

# Otahuhu College Service Academy

# Origins

- Began as the result of considerable research.
- Truth - a random conversation with the MOE.
- Seemed like a good idea to the Principal.
- November more action
- Confirmed early January
- February 1 no director no kids no programme

# Beginning

## FEBRUARY

- Director
- Twenty students selected
- Programme sorted

## MARCH

- Waioru Camp for two weeks
- Maths teacher “me”
- English lucky to find one
- Two options
- Rest military stuff such as marching, map reading fitness etc.

# Outcomes

- Literacy and numeracy at level 1.
- Some other credits.
- Vastly improved attendance.
- Retained all but one for the year.
- Huge improvement in general behaviour of the group.
- Five came back in 2011

# Unexpected Outcomes

- Staff sceptics convinced of value.
- Vast health improvements for some.
- Queue of students to join academy.
- Desire to start junior academy.

# Evaluation

- Has it been a success?
- Being reviewed by ERO.
- Sustainability is the issue.
- Politics.
- Another educational experiment based on ?
- What if NZ education had a real strategic plan?