

## Kia aro ki te pai o te kāreti o Onslow Positives at Onslow



Our vision is for every ākonga (student) to come as they are to Onslow College, to grow as a whole person (academically, socially, artistically, culturally, sportswise) and to thrive in their future. This fortnightly newsletter celebrates the many kinds of successes across our school. It also highlights how our values - whānau, whakapapa, whenua, diversity and community are present inside and outside our school every day.

### Social Action Positive Change

End of 2021 students in Year 10 Social Studies undertook a social action designed to make a positive change by helping people in their community improve their lives. Students investigated a range of social issues, the impact these have on people and the environment and how to best respond to these issues.

Tessa Thornley and Sophie Downes chose to address poverty and worked together with another student to collect books to donate to children through Kiwi Christmas Books charity.

They chose this action because “we both really like reading so that made it stand out for us,”. Marie Elliott Jones, the Wellington Coordinator of the charity said it is rare two teenagers show the initiative to want to have a collection box in their school and neighbourhood and the two girls should be applauded.

Their efforts caught the attention of the Independent Herald who wrote an article about the action in early December. Participation in social actions such as this give students the opportunity to demonstrate some of the schools values such as whānau, diversity and community. For the students, the action “helped us appreciate people who are in other situations and it feels good to help”.

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### Football Success

Onslow College had three students playing in the Capital Football (Wellington) Women's team playing in the National Women's league (South Central series) game on Saturday 11 December 2021. Pepi Olliver-Bell (2022- Year 13) and Olivia Ingham (2022 - Year 12) were regular starters for the team throughout the season with Capital winning 4/6 games and finishing in second place. On December 11 they were joined by Nicola Ross (2021 Year 13), a late call up for this game due to injuries. Pepi with three goals during the six games was the second top scorer for the team.

## Action packed Adventure

Finn McKenzie and Ollie Taylor are just 16, but they want to become the first people to traverse New Zealand in a perfectly straight line from one coast to the other.

We started out with the idea in the winter school holidays about six months ago, and we've been planning ever since basically," McKenzie said. The traverse started from Himatangi Beach on the west coast of the North Island with the plan to end at Castlepoint on the east coast.

The plan was to take 5 nights to walk the route.

Unfortunately on Day 3 Ollie Taylor took a tumble down a cliff and the trip had to be abandoned. This didn't dampen their spirits and both boys enjoyed the action packed days that they did complete. The two are documenting the journey on their Instagram page [Straight Line NZ](#), and raising money for Forest & Bird through their [GiveALittle](#) page.



## Onslow Scholarship Exams Success

The results for the 2021 Scholarship exams were just released, and Onslow College did amazingly.

There were 23 scholarships in total across Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Classics, Economics, English, French, Geography, Music, Painting, Physics, Spanish, and Statistics.

Three students gained Outstanding scholarships:

Freya Turnbull-Kelly in both English and Classics,

Rebecca Elder in English and

Benjy Smith in Physics (Benjy also gained a scholarship in Chemistry and Calculus)

Freya also won an Outstanding Scholar award from NZQA as one of the strongest Scholarship students in New Zealand.

It was a fantastic effort, especially in a year disrupted by the uncertainty of Covid. Our Scholarship students should be very proud of their mahi.

The staff at Onslow certainly are.