



# OTUMOETAI COLLEGE

## BARBARIANS RUGBY



**Our charity –our give back day.**

**FIREWOOD DAY – SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> April**

Our annual 'GIVE BACK' day is one of the most important days on the rugby calendar for our Barbarians Rugby Programme. Early this morning, approximately 40 volunteers arrived at the: Otumoetai College, Action Centre Carpark to assist in our annual Good Neighbour Day. The player support was phenomenal, as was the involvement today from, Ian Ridgway, Lauren May and Arden Carter. Lisa Adams and Emma Henderson both **Board of Trustee** members were also volunteering today. Lauren May and Lisa Adams also brought their husbands along for the day.

It was heartening to have so many adult volunteers, the players really appreciated it. Special mention to 'old boy': Luke Moulds, who was ready and waiting for his pickup at 7am sharp. Another 'old boy', Simon Wheatley, who manages the First XV and remarkably does not even have a son in the team drove a school van, filled with volunteer players to the Good Neighbour depot and spent the morning with us sweating in the humidity.

There was a sensational uptake of whanau and parental support today. Without our parents and whanau we would not be able to provide this rewarding opportunity for our players. We even had a family traveling to support this day from Tirau.

Together we departed for Joyce Road in Pyes Pa, where we were met by: The Good Neighbour Crew of, Jason, Rick and Andrea. They quickly directed our convoy of utes, cars and trailers into the firewood depot and proceeded to give us a safety briefing.

Then we were smartly into – giving back mode. Lots of stacking firewood today, lots of sweat and hard work, lots of laughter, lots of team culture. A brilliant day had by all. A real life learning experience.

This day is only made possible by Jason Rowling and the team at Good Neighbour who welcome us with warm hearts and allow us to give back. To them we are very grateful. They also hosted us with a magnificent bbq to conclude the day. Today, our rugby programme achieved one it's most important goals. Connecting with our community, by making a difference in our community and for our community.













