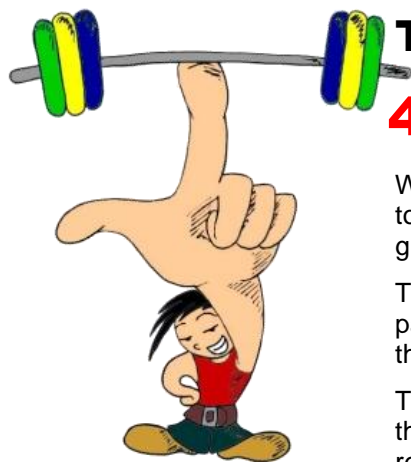




## Oceania Weightlifting Federation



### THE 2014 OTIP Program – Discovering talent! **4338 entries -166 schools-14 countries**

What a great result this year's OTIP program produced. Breaking all records. 4,338 students took part in the program. Almost 1,700 more than last years results. (2312 boys and 2021 girls)

The entries came from 166 schools throughout the Oceania region, with 14 countries taking part. There was some outstanding results and we are certainly going to see quite a number of these students in the next year or two, competing in the Oceania Championships.

This is a unique program in the world of weightlifting. The OTIP program was implemented by the OWF three years ago to identify talented students throughout the schools of the Oceania region, and in particular the Pacific Island nations.

The program has grown each year and it was rewarding to see so many of these students who have participated in the OTIP program competing in the Oceania Championships, Olympic Youth Qualification, Glasgow Commonwealth Games and the recent Olympic Youth Games in Nanjing. This is truly amazing in that such a short time the national federations have been able to tap in on the work that they have done at the school level producing the next generation of champion weightlifters.

***You never know how strong you are,  
if you don't have a goal!***



This program is organised by the OWF in conjunction with all the national federations participating. Obviously without the financial support of the International Weightlifting Federation and also the Oceania National Olympic Committees, this program would not have been possible. The OWF is indebted to Dr. Tamas Ajan, President of the IWF, for his support and enthusiasm towards this program. Also special thanks to Eva Moska from the IWF for assisting with the organisation of this program. We sincerely thank also Solidarity/ONOC and the Comité Territorial Olympique Sportif (CTOS) and the City of Mont Dore for allowing the students to stay and train at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute.



The 2014 OTIP Program was launched during the OWF Congress held in New Caledonia in May of this year which Dr Tamas Ajan attended.



Special thanks must go to those individual weightlifting federations who took part in the program and in particular to those individual coaches/lifters/volunteers, who took the time to go to the schools and successfully run the program. These are the key people who ran the program at the schools in their country:

**David Katoatau & Tekabara Arobati (Kiribati) , Manuel Minginfel ( Micronesia) , Itte Detenamo ( Nauru), Dika Toua (Papua New Guinea) , Jenly Wini & Rocky Ramo, ( Solomon Islands) , Michael Keelan & Bowen Stuart ( Australia) , Petelo Lagikula ( New Caledonia), Alan Tano ( Niue) , Maamaloa Lolohea ( Tonga) , Jerry Wallwork ( Samoa) , Garry Marshall ( New Zealand) , Alone Kaikilekofi ( Wallis & Futuna) , Joe Vueti (Fiji) and Logona Esau ( Tuvalu).**

The program has now concluded and each federation in the next few days will select students from amongst all the school entries to take part in a training camp at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in New Caledonia from December 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. All students will be fully funded to attend this camp.

**Paul Coffa**  
**OWF General Secretary**

### Students from many parts of the Pacific Islands taking part in the OTIP program.



David Katoatau “The golden boy “ of KIRIBATI running the OTIP program through the many schools on the Island.



MICRONESIA- Manuel Minginfel “ four times Olympic representative ” running the 2014 OTIP program at schools.





**TUVALU-** Logona Esau “ Olympic and Commonwealth Games representative “ running the 2014 OTIP program in schools



**SOLOMON ISLANDS** Jenly Wini “ Olympic and Commonwealth Games representative “ running the 2014 OTIP program.



**TONGA**



**SOLOMON ISLANDS**



**FIJI**



**NAURU** - champion weightlifter Itte Detenamo “ Commonwealth Games silver medallist running the 2014 OTIP program.