



# 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



McNeil Adams Cup, OHS Medal and Ikaroa Lodge Award  
For Dux of the School  
**TAINÉ MORGAN**

Principal - *Simon Fuller* B.Sc, DipTchg

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# BOT MESSAGE

Kia Ora Tatou

It is with mixed emotions that we accept the resignation of Simon Fuller who has accepted the position of Principal at Kuranui College in Greytown. Simon will begin this position in Term 2 2018. We are grateful to Simon for delivering the vision and the strategic goals of the school. We would like to acknowledge his leadership and development of the staff and students in implementing the future focused learning at Opunake High School.

We now begin the process of appointing our next Principal. Early next year we will publish to the community what this process looks like and how we can all contribute. We are confident in finding a replacement to keep the school moving forward.

We congratulate Simon and his family on this unique opportunity. We will farewell Simon and his family during Term 1, 2018.

*Andy Whitehead & Board of Trustees.*

## PRINCIPALS REPORT

Ngā mihi ō te wā ki a koe me tō whānau

Greetings to you and your family

Term Four is always a wonderful term. It is a chance to celebrate the many successes of our fantastic students from the year gone by.

It was a joy to gather together as a community for our senior prizegiving. This was a fitting way to celebrate the academic, cultural and sporting successes of our senior students. Thank you very much to the parents and caregivers who came to honour our students. Unquestionably it was our school at its best. Congratulations go to all the prize winners, especially to our Dux, Taine Morgan, and Proxime Accessit, India Sturzaker. These two inspirational young people have made a real mark this year, as leaders and as outstanding role models of our school values. You will find a list of the major award winners on the following pages of this newsletter.

I would also like to extend my warmest congratulations to the prefect team for 2018 named at senior prizegiving.

*Girls:*

**Katie Sinclair, Sarah Haden, Teina Ngaia, Aimee Apblanalp, Danielle Bridson, Stevee-Jai Kelly, Janis Baker, Willow Wright**

*Boys:*

**Daniel Potier, Benjamin Shelford, Keegan Grey, Dylan Coleman, Jakob Whakatutu, Jacob Symons, Cameron Hasler, Tane Jones.**

Key dates for the remainder of this term are:

**Junior Prizegiving - December 1st 11am**

**Junior Camps - December 3rd – 6th (depending on camp)**

I will be writing a summer letter that each student and their families will receive over the summer break. This will contain information regarding some exciting changes to the Year 9 and 10 curriculum opportunities, student timetables and 2018 start up information.

The year is quickly coming to a close and as always if you have any suggestions or improvements you would like to see for our students in 2018 please do not hesitate to come in and see me or let me know through email or phone.

I would like to wish the entire school community a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a relaxing summer.

*Simon Fuller*

*Principal*



OHS Medal and Award  
For Proxime Accessit  
**INDIA STURZAKER**



OHS 2013 Prefect Cup  
Most Outstanding Prefect  
**BEN EDERVEEN**  
**ZENO HESS**  
Wotton Award  
For Diligence and Commitment to the School  
**BEN EDERVEEN**

**JOEL CLEMENT**  
Bolger Cup For Leadership of the Student Council  
**AIMEE ABPLANALP**



OHS Board of Trustees Cup  
For Student BOT Rep  
**TAZMYN KATENE**



The Scott Oliver Memorial  
Scholarship  
For Tertiary Studies in the  
Creative Industries  
**BLOSSOM EIFFE**  
Graham Sulzberger Memorial  
Cup For Best All Round Boy  
**TAINED MORGAN**



Griffith Merit Cup  
For Best All Round Girl  
**SIMONE COOK**  
Taranga Te Maunga Tuu  
Recognising high levels of  
academic achievement  
For senior maori students  
**SIMONE COOK**

The Combined Churches  
Award For Outstanding  
Character  
**KACY BELLVE**  
**TAINED MORGAN**  
Minister of Education Cup  
For Services to the School  
**KACY BELLVE**  
OHS DREAM Trophy  
For DREAM Values in school  
and Extra-Curricular  
**KACY BELLVE**  
Nicholas Cup  
Sportswoman of the Year  
**ISABELLE COOK**  
Woolford Cup  
Sportsman of the Year  
**REGAN BLOEMEN**  
James Trophy  
All Round Contribution to the  
School Year 9 – 11



Crawford Cup and OHS Medal  
Head Boy  
**BRODY HITCHCOCK**  
McKay Cup and OHS Medal  
Head Girl  
**SIMONE COOK**  
A & V Sandford Trophy  
For care of the environment  
**JOSHUA BARRETT**



Sue Spindler Cup & Award  
Excellence in Year 12 Subjects  
**LAURA HICKEY**

Sue Spindler Award  
 Runner-Up in Year 12 Subjects  
**AIMEE ABPLANALP**  
 Morris Tool Shed Award  
 Top in Year 12 Design  
 Technology  
**JACOB SYMONS**



Pam Morris Cup and OHS  
 Medal Excellence in Year 11  
 Subjects

**JOEL CLEMENT**

Lena Sharrock Award  
 Runner-Up in Year 11 Subjects

**ISABELLE COOK**

OHS Award

Top Year 11 Graphics

**JOEL CLEMENT**

L.A. Alexander Trust Award  
 for Attainment in Agriculture

**LUKE BERQUIST**

Opunake High School celebrated the senior students successes on Thursday 2 November at Senior Prizegiving. The community supported this event and paid tribute to all students who had exceeded expectations over the year. Congratulations to everyone that received awards.

A surprise special award was also presented at the prizegiving to Lloyd Morgan - Aleisha Cram nominated Lloyd in a "Thank a Sports Maker" competition through Lotto. Aleisha nominated him because of his dedication to hockey, what does for the school, how he always puts hockey and our team as first and that he is a great coach. He went through a process along with 730 other people from around New Zealand and only 10 were selected.

Terry Long from Sport Taranaki, who also runs the Mellowpuff Trust presented Lloyd his award. Lloyd received a voucher of \$1000 to buy sports gear, clothes etc. now he goes into another competition to win an all expense paid trip to the Hockey Worlds Finals in Auckland.



Jamie Turner grew up in Waitara just outside of New Plymouth. His sporting experience as a teenager was in motocross and from 18 onwards was involved in track and road cycle. He studied Physical Education in Wollongong, Australia and whilst studying, fell into coaching when he was working part time in a bike shop when a group of surf life savers asked him to train them. He aligned himself with Rohan Taylor, Olympic Swim Coach based in Wollongong. After receiving a scholarship from the Australian Sports Commission in 2004, this opportunity paved the way for his coaching career.

Jamie gave an inspirational speech at the prizegiving.



# 2018 PREFECTS

Our student prefects this year have lived the DREAM. Simone, Brody, Aleisha, Zeno, Kacy and Ben with the rest of the team have given an incredible amount of service to the school and we thank you most sincerely. Do not underestimate the influence and impact you have on our young people. It is now time to pass the leadership flame onto the next batch of young leaders. Selecting next year's prefects has been a robust and considered process with applications, observations of student's contribution to the school along with student and staff votes being considered. For those that have not been named today do not despair we will be adding members to the team during term one next year for those students that excel in their leadership, attitude and commitment to our school.

- Katie Sinclair
- Daniel Potier
- Sarah Haden
- Benjamin Shelford
- Teina Ngaia
- Keegan Grey
- Aimee Abplanalp
- Dylan Coleman
- Danielle Bridson
- Jakob Whakatutu
- Stevee-Jai Kelly
- Jacob Symons
- Janis Baker
- Cameron Hasler
- Willow Wright
- Tane Jones

The Head Students will be announced at the Junior Prizegiving on 1 December.



Since the September 2014 ERO report, significant changes of leadership and responsibilities have occurred in senior and middle management. The DREAM values of diligence, respect, exceeding expectations, aroha and mana are highly evident in the school's thinking, planning, actions and relationships.

Several new developments and ongoing improvements have occurred across the school including in the areas for development identified in the 2014 ERO report. Improved achievement and reduced disparities are evident, especially in the senior school.

School leaders and the board chair are actively involved in and value the expected benefits of collaboration and shared professional learning within the South Taranaki Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako (CoL).

### **How well is the school achieving equitable outcomes for all learners?**

Learners are achieving well. The school demonstrates strong progress toward achieving equity in educational outcomes, supported by effective, sustainable processes and practices.

In the National Certificates of Educational Achievement (NCEAs) in 2016, more than 80% of students overall achieved success at Level 1 and nearly 90% at Level 2. Students who left with NCEA Level 2 went on to further education, training or employment with many leaving for employment and trades. NCEA data for the past three years shows steadily improving achievement. Trustees, leaders and teachers have continued to increase their focus on strategies to further reduce in-school disparity and promote equity.

### **Equity and excellence**

#### **How effectively does this school respond to Māori and other children whose learning and achievement need acceleration?**

The school provides increasingly responsive programmes and support to improve learning and engagement for those Māori and other students whose achievement needs acceleration.

Cohesive and embedded vision and values underpin the inclusive learning culture that is promoted across the school. Trustees, leaders and teachers maintain a focus on strategies to reduce in-school disparity and promote equity, particularly for identified groups of boys, girls and Māori at risk of poor educational outcomes.

Previous disparity for Māori has been reduced, especially at senior levels. Since the 2014 ERO report, achievement for Māori in the NCEAs has improved significantly to be similar to their peers in the school for Level 1 and 2 and above their peers for Level 3 and University Entrance in 2016. Retention at school up to age 17 and percentages leaving with NCEA Level 2 are equitable with their peers.

#### **How well placed is the school to accelerate the achievement of all children who need it?**

Learners are achieving well. The school demonstrates strong progress toward achieving equity in educational outcomes, supported by effective, sustainable processes and practices.

Agreed next steps are for leaders to:

- closely align processes and monitoring practices across the school to coherently focus on identified groups of priority learners whose achievement needs acceleration
- further develop internal evaluation capability schoolwide.

ERO is likely to carry out the next review in three years.



## AROUND THE MOUNTAIN RELAY

The Round the Mountain relay was held on the 3rd and 4th of November. We entered 2 composite teams which started at 11pm on the Friday night. Teams were made up of students, staff and family members connected to the school. Both teams had 17 participants and the 2 teams were fairly even the entire event. Daniel Woodfield managed to pass Mr Bedford on the last leg to give his team the win. Our teams finished 14th and 15th out of 30 with times of 17:17:55 and 17:18:08. A huge effort by all involved especially those that completed more than one leg and those that stayed in the van from start to finish.



# SURFING ACADEMY

## RACE NIGHT

The Surf Group that are fundraising to travel to Australia in December held a fun race night on Saturday 18 November. Murray Weir the compeer and organiser of the evening keep the evening flowing and full of laughs.

Thanks to the sponsors that support the event and to all the people that bought owner or trainer spaces.

Sponsors - Young Contracting Ltd (Kieran Young), Farm Source Opunake (Carol Dodunski), MC Livestock Ltd (Malcolm & Debbie Campbell), Gibson Plumbers (Anne & David Gibson), Tarana-ki Building Ltd (Shaun Stanley), Noel & Suzie Stanley, Sinclair Electrical & Refrigeration Ltd, (Brian & Monique Sinclair) Kinatai Engineering Ltd (Troy Whitehead). The group head off on their travels on Saturday 2 December, they driving to Auckland and flying out Sunday morning to return on Monday 11 December into Auckland. Murray Weir, Robyn Davey and James Davidson will accompany the group. Safe travels to you all.

## YR 10 WAIUA RIVER FIELD TRIP

In Week 6 of this term, all the Year 10 Science classes went on a field trip to two sites on the Waiaua River. We were looking at the water health/quality and whether or not it changes from being closer to the mountain source or to the Opunake township. There is probably no surprise that it does become more polluted and less healthy. Students have studied the reasons why in both Science and Social Studies classes, and also how we can help to stop this damage to our river's water quality from happening.

Each day we had fabulous weather; in some cases, it was almost too hot! Students collected some great data which will be used at the beginning of next year for a Biology Level 1 Achievement Standard. Thank you to the two educators from TRC Kevin Archer and Emily Roberts for providing their expertise and equipment. And thank you to the accompanying teachers and students for three wonderful days! Christine Ryan.







## ARMISTICE DAY

Students attended the Armistice Day Celebrations on Saturday 11 November 2017 outside the Opuake Libraryplus. Armistice Day is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning—the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month” of 1918. The date was declared a national holiday in many Allied nations, and coincides with Remembrance Day and Veterans Day, public holidays.

Above: Jessica Turner, Lucy Shegedin, Tamiti Voice, Rev Geoff Williams, Catlin Bennett, Ariana Dingle, Meg Gibson, Jamie Siciliano



The Principal and Staff warmly  
invite you to be present at  
**Junior Prizegiving**  
11:00am Friday 1 December 2017

in the School Hall followed by light luncheon.

**Join us to celebrate a successful year!!!**

**Simon Fuller**  
**PRINCIPAL**



**Bored over the long summer holiday?  
Enter this competition.**

Remind our students they have access to hundreds of different maths skill practice using IXL, our online learning programme. Every mathematics student at Opunake High School may continue to use this tool over the summer holiday. **There will be a prize awarded to the most diligent student at the start of 2018.**

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Parents/Caregivers may track their young person's progress through email updates. When your child is logged in to IXL, go to profile & settings and enter your email address to be kept informed on their development.

If you have any questions about IXL, please contact:  
Justine Hart  
jh@opunake.school.nz

## **SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE**

The opportunity has arisen for 3 students to participate in Spirit of Adventure in March or April 2018. These trips come with part scholarships which means there will still be some fundraising required.

Please contact Andrea Hooper to express your interest and discuss the opportunity further as soon as possible to ensure that you grab this exciting chance to experience something new. Check out their website [www.spiritofadventure.org.nz](http://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz)

# CALENDAR TERM FOUR 2017

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	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	

## REPORTS & MAGAZINE

Junior reports and magazine will be distributed to all students at the completion of their camps. All year 11 & 12 students are able to collect their magazine from the school office.

## SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Thanks to Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund for their grant of \$293.50 towards the Junior Cricket Teams travel over the summer period.



## 2018 STARTUP

Next years start up outline will be sent to all students before the school startup in January. It will also be posted on the school website once finalised.

## 2018 TERM DATES

### Term 1

29 Jan Teacher Only Day  
30 Jan Start of Term 1  
13 Apr End of Term 1

### Term 2

30 April Start Term 2  
6 July End Term 2

### Term 3

23 July Start Term 3  
28 Sept End Term 3

### Term 4

15 Oct Start Term 4  
12 Dec End Term 4



Thanks to Pub Charity for their generous donation of \$9,200 towards Sporting gear.

Netball Uniforms & Bibs,  
Basketballs, Hockey Goalie uniform,  
Hockey Uniforms & balls,  
soccer uniform & universal tee.

**ATTENDANCE + ATTITUDE = ACHIEVEMENT**

# YEAR 13 GRADUATION DINNER

A great turn out of parents, students and staff attended the Year 13 Graduation Dinner at the bowling club on Monday 27 November. Good luck on your future pathways.



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