

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Four
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

HEALTH AND PE FACULTY



We absolutely love Term 1 in the Health and Physical Education Faculty. Students return refreshed, motivated and ready to go and we hit the ground running straight away as we prepare for three major events on the College calendar: Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country/Colour Run. The energy across classes has been outstanding and it has been fantastic to see students embracing every opportunity to get involved.

All PE classes have placed a strong focus on preparing for Athletics. Students have been training across all events, with technique, confidence and performance being carefully developed as we build towards the big day next week. The dedication shown on the track and in the field has been impressive and we are excited to see that hard work come to life on event day.

The 3000m races have been run. We saw excellent participation and some outstanding results. It has been inspiring to watch students challenge themselves, show resilience and push through to the finish line.

Our junior fitness Modules have also begun superbly. Both the Year 9 and Year 10 classes have completed their pre-testing, setting a strong baseline as they begin their fitness journeys. The focus now shifts to helping students make fitness, movement and physical activity a valuable and regular part of their lives.

There has been a clear emphasis on training safely and confidently as students sample a wide range of training methods. This includes resistance training, interval training, ZUU training and some good old-fashioned cardio sessions. Already we are seeing encouraging gains in fitness, confidence and overall engagement which is incredibly pleasing.

In Health, students have begun exploring the concept of hauora and what it means to support their physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing. These conversations are setting a powerful foundation for the year ahead and helping students understand the importance of balance in their lives.

What an exciting year we have in front of us. The enthusiasm, effort and positivity shown by our students so far have been outstanding and we cannot wait to see them continue to grow, achieve and thrive throughout Term 1 and beyond.

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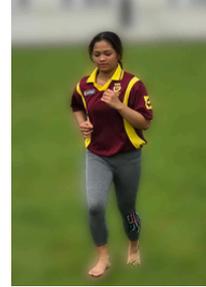
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3000m Interhouse Competition

Junior

Junior Boys 3000m

1st - Reynald Mbini
2nd - Robert Pihema
3rd - Ryder van der Heyden



Junior Girls 3000m

1st - Zoe Tripp
2nd - Lola Jarrett
3rd - Skyla Withers



Intermediate

Intermediate Boys 3000m

1st - Thomas Corley
2nd - Zach Davey
3rd - Seth Philip



Intermediate Girls 3000m

1st - Jasmine Downs-Bryant
2nd - Hannah Wilson
3rd - Delice Clarke



Senior

Senior Boys 3000m

1st - Lindsay Miller
2nd - Alex Davey
3rd - Luke Lamborn



Senior Girls 3000m

1st - Mya Needham
2nd - Aviva Mudge
3rd - Moana Oakley-Tupou



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2026 Inter-House Swimming Sports

The 2026 Ōtorohanga College Swimming Sports is one of the highly anticipated Inter-House competitions of the year and it absolutely delivered in every way.

After a week of atrocious weather the sun made a perfectly timed appearance setting the scene for a spectacular day of colour, competition and House pride at the pools.

This year's event saw the introduction of new novelty events giving every student the opportunity to contribute valuable participation points for their House. These events created some entertaining moments. From the hilarious tennis ball challenge, pushing a tennis ball with your nose for a full length, to the one arm up swim where competitors powered down the pool with one arm held high, made for unforgettable viewing.

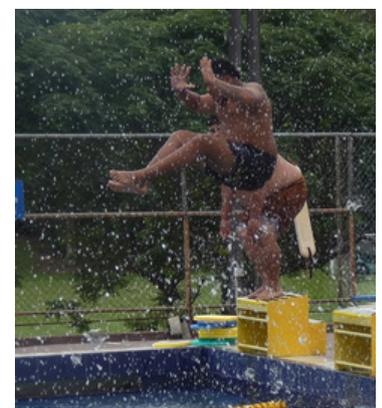
The competitive races also produced some exceptional performances. Brother and sister duos Kylie and John Woodward along with Seth and Kayla Philip were in outstanding form. Lindsay Millar once again impressed in the Senior Boys division continuing his strong swimming legacy with another dominant display. Individual champion results will be announced soon, but the standard of racing across all year levels was impressive.

The crowd favourites, the Bomb Competition and House Relays, once again proved to be highlights of the afternoon. The relays in particular brought unmatched excitement with teams made up across year levels from Year 9 through to Year 13 racing for ultimate House pride. The energy on poolside during these races was phenomenal with every swimmer giving their all for their House and their teammates.

It was also fantastic to see so many parents and caregivers up at the pools supporting in person or tuning in via the live stream. The level of whānau support was outstanding. If you missed any of the action, highlights of the Bomb Competition and House Relays can be viewed on the Ōtorohanga College Facebook page for a replay. Finally, congratulations to all participants and especially our 2026 Swimming Sports Champions Brown House.

FINAL RESULTS

- 1st Brown
- 2nd Hotson
- 3rd Eveleigh
- 4th Kedgley



B-H1ve Cafe

The B-H1ve is Buzzing: Efficiency Meets Refreshment

The B-H1ve is officially booming! To keep up with the incredible demand and reduce interval wait times, we successfully introduced pre-sales before College this week. It has been fantastic to see our students shining as they refine their service skills and manage the rush with professional ease.

To complement our popular slushies and ice creams, we saw the highly anticipated return of Iced Chocolates to the menu. They remain a massive crowd-pleaser and our student team pulled out all the stops to ensure a fast and fantastic service for everyone.



Paddock to Plate in Action!

We are so proud of our Agriculture and Hospitality students this week! Mrs. Pemberton's Agriculture class and Mrs Buckley's Hospitality class completed the ultimate paddock-to-plate cycle right here at College:

Step 1: Harvested a beautiful crop of homegrown blackberries.

Step 2: Sourced local apples and made pastry from scratch.

Step 3: Baked everything into golden, delicious pies!

It has been a privilege watching our students grow from farmers to chefs, proving that hard work in the paddock tastes even better on the plate.



Key dates

Tuesday 24th February

Friday 27th February

Friday 13th March

Wednesday 1st April

Thursday 2nd April

College Athletics

Badging Ceremony

Pi Day

Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences

Cross Country

Colour Run

Term One ends

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