

# Bay of Plenty Times – Sports News

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## Basketball:

Finals night in the local Secondary Schools Basketball competition deemed to be an extremely successful night for our Otumoetai College Basketball teams. The senior boys played an outstanding game coming from behind Tauranga Boys College the full season, to play their best game in a dramatic game to overcome the top side 78-74, taking the Senior Boys title. A huge congratulations to our student Jack Neale of being named MVP of the final, this is awesome and it makes the school extremely proud to see such achievement. The boys were extremely determined to win the game after falling short of qualifying for nationals at the recent regional tournament. They played out of their skins the entire game and it was great to see the determination in the boys to beat Tauranga Boys College. In our junior boys play off, we also played one of the Tauranga boy's teams, winning to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Our junior girls finished the season also in third place after the round robin, their grade didn't play semis or finals so were unable to contend for the title in a finals situation. We had three students named in the all-star 5 teams at the prize giving. Renee Bennett was named in the Junior Girls all-star 5, Beau Joss in the Junior Boys and Jack Neale in the Senior Boys. These are selected by coaches from other teams and are the top 5 players in the competition.

Congratulations to Thomas Chaney who competed in the New Zealand Secondary School Swimming Competition last week. Thomas swam incredibly well medaling in both the 100m Fly and 200m Fly with Silver. Thomas also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 50m Fly but was unfortunately disqualified after slipping from the blocks. Thomas has had an awesome year with his swimming at finishing with medals at this event proves just how good he is. Good luck for the remainder of the year Thomas. Also to the other students from the school that participated and gained Personal Best times, this is an awesome achievement and you should be proud of yourselves.

Congratulations to Connor Brown who competed at the 10k series final for canoeing in Rotorua. Connor finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the series but 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final race receiving a silver medal. Good Luck for the remainder of your season Connor.

We would like to express our greatest congratulations to all of the students at Otumoetai Intermediate that competed in sports throughout AIMS games. We managed to watch some of the sports teams and it was awesome to see the talent and great sportsmanship within the school. We look forward to having you represent the college in the next couple of years. An extra congratulations to all of the students that medaled throughout the week, what an outstanding achievement.