

Sports News 3 September 2014

Good luck to all of the Otumoetai College sports teams that have travelled this week for the Annual Winter Tournament week all over New Zealand. Play hard and strive to perform the best you all can as teams and individuals. We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the coaches that have volunteered their time to coach these teams throughout the season and going on tournament with these students. Without you all we wouldn't have these teams competing.

Congratulations to Kale Sycamore who has ended another Wrestling Championship in the top. Competing well at the Bay of Plenty Wrestling Championships, Senior Division (21+ Years) Kale won Bronze. He will be competing in the National Championship which is taking place in three weeks' time.

Coral Headey has come back from the Youth Olympics with an amazing 16th place in the Sailing event. Congratulations Coral, you have had an amazing year.

Basketball:

The first half of this week saw our junior boys and girls teams play their national tournaments. The girls played amazing in their first game defeating Waihi College, this gave them a spot in the top eight of the tournament. They then came up against some tough teams for the remainder of the tournament finishing up eighth. The girls were amazing, after coming away with only one win in the season to make the top eight is a huge improvement. The boys also had a win in pool play losing one game close and also to an outstanding Rangitoto College side. The boys were extremely unlucky in the count back to miss out on the top eight. They stood strong and carried on playing amazing finishing up 10th in the tournament. Congratulations to all students in these teams.

Hockey:

The girls' 1st XI hockey team have come a long way in the first days at their National tournament. After being a development team for 2014 as there are many younger players, they have fought hard and made the top eight in Whangarei.

Netball:

Despite the weather in the north our Premier 1 girls' team that are competing in UNISS, in Auckland, have had an awesome start to tournament with some close games to tough sides. They have qualified for the top 16 teams which is an improvement from the past two years.

Volleyball:

Last week the Club Volleyball Nationals were held here in Tauranga. Stewart Henderson was coaching the Tauranga A team with students Emma Bain, Kelcy Ballantyne and Kahla Tyson playing for his team, along with other past students. The team were playing to defend their title but were unfortunately beaten by a better side in the final. Roebi Bidios, Jasmine Tawa and Kirsten were also playing for the second Tauranga Woman's team. Current boys that participated in teams were Greg White, Dylan McNeely, Josh Matheson and Cameron Hunter.