

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Three
Monday 4th May - Friday 8th May 2026

HEALTH AND PE FACULTY

Term 2 is now well underway and there has already been plenty happening across the Health And Physical Education Faculty. Despite the colder mornings and shorter days, students have continued to bring great energy and enthusiasm to lessons and activities.

Physical Education

This term has seen the beginning of two new Junior Fitness Modules for our Year 9 and Year 10 students. Both classes have settled in extremely well and it has been fantastic to see students already challenging themselves and building confidence in their physical abilities. The overall goal of these Modules is to help students make physical activity and fitness a valued part of their everyday lives. In a world where many young people spend prolonged periods of time on devices and gaming, we see movement and exercise as a vital way to support overall hauora and wellbeing.

Students have been introduced to a variety of training methods and activities designed to improve fitness, confidence and knowledge around healthy lifestyles. It has been pleasing to see students encouraging one another and stepping outside of their comfort zones early in the term.

Year 11 students are gearing up for their next Achievement Standard, with a focus on strategies that promote kotahitanga within the context of volleyball. We look forward to seeing continued skill development, strong teamwork and plenty of competitive games as we progress through the unit.

Our Senior Physical Education classes are also beginning preparations for the upcoming Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. After some outstanding success last year, we are hoping to once again see strong performances, podium finishes and another valuable haul of Level 2 and Level 3 credits achieved through participation and reflection. Training sessions have already started to ramp up with students working hard to prepare both physically and mentally for the challenge ahead.



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Health PE Faculty

Health

In Health classes this term, Year 9 students are exploring Mental Health and developing a greater understanding of strategies to support positive wellbeing. Year 10 students are focusing on Fitness and Nutrition and examining the important relationship between physical activity, healthy eating and overall health.

Senior Health classes are well into this term's units of work. Year 13 students are exploring complex and challenging ethical issues while Year 12 students are examining topics surrounding sexuality and gender.

Winter Sports rotations are also now in full swing across the term schedule:

Winter Sports

Weeks 2–4: Netball

Weeks 5–6: Football

Weeks 7–8: Basketball

Weeks 9–10: Badminton

As the colder months begin to settle in, there has been a strong push within the Faculty to ensure students are bringing the correct PE gear for lessons. Having appropriate PE clothing helps students participate comfortably and prevents them from returning to other classes in sweaty or wet College uniforms. We would greatly appreciate support from home in ensuring students bring a change of shirt and suitable shorts or pants for Physical Education lessons.

It has been a fantastic start to the term and we look forward to seeing students continue to grow in confidence, resilience and positive habits throughout the weeks ahead.



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Beattie Home Mural

Mural Explore. Dream. Discover.

Ōtorohanga College students were recently offered a unique opportunity to create a mural for Beattie Home. Following discussions to determine the facility's vision, a specific Achievement Standard was developed for the participating students, allowing them to earn academic credits for their creative efforts.

Ruby Ritch, Amelia Fare, Stella Fisher and Abigail Redmond took part. The group stepped up to produce a beautiful mural representing various aspects of our local community. Before any designs were finalised, Beattie Home residents were surveyed to ensure the artwork reflected their preferences.

As the "client," Beattie Home provided the students with specific artistic challenges. The primary constraint was a limited color palette, as the mural needed to align with Beattie Home's official branding. Each student's individual concepts were stitched together into a cohesive design and presented to the facility for approval. Once the design was finalised, the team waited for the perfect weather conditions to begin.

A huge thanks goes to Jenna for coordinating the project, as well as the Beattie Home staff who supported the students during the painting process. The consistent encouragement and resident interest gave the students a great deal of enthusiasm. They were reminded that their contribution would be a lasting legacy, seen by many and remembered by their families for years to come.

Production took place over three days. The girls worked diligently, remaining flexible enough to adjust the design as needed on-site. With support from their parents, the students found the project to be both an interesting and rewarding experience. Despite the hard work and a tight deadline, they finished with just minutes to spare!

Special thanks also go to Mitre 10 and their wonderful staff. This project would never have gotten off the ground without their dedication to supporting community initiatives.



Joel Osterman Morning Entertainment

On Thursday morning, our College courtyard came to life courtesy of the incredibly talented Joel Osterman. Students arriving for College were treated to a saxophone performance that perfectly captured the crisp, autumn atmosphere. It was truly a privilege to witness such remarkable skill firsthand—there is no better way to kick off a school day than with a bit of local talent and great music. Thank you Joel for sharing your gift with us!



Key Dates

Friday 15 th May	Pink Shirt Day
Tuesday 19 th May	Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
Thursday 21 st May	Photolife
Friday 22 nd May	Kyoai Gakuen High School Visit
Tuesday 26 th May	Reading CAA
Wednesday 27 th May	Writing CAA
Thursday 28 th May	Numeracy CAA
Friday 29 th May	Fluro Day
Monday 1 st June	King's Birthday
Wednesday 10 th June	Production Evening Performance
Thursday 11 th June	Production Evening Performance
Friday 12 th June	Production Evening Performance
Tuesday 23 rd June	Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
Friday 26 th June	College Ball
Friday 3 rd July	Matariki Celebration Day
	Term Two Ends

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