


OGHS Diary

3 February 2012

- We had three significant assemblies this week. In the first one on Tuesday we welcomed our Year 9s to Otago Girls'. We hope you have a wonderful time with us. Later in the morning we were greeted by Wairua Puhou once more in a resounding welcome. Mrs Anderson welcomed us all back and hoped we'd experienced some of the wonderful summer that TVNZ doesn't seem to know anything about!
- Congratulations to this year's Year 12 and 13 who had stunning pass rates in the November NCEA examinations. We were very pleased about the huge number of merits and excellences.
- We also welcomed our new staff : Miss Smeaton, Miss Rogers, Mrs McLean, Ms Monroe, Miss Allott, Miss Abbott, Mrs McGlynn and Mrs Clarkson.
- At the special assembly, held to announce the 2012 Prefects, Mrs Anderson talked about a number of our ex-girls who have become leaders in academia and the professions in New Zealand and abroad. She talked about Dame Silvia Cartwright, the first female High Court Judge and Governor General. She talked about a group of women who are returning for a class reunion this month. They include Dame Judith Mayhew who was the Provost of King's College, Cambridge University and the CEO of the City of London Corporation (1996-2003), Professor Marion Roydhouse, Dean of the Liberal Arts at Philadelphia University, and Juliet Mairilier, a fantasy novelist. Mrs Anderson spoke about some of the qualities a true leader needs - humility and compassion. They must be honest, truthful, have a deep concern for others, be considerate, and have an inherent love of their fellow man. They must be role models in what they do and what they say. There are many opportunities at to be leaders – class captains, sports captains and coaches, peer mediators, mentors, peer support leaders and sports and cultural coordinators and of course prefects.
- Don't forget about the 2012 Stage Challenge our annual student led performance. Otago Girls' students should fill out detail forms before the audition next week.
-  A number of the teachers are setting up facebook closed groups administered by the teacher in a professional way for some form groups and some subject areas. Do not be alarmed; this is being closely supervised. Only students in the registered groups can see the discussions and join the discussion. Discussions are about homework and school activities.
- The Parent Teachers Student Association is calling for nominations for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer for 2012. Please email Jane Smallfield at sd@otagogirls.school.nz with the names of the nominee, the nominator and the seconder by Monday 20 February.
- PTSA AGM – a reminder that the AGM of the PTSA will be held on Wednesday 22 February at 7:30pm in the School Library. All parents and caregivers welcome. Our guest speaker will be ex student Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas who is visiting from the UK where she is a prominent academic and leader who was made New Zealander of the Year in Britain in 2004.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- Congratulations to Cleo Gilmour our Head Prefect for 2012, you'll find Cleo by looking for her silver buttons! Also congratulations to all our other Prefects: Kerryn Little, Brittany Reddington, Mary Gray, Olive Butler, Laura Schwass, Sewoon Kim, Erin Officer, Sangji Lee, Sarah Henderson, Ginny Niemi, Ranad Tamimi, Izzy Cornfoot, Alicia Ng, Abby Williams, Lauren Hunter, Rebecca Henderson, Alexia Moore, Sarah Gifford, Jamie Adams, Laura Everett, Lucy McGranachan

KEY DATES:

Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day – School Closed
Wednesday 15 February	Fees Day
Thursday 16 February	Year 9 Parents Meet the Teachers 6pm
Friday 17 February	School Sports Day
Sunday 11 March	PTSA House and Garden Tour

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The Totara Tree Will Stand Tall