

## Principal's Applate

6 April 2023

Tēnā Koutou Katoa

The end of my first term at OHS is a time for some reflection. We have an amazing school of bright learners with whanau who are keen to see their tamariki succeed. Students at Onehunga High School have a strong sense of belonging underpinned by our values of loyalty and courage, which I see demonstrated on a daily basis. We continue to see our learners excel in all areas of the school.

We celebrated the success of our Year 13 Prefect team, the pinnacle of student leadership, with their families at a special function. The Kapa haka group performed at Polyfest this week. It was a privilege to witness these superb performances, the culmination of so much hard mahi from ākonga, teachers and whānau. Further to this students have been involved in all our usual sporting fixtures as well as the athletics zone competitions, and the New Zealand Volleyball and Futsal Championships where they have represented the school with pride. We have had students chosen to attend the Young leaders for Sustainability Conference and others asked to sit on an independent advisory panel for Sport Auckland. All these opportunities enhance the lives of young people and could not happen without the dedication of staff.

With the first term complete it is essential that students return to school after the break, refreshed and ready to drive toward achieving their academic goals. Have a great break, we will see you next term.

Noho ora mai Shameen Hayat









