



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week Seven – Monday 17th November – Friday 21st November 2025

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KAI PASSPORT ASSESSMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our students have been busy exploring the globe, one cookie at a time, for the Kai Passport Module assessment! This project blends culinary arts with cultural research, offering a unique, hands-on learning experience.

The Challenge

As part of their assessment, each student must:

- Research a chosen country.
- Plan and select an authentic cookie recipe from that nation.
- Bake a batch of their unique selection.

Skills In Action

The kitchen has been a hub of activity as students transform their research into delicious reality. While exploring different places and cultures, they have been honing critical, real-world skills:

- Recipe Reduction: Scaling complex recipes to the appropriate size.
- Problem-Solving: Adjusting techniques and ingredients to ensure successful execution of their unique bake.

A Global Selection

The variety of cookies produced has been truly astonishing, showcasing the diverse flavours of the world. The line-up includes:

- Greek butter cookies
- Alfajores - South American delicate sandwich cookies
- Italian sprinkle cookies
- Classic chocolate chips - a worldwide favourite
- Benne wafers - from the Central African Republic
- Russian Oreshki - nut-shaped filled cookies



This busy time results in a totally unique collection of bakes, proving that learning can be both educational and exceptionally tasty!

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Digital Technology

Our Digital Tech programming Module has comprised an exceptional group this term. They initiated their foray into computer programming by learning to code micro:bit boards. Since then, they have evolved into proficient Python programmers, thanks to the guidance of one of our senior Python experts, Luke Lamborn.



Kai Tahi crew

The Fade Up Premiere Kai Tahi crew successfully executed another outstanding catering event. The students demonstrated remarkable teamwork and professionalism in their interactions with guests, working diligently until the very end. Excellent job, team!



Woodwork Module

During the Woodwork Module, students have been diligently honing their skills in measuring, marking, cutting and shaping various practical projects. Their focus and enthusiasm have been commendable as they learn to work precisely with a diverse array of tools and techniques. The photographs highlight students actively engaged in their tasks, demonstrating their developing skills in action.



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THE FADE UP PODCAST

Strengthening Community, Inspiring Futures: Introducing The Fade Up

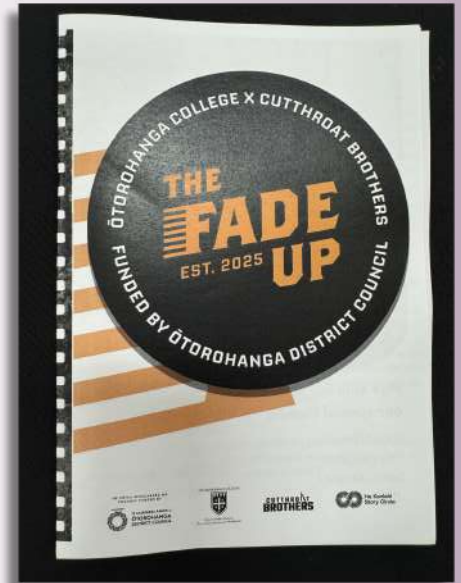
As part of our College's Strategic Plan we are deepening our connection with the community and raising the profile of Ōtorohanga College. Our students thrive when they feel part of something bigger and can see the people and opportunities surrounding them.

With this goal in mind the College connected with Nicky Deeley from the Ōtorohanga District Council, who quickly began exploring new ways for our students to engage with real community events and initiatives. From these conversations, The Fade Up was born - a podcast created to inspire our rangatahi through authentic stories from local leaders.

On Wednesday night, we celebrated The Fade Up Premiere, where Daniel Ormsby and Daniel Kereopa shared their journeys, challenges and successes, showing our rangatahi that inspiration and leadership are found close to home.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who made this project possible - Nicky Deeley, for her energy and support, guests Daniel Ormsby and Daniel Kereopa, for generously sharing their stories, the College production crew - Kaelis Campbell, Kaia Turner, Samaiah Grey, Taylah Montgomery and George Kopa, Leon Hemera, Fabrice Coquet and Sasha McLaren from He Koniahi Story Circle, Cutthroat Barbers' Devante and Dan and Ōtorohanga District Council.

On Wednesday night we celebrated the power of collaboration between the College and our wider community and we look forward to the opportunities ahead.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Business Breakfast - Friday 28th November

KC Karawhiua Day - Friday 28th November

Year 8 Whakawhanaungatanga Days - Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December

Junior Music Performance Evening - Wednesday 3rd December

Year 9 End of Year Trip - Thursday 4th December

Year 10 End of Year Trip - Friday 5th December

Junior Reports emailed to Parents - Friday 5th December

Junior Prizegiving - Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am



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