



Principal's Update

24 March 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

The broad and extensive OHS curriculum provides our students with many rich learning opportunities. This is clearly demonstrated by the events of this week when Julitte Jones from Whitecloud Skincare worked alongside our **Y13 Business students** to produce a skincare product and Emma Heaps from Westpac Bank began collaborating with OHS to enrich the Junior Business programme. On Thursday, during the day we had a **sports exchange with Massey High School** and in the evening we had our first **Health Science Academy parent Fono**. At the Fono a range of professionals, including three past students, provided insights into a variety of healthcare pathways. In the Arts, the senior **Theatresports** teams were coached by a teacher from our buddy school, Saint Kentigern College, in preparation for upcoming regional competitions.

Being prepared for learning is essential for students to fully access these opportunities and to be academically successful. This begins with being punctual and attending lessons. At this week's school assembly I spoke about the correlation between academic success and attendance - you have to turn up to learn. Even at 90% attendance, across five years of high school, a learner will miss half a year of learning. Whilst the majority of OHS learners are always punctual and have strong attendance, a small percentage need to improve. Setting healthy habits at the beginning of the year will support students to successfully access the OHS curriculum.

Noho ora mai

Shameen Hayat

Tumuaki | Principal



Upcoming

Monday 27th March - Prefects and whānau celebratory evening
Tuesday 4th April OHS kapa haka Polyfest performance

