

Thrive Newsletter October 2024



We'd like to take the opportunity to invite you to the **Thrive Ōtorohanga Youth Trust AGM** which will be held on **28th November @ 5pm** at the Harvest Centre. For those who are unable to make it in person, a zoom link will be available. Please contact Peter via email - peter@thriveoto.co.nz



Brad, our **TrueNorth** Mentor, continues connecting with the coastal schools each week, supporting students in class and on the field.

We value the feedback we receive from Principals and would like to share a most recent one which said *"we gratefully appreciate the importance of having excellent role model mentors for our students to aspire to. A programme that is well worth having. There have not been programmes like this available to us that cover mentoring and transitioning from primary to high school, from remote rural to town life."*

TrueNorth mentoring now happens on the grounds of two town primary schools every week: with Jenny supporting the students in a variety of ways.

MPOWA has a new face to the programme this term, with Jenny taking on this part-time role. Her connection with students at the college who go on to become 'school leavers' is invaluable. Thank you to Ōtorohanga College leadership for the opportunity afforded to Jenny to meet with the senior students onsite during term 3 to introduce the service to them. We look forward to connecting with our young people once they have signed out, offering well-being support and/or pastoral care conversations.



Thrive staff played a supporting role in the **CACTUS** programme in Term 2 of this year. By all accounts, it was another successful programme, with Jenny preparing breakfast at the College every Tuesday and Thursday morning, and Te Taki assisting with the fitness element of the programme. Police School Community Officer Kat Payne has worked with students on the programme for several years, helping students build a range of skills including leadership, teamwork and resilience.



The **LIONS REACH AWARDS** continue each term, with school students excelling in their chosen fields spending a morning rock climbing at Harvest Rock, sponsored by The Lions Club of Ōtorohanga. It has been a busy time, with most local schools taking up the opportunity to celebrate students' achievements in this way.

The **THRIVE holiday programme** is still running, with young people able to book in for rock climbing throughout the school holidays. Children can test their climbing skills and confidence, with parents and caregivers assisting as their personal belayers. Julian is gearing up for the October holidays, with support from the Thrive staff. We look forward to hearing happy voices throughout the two weeks, as families come in and enjoy time together in a fun environment. Thank you to the community for supporting us by making use of our facility.

The **climbing wall** can be booked for children's birthday parties, so please spread the word! The kitchen facilities are available and from the feedback we receive, it's a safe and fun environment for all party goers. Please contact Julian on 021 182 1203 to make a booking.

We thank you, our funders, donors, local community members and friends of Thrive Trust. Without your continued faith in the work we do, we would not be able to operate. We remain grateful for your financial commitment.

If you would like to discuss any matters relating to the Trust and the programmes we provide, please do not hesitate to contact me on 027 493 0117 or on email at peter@thriveoto.co.nz

Best regards,
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