



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week Four – Tuesday 28th October – Friday 31st October 2025

PATHWAYS FACULTY

Wintec Trades Open Day

15 of our Year 11 students got a fantastic taste of future career paths at the recent Wintec Trades Open Day! The morning kicked off with an introduction from Yvonne about the Wintec Trades Academy and its expectations, setting the stage for a day of practical discovery.

Students immersed themselves in hands-on practical workshops, experiencing first-hand what Wintec is all about. Tutors from fields like Manufacturing and Technology and Construction and Infrastructure demonstrated their trades, giving our students a valuable look at the skills and expertise involved.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to see trades in action and the day finished perfectly with a classic sausage sizzle barbeque. A great experience for exploring exciting trade careers!



Celebrating Success and Seizing Future Pathways!

The Pathways Programme has seen remarkable success this year! A significant number of students wrapped up their Gateway Programmes, earning approximately 20 Level 2 or 3 credits alongside crucial hands-on work experience. The Wintec Trades Academy has also concluded a successful year, providing students with essential practical and theoretical trade skills.

Now, it is time to look forward! Enrolments are open for the Wintec Trades Academy 2026 programmes. We offer a wide range of subjects, including Level 2 options like Early Childhood Education and Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy and Level 3 options such as Automotive Engineering and Health. These programmes provide wonderful, focused opportunities for students to build their career path.

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Senior Prizegiving: A Night to Shine

Thursday night's Senior Prizegiving was a truly spectacular celebration! It was fantastic to see the Hall packed with proud faces as our senior students absolutely shone on stage, accepting their well-deserved accolades. A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers for your unwavering support of our senior students - your commitment is a cornerstone of their success. We have immense pride in every single one of our prizewinners and graduating seniors.

A huge congratulations to our newly elected Student Leaders for the upcoming year! We know the College is in great hands and look forward to the energy and vision you will bring to these important roles.

We would also like to congratulate the recipients of our prestigious Special Awards. These students represent the very best of our College Values, demonstrating outstanding commitment and character. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments.

Head Student	Jamie Fare
Head Student	Corey Hobbs
Brown House Captain	Santina Ancheta Lindsay Millar
Eveleigh House Captains	Katie Raine Arlo Willis
Hotson House Captains	Alex Davey Shanaya Dempster
Kedgley House Captains	Jessica Buckley Quincey-Lee Marsters
School Board Student Representative	Jessica Buckley

Pathways Vocational Excellence Award	Brooklyn Speight
Sportswoman Of The Year	Holly Church
Sportsman Of The Year	Corey Hobbs
Cultural Personality Of The Year	George Kopa
The Hurley Cup	Taite Bourke
Proxime Accessit	Kate Murchie
Dux	Courtney Smith

Now, the focus shifts. As our senior students prepare to tackle their NCEA exams, we wish them the very best!



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WE ARE *Pasifika*

The Pasifika group came together on Wednesday night, sharing the vibrant heritage of our Pacific Islands with passion through song and dance. The performance showcased the diverse cultures within our group, with every member standing out and embodying the pride and strength of their ancestors. To proudly represent the tiny islands in the Pacific is a powerful honour.

The evening was made special as a heartfelt farewell, not only to the Year 13 students, but most significantly, to our founding members. We honour your vision and dedication, which has laid the foundation for an incredible journey of growth:

- 2023: 5 members (The Visionaries)
- 2024: 15 members (The Enthusiasts)
- 2025: 22 members (The Movement)

To the original 5 founding members: Thank you for taking on my dream and walking beside me on this journey. Your legacy is strong! You have launched a movement that will continue to inspire and uplift us for years to come.

Seilala Makasale
TIC - Pasifika



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KAI TAHI GOES ISLAND STYLE!

The Kai Tahī crew had an incredible day, trading our usual kitchen for a masterclass in Pacific Island cuisine! We were honoured to be invited to help prepare the feast for the College's Pasifika Performance night.

We headed over to Te Keeti Marae where we received the warmest of welcomes and a hands-on lesson from true experts. Students learned the art of making roti, beef curry, lovo (earth oven cooking), raw fish and an amazing coconut pie. The highlight? Rolling massive piles of roti! It was so much fun and we loved every minute of working on this special project at the marae.



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B-H1VE CAFE GRAND FINALE

B-H1ve Cafe Class of 2025 Grand Finale

The B-H1ve Cafe senior students, the Class of 2025, bowed out with a spectacular double-hitter this week!

For their final service, the team served up the full cafe drinks menu alongside an impressive array of baked goods: cupcakes, brownies, tan slice and almond croissants. They also offered savoury favourites like ham and cheese croissants and two types of quiche during interval. A massive thank you to everyone who supported the Cafe every week—this week was no exception, with the queue out the door for the entire interval!

The excitement continued at lunchtime as the team rolled out their new hot dog cart. Over 100 hot dogs were delivered to hungry students and staff by our amazing crew!

It was a bittersweet farewell to the Class of 2025 who have done an incredible job creating and running The B-H1ve Cafe. We are so excited to see where this sweet sensation takes us in the future!



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ROMAN CONQUERS BLUE LIGHT CAMP!

This year, one of our students, Roman Dykstra, showed incredible ambition and drive! He took the initiative to apply for and was accepted into, the challenging Blue Light Life Skills Programme—a demanding residential camp run in partnership with the NZ Defence Force Youth Development Unit.

Roman spent a full five days at the camp located in Waiouru, completely immersing himself in the programme. This was not a standard holiday camp; it was a high-octane environment designed to push him and help him grow. He was not just told about life skills—he lived them! He was challenged to his limits and got hands-on practice in essential areas like:

- **Teamwork:** He learned to collaborate effectively with his squad under pressure.
- **Communication:** He sharpened his skills in clear talking and active listening.
- **Self-Management:** He practised responsibility and organisation, honing his ability to manage himself effectively.
- **Self-Confidence:** He built serious self-belief by successfully tackling challenging obstacles.

The activities Roman participated in were explicitly designed to challenge him physically and mentally, helping him learn about trust and responsibility firsthand. We are incredibly proud of Roman's commitment and drive to pursue this opportunity. He returned with valuable skills that will undoubtedly help him inside and outside the classroom.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

PPTA Teachers' Two Hour Strike 1.15pm to 3.15pm - Wednesday 5th November

Strategic Plan Community Consultation - Thursday 6th November

The Fade Up Premiere - Wednesday 19th November

Business Breakfast - Friday 28th November

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