



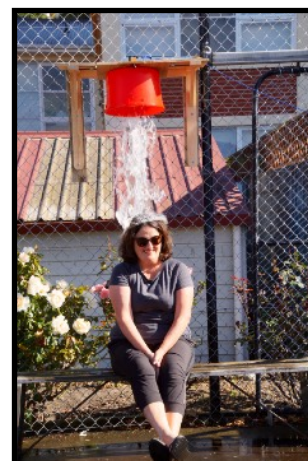
# OTAGO GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

## International Department Newsletter Term One 2022

We are happy to have Mrs Bridget Davidson as our new principal at Otago Girls' High School. She has been at our school for many years, has led initiatives, and been involved in many activities and camps during her time.

This year has again had a different start with the students having spent a second summer in New Zealand. Luckily, this year they are able to return home to see their families and re-enter New Zealand. We continue to be amazed by their resilience in coping with such a long period of living away from their countries and families. We will also be able to welcome a few new international students to our school later in the year.

Several of our school events were cancelled due to the Covid situation: PB4L day at the start of the year, sports day, Year 12 Borland camp, international BBQ, full-school assemblies. Some will be held later in the year and may be somewhat altered. What we have been able to have are outdoor assemblies split into year groups providing extra fresh air, school cross-country run, rowing nationals (only summer sport with nationals), visits from universities for Year 13 students, and Active April.



Mrs Davidson getting wet at Active April



Alison Han at the cross country

Week 11 of the term brought some joy at the end of a long term. There was a staff-prefect netball game played on the outdoor courts with the prefects taking a narrow win. The last lunch time of the term, we had our Wellness Day where there was a wide variety of activities in the hall and out on the courts. The most popular activity was Mr Pickard's newest creation of getting a bucket of water dumped on your head after somebody hit the target with a tennis ball. Lots of staff and students jumped at the opportunity to



Hebe Leung (centre) at cross country

be watered from above, and there was no shortage of students throwing balls.

NCEA results were once again outstanding and they demonstrated the girls' academic ability and work ethic. Below is a list of merit and excellence endorsements.



Active April on the courts

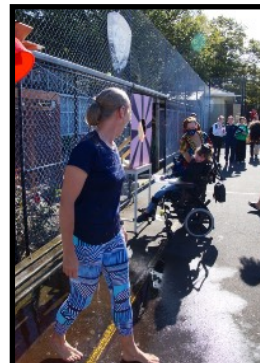
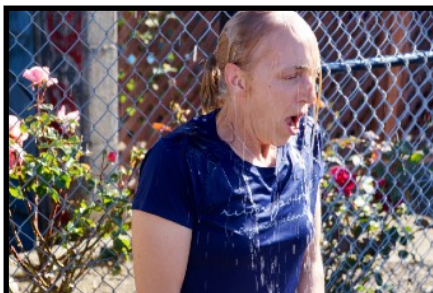
## 2021 NCEA Endorsements

Level 2 Excellence: Christine Hu, Kate Lui, Hiroka Ryu, Rebecca Zhuang

Level 3 Merit: Well Chomchoei, Linh Vu, Jessica Xue, Dora Xue

Level 3 Excellence: Hermione Hai, Lindsay Hu, Sol Kwon, Julia Ma, Evelyn Wei, Chloe Zhang

Three stages of Poppy McConville dumping the bucket on Mrs Boomer



### Term 2 Events

- Week 1 School Starts Monday 2 May
- Week 2 Year 11 Geography trip to Mt Cook (Tuesday - Friday)  
NCEA Teacher Only Day (Friday) No Classes.
- Week 3 Swimming Sports (Friday)
- Week 4 Year 10 Marae Trips (Monday & Tuesday)  
Parent-Teacher Interviews In-Person 3:30-6:30 (Thursday)
- Week 5 Tertiary Open Day (Monday)  
Parent-Teacher Interviews Online 3:30-6:30 (Wednesday)
- Week 6 Queen's Birthday: School Closed (Monday)
- Week 8 Library Day (Tuesday)  
Matariki: School Closed (Friday)
- Week 9 House Haka Competition (Friday)
- Week 10 Year 12 Formal (Thursday)



Staff vs Prefects Netballers



Great shot of Active April!