grazed the sea weed below unforgettable highlights. I will make no mention of the dented van or the shark fin that turned out to be the corner of a sack. It is an extreme privilege to be part of a third tour to Samoa. Our students again displayed the DREAM values the make us all proud to be part of OHS but more importantly seeing them grow from this experience and a genuine appreciation of their own home and culture. We extend our sincere thanks to the wider community and everyone who has helped make this tour of Samoa a life changing experience for our students. Fa'afetai

Students and parents that participated were: Catherine Dahm, Jacob, Ellison, Paul Whakatutu, Keonte Ngatai, Shaun Brider, Shavorn Johnson, Ben Shelford, Simone Cook, Zeno Hess, Tianna Osborne, Brooke and Jacqui Rultand with Simon Fuller and Andy Whitehead.



# NZ SECONDARY SCHOOLS A NATIONALS

The girls A Basketball team travelled to Palmerston North for the National Competition on October 5-9.

Opunake got off to a rocky start dropping their opening match against Te Aroha College going down 67-59. "We just weren't mentally ready to play. But credit to Te Aroha, they played well all tournament," coach Angelo Hill said.

After that first game we had to regroup and refocus with the little bit of adversity. After that loss, we had to win all our other pool games just to get a crossover match. We set a goal of just focusing on the next game. We came up with game plans for each team and executed them to perfection. We had to target a key player on the opposing team to play man to man and the rest of the team played zone. We call that Amoeba and 1. The players who were responsible for guarding that one player did a great job in every game and that stat will not show up but, they know how valuable that defensive effort was for our success.

The toughest game for us was against Stratford, as we have played them so many times this season and they have a way of playing really well against us. The game was very close until the fourth quarter when we started to pull away and get the win. After that game Iritana had to attend a NZ trial for her 7's rugby.

Next, the semi-final game against Kokiri. We were behind for most of the game and did not get the lead until the fourth quarter. This was a great team effort and everyone stepped up in one way or another to get us to the finals. We showed a lot of heart and determination in the second half of the game. Kokiri played really well and once Sally fouled out for them it made our lives a lot easier. Getting several of their players in foul trouble really played dividends for us in the last quarter.

The final game was going to be a very hard fought affair against Manakura, they had improved so much from the regionals. With Manakura locking down sharpshooter Simone Cook, the bulk of the scoring fell to point guard Iritana Hohaia and forward Isabelle Cook as Opunake claimed a 58-56 win. "Isabelle and Iritana really stepped up and without them we wouldn't have won. Isabelle played the whole fourth quarter with four fouls and managed not to pick up that last one. The leadership of our big three Simone, Iritana and Isabelle was outstanding. It shows what leadership can do for a team. "Everyone played well in the tournament. They accepted their roles and we got great production from the starters and the bench."

While Isabelle was named tournament MVP, Angelo said he felt like he had two MVPs in his squad and praised Hohaia's play. "It's been very disappointing for Iritana all season. I think she was the best player in Taranaki but she didn't get an All-Star selection or anything like that. I was so happy with how she played in the tournament. She was phenomenal."

Final: beat Manakura 58-56 (Iritana Hohaia 23 points 13 rebounds 6 assists, Isabelle Cook 22 points 14 rebounds)

I would like to thank everyone who has made this year a very special one for myself, and the team. There are too many to mention but all of you played an important role in our success.

Thank you to the Opunake community and NZCT for their grant towards accommodation costs.

Final: beat Manakura 58-56

Semifinal: beat Te Kura Kokiri 73-60

Quarterfinal: beat Stratford high School Girls' 54-35

Pool play: lost to Te Aroha College 67-59;

beat Buller High School 75-51;

beat Te Wharekura o Mauao 77-39;

beat Aquinas 74-46.



## RACES AT THE BEACH

This is a fun night fundraising for the Surfing Tour group that are heading to Australia in December. Get a group together and make it your Xmas get together. Be an owner of a horse for \$40 and you can win that back if your horse comes in first. This is a game of chance and cash betting available.

Contact Murray Weir.



## ROSE

Rose (Hongwen) comes from Foshan in China. Rose says she is from a small city because the population is only 7 million! She teaches computer aided technical drawing at a technical institute. Whilst in Opunake High School Rose taught several classes of calligraphy to different year groups and also to some primary aged students. She also taught students how to make dumplings. Rose enjoyed her stay in Opunake as she does not have the opportunity to be near a beach in China.

### OPUNAKE HIGH SCHOOL SURF TOUR



## RACES AT THE BEACH

**SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER 7pm.**

***Come along for some horse racing action  
and cash betting fun***

**OHS HALL - CASH BAR**

**Dress up optional - spot prizes**

**TICKETS \$20 or become a owner/trainer  
and enjoy the privileges.**

**Tickets from Murray Weir or  
OHS OFFICE**

**Ph 067618723 muw@opunake.school.nz**



## **BASKET BUDDY**

Katie Sinclair and Janis Baker attended the Young Enterprise Scheme Taranaki Regional Awards Evening in New Plymouth on Thursday October 19.

Their first award was a certificate in recognition of Chamber of Commerce

showcase Best Stand, winning back in August.

The second award was the Speaking Made Easy Trophy for the Best Business Presentation at the Dragons Den final, plus runner up in the Oral Presentation Award

A massive thank you to all of the sponsors of the YES program and the sponsors of these amazing awards, nothing would have been possible without them. Congratulations to Janis and Katie on your hard work and commitment to making such a successful project.

Photo Above Mr Fuller, Katie Sinclair and Janis Baker.

## **MOTOCROSS TOURNAMENT NAILING THE PEAT 2017**



We sent a team of six riders to Patetonga

on the Hauraki plains for the second time to compete in a flat track Motocross race meeting.

Our boys rode well to overcome many spills and some tough opposition from much bigger schools. Our riding improved as the day progressed and by the third race the Opunake “mongrel” that was made famous by our Hillary Challenge teams came to be seen with some gutsy riding and close finishes. We came 5th overall and best results were from Zack Gilbert who came 3rd in his 85cc class and Lucas Feek and Logan Bellve who got 4th in their 250 classes and Campbell decent who got 5th in his 125 class. With over 150 riders competing these are pleasing results and we all had a lot of fun. Thanks to the parents and relatives who supported our team

## **DREAM CHALLENGE:**

We had some excellent entries from our Whanau for our DREAM challenge. The brief was to create something that represented DREAM for that Whanau. The entries ranged from a beautiful song by Blossom Eiffe, to a huge bar of DREAM chocolate by Destiny Clark and Ali Dorian (runner up) to a huge DREAM catcher (3rd place) by Ms Thompson’s whanau. The winner of this challenge however was Lia Harrop who designed and sculpted an awesome piece of wire art. These fabulous, fun DREAM promotions will be on display in the foyer, to remind us all of our DREAM values.

Brody Neilson and Lockee Robinson proudly showing off their garden they have planted by the new school courtyard.



# JUNIOR CAMPS

Junior camps take place on 4,5,6 December. This is a compulsory programme for all Year 9 & 10 students. Forms have been handed out, please return forms and money by 3 November.

Camp title	Description	Staff	Cost	Overnight/day
Taupo mountain biking and hot pools	Mountain biking with all levels catered for. Spend your evenings soaking in the pool watching a movie on the big screen. You will need a bike and a tent.	AD PC LT	\$185 all inclusive	2 nights
Wellington	The annual 'Great Wellington Trip'.	SR LB	\$250	3 nights
Gamer's Paradise	Game all day your way.	JH, CR	Nil	Day
Movies	Movies at Everybody's Theatre and school, plus board games, crafts, etc.	ES, AE	TBC approx \$30	Day
Fishing Camp	Surfcasting daily at local spots	PL, RR	TBC	Day
Beach camp	Surfing. Fitzroy - will need tents, surf gear	DB MM, KB, DC	110	2 nights
Craft camp	Variety of crafts based on student choice. Could include Tie Dye T shirts, Crochet, Weaving, Jewelry making.	JM & TA	TBC approx \$15	Day
Taranaki Coast to Coast	Go from the coast near Opunake and travel to New Plymouth. It will involve mountain biking and hiking through Mount Taranaki. The last day will involve a mountain bike ride, swim at the Aquatic Centre and lunch in town.	PH	\$50	2 Nights
Pamper Camp for Girls	Meditative dance, yoga, hand, foot and shoulder massage, manicure and pedicure, making bath bombs, lip gloss and other pamper products. Cooking for lunches and Christmas gifts	AW	approx \$40	Day
Mural Camp	Camp for Creative Toolbox students to complete Mural.	AB	TBC	Day
Rotorua Adventures	We are staying in a Book a Bach on the edge of Lake Rotoiti. From the bach we will: boat over to a natural hot spas on the remote side of the lake, have a movie night in town, mountain bike on world class tracks, learn to wake board and tube, and race on the luge. These things are all part of this camp. All meals while on camp are included in the cost (only need food or \$\$ when traveling) Camp starts on Sunday the 2/ Dec. We need a female parent/adult please.	ALH, MG	\$345	3 Nights
Trout fishing	Fish the lake and rivers around Opunake.	VE	\$24 for season license	Day
Scary Movie Camp	Write, film and edit a scary movie.	JD	\$30 for movie making materials.	Day
Cricket	Watch CD play Auckland at Pukekura Park on Sunday. Gain coaching from Black Caps/CD/Taranaki players and coaches on Monday. Go to the Indoor Training centre in New Plymouth and face the bowling machine. On Tuesday have coaching with the Stratford or Hawera Pro and on Wednesday hopefully play a game of 6s/8s, 11 aside against an FDMC team. After trainings, relax at the pools or on the golf course. Your choice.	DH	Petrol, activities and indoor hireage	Day
Food and sport	School based camp where students play sports in the morning and prepare nutritious food in the afternoon.	AC	\$20 for ingredients	Day



# IRITANA HOHAIA

Congratulations to Iritana Hohaia who was awarded the Taranaki Rugby Womens Sevens Player of the Year trophy at the Taranaki Rugby Awards in New Plymouth. Iritana also scored the most tries for the season and was named Most Valued Player.

## BASKETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to

- **Isabelle Cook being awarded the Basketball Taranaki Under 17 Girls MVP**
- **Regan Bloemen Basketball Taranaki Under 17 Boys Best Guard and MVP**
- **Basketball Junior Boys won the Basketball Taranaki Secondary Schools Junior Boys B Trophy**
- **Boys Soccer were runners-up in the Taranaki Boys Division 2.**



## ISABELLE COOK IN NZ WOMEN'S U17

Isabelle Cook was selected to play in the Aon New Zealand Women's U17 Basket Ball team at the 2017 FIBA U16\* Women's Asian Championship in Bangalore. They won the competition and have qualified for that World Cup, which is to be played in Minsk, Belarus next year. Congratulation Isabelle on making this team.



## PATHWAYS

- Senior Graduation Dinner - Numbers into the office by Friday 3 November.
- Senior Dinner Monday 27 November 6pm at the Bowling Club
- Gateway/Work-placement students: Many thanks to all the businesses and employers who offered our students work experiences this year. We have had several taken up apprenticeships, these opportunities really assist the students in focussing on their next steps for their future pathways.
- WITT students this year were all successful in gaining credits on offer and completing their courses - many thanks to Joyleen for her pastoral care of these student throughout the year. If you wish to enrol for one of their courses next year, application are available from the Careers Office and close this Friday.
- NZ School of Tourism have offered our top student Alyssia Redin a \$500 scholarship to assist her with her tertiary studies next year. Congratulations Alyssia.
- Reminder to all caregivers and students leaving school this year - our transition Department is always available to discuss, assist and advise any areas that you would like to develop or look into in terms of vocational pathways. Our staff are willing to help with any advice that may be required even if you have left school.

**SENIOR DINNER**  
**Monday 27 Nov 6pm**  
**Bowling Club Opunake**

The Principal and Staff warmly  
invite you to be present at

# Senior Prizegiving

11:00am Thursday  
2 November 2017

in the School Hall followed by light luncheon.

Join us to celebrate a

successful year!!!

Simon Fuller  
PRINCIPAL

# *JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING*

*FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER at 11am.*



## TE HAUMOANA

Friday 27 October our kapa haka roopu, Te Haumoana competed at the annual Puanga festival. Not only did they represent us with pride and mana but more importantly they walked off that stage heads held high, smiles a mile wide, proud of themselves and each other.

- 1st Whaikorero (speeches),
- 1st Kaitataki taane (male leader) Nganeko Luke.
- 2nd Kaitataki wahine (female leader) Maraea Paringatai
- 2nd haka, 2nd poi, 2nd waiata a ringa, 2nd kakahu, 2nd waiata tira and 2nd overall.

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.



# CALENDAR TERM FOUR 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	30 Oct	31 Oct	1 Nov	2 Nov	3 Nov	4 Nov
				Senior Prizegiving 11:00am		
	6 Nov	7 Nov	8 Nov	9 Nov	10 Nov	11 Nov
Junior Study Week McKean Shield Week						
		H&S Meeting 7pm				
	13 Nov	14 Nov	15 Nov	16 Nov	17 Nov	18 Nov
Snr NCEA Exams Begin - Junior Exams						Surf Academy Race Night
	20 Nov	21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
	27 Nov	28 Nov	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec	2 Dec
	Graduation Dinner				Junior Prizegiving	
	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec	
	Junior Camps				Last Day of Year	



## COMPOSTING, WORM FARMS & MULCHING

WITH DEE TUTNETZ

9am-12pm Saturday 18th November  
Opunake Kindergarten, Opunake

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Dig deeper into composting, worm farms and explore ways to save waste and water in the garden. Discover a range of different composting systems, their effectiveness, and the ratios needed for active organisms to reduce your food and garden waste at home. Muscle in on the mastery of mulching and mulchpits. Uncover what makes a healthy worm haven. You could even win worms for your own backyard!



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**HOME & SCHOOL**  
7 November 2017 @ 7pm  
in the staff room.

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