

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Nine
Monday 23rd March – Friday 27th March 2026

SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Junior Social Studies

Our Year 9 cohort has been exploring the rich history of their own whānau, Ōtorohanga and Aotearoa. Their focus has been on navigating identity and what that means – from their ethnic identity to our town's identity to national identity and the history of Aotearoa. Our Year 10 ākonga have been unpacking the meaning of mana motuhake and why this unique concept is important to understanding the history of Aotearoa from Te Tiriti o Waitangi to contemporary times.

Seniors Business Level Three

Our Level three ākonga have successfully run various fundraising activities as part of an assessment for Business Studies. We have four business teams working hard to finalise their products and get them ready for sale by Term Two.

The teams are as follows:

Woodchuck Product:	Chopping boards
Shanava Product:	Sweet treats
Monty Product:	Mood candles
Sasa Product:	Cake in a jar



Team: Shanava



Team: Woodchuck
Fundraiser at Athletics

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Social Science

Commerce Financial

This term, the major focus is on decision-making. Currently, the ākonga are reviewing the key vocabulary and concepts related to financial information. They have a great understanding of the purpose of an income statement and how to prepare one.

Geography Our Lands

This class has been learning vital geography skills that support their research project. They have covered skills such as mapping, field sketching, analysing graphs and many more.



Geography students working on field sketching

History Our Past

Our historians have been deep-diving into topics from our local history to major world events. Year 11 History ākonga have been studying Te Ara ō Turongo, the railway construction through Te Rohe ō Maniapoto. Year 12 History students have been in deep thought about the impacts of conflict, such as that of the New Zealand Land Wars, moving into a world context of looking at the Holocaust. The Year 13 ākonga have been considering the consequences of genocide.

Tourism Exploring Aotearoa

The theme for Term One is tourism in Aotearoa New Zealand. Our ākonga are unpacking the tourist gems that Aotearoa has to offer. Figuratively, students explore the geothermal wonderlands of Rotorua to the cascading falls through the Milford Sounds.



A Victory

Cricket

Mixed Team

What a fantastic season for our mixed cricket team! We wrapped up the year on a high note this week with a thrilling victory against the Te Awamutu College junior boys. It has been wonderful to see cricket thriving at our College again and it was especially heartening to welcome several new players to the pitch for the first time.

While finishing the season with three solid wins was a great achievement, the real highlight has been the team's incredible sportsmanship and collaboration. In our final match, our sharpened bowling skills proved to be the deciding factor featuring standout performances from Luca Takao (3 wickets) and Logan Gardner (2 wickets). We cannot wait to get back out there in Term Four and we encourage any interested students, regardless of experience, to give it a go and join the squad.



Key Dates

Monday 20th April
Monday 27th April
Tuesday 28th April
Friday 15th May
Monday 18th May
Tuesday 19th May
Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Monday 1st June
Wednesday 10th June
Thursday 11th June
Friday 12th June
Tuesday 23rd June
Friday 26th June
Friday 3rd July

Term Two Starts
ANZAC Day Observed
Teacher Only Day
Pink Shirt Day
Photolife
Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
Reading CAA
Writing CAA
Numeracy CAA
King's Birthday
Production Evening Performance
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Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
College Ball
Matariki Celebration Day
Term Two Ends

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