ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE
WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week Six
Monday 16th November - Friday 20th November 2026

TECHNOLOGY Faculty

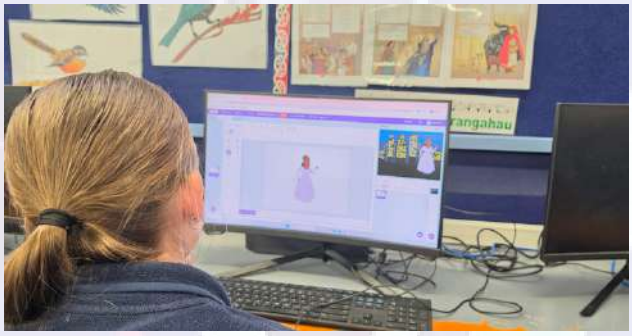
The future belongs to those who create it

Digitech – Where creativity meets Technology

This week our Year 9 Digitech students are learning to code with Scratch. Here are a few of them tackling block code and some design ideas for their characters in their first scene. By the time their little learning projects are complete, they will have a game that animates two characters, a simple background setting, sound (music) and a few other smaller items of coding that make objects move around.







Junior Café Crew B Taking Charge

This week, Crew B have stepped up to take on the Junior Café! They have been developing their hospitality skills, building confidence and working brilliantly together as a team. It has been great to see their teamwork and enthusiasm grow with each service. Over the next fortnight, the crew will be adding ice creams to the menu, giving them another exciting challenge to tackle!





Whenua to Whānau – Making the most of the Kitchen

Our final Year 10 group is currently making their way through the Whenua to Whānau Module and loving their time in the kitchen! With the seniors away, we have been making the most of the extra space to sneak in a few additional cooking lessons. It has been fantastic to see students developing their practical cooking skills, growing in confidence and producing some impressive dishes along the way!





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Woodwork

There is no scrap wood, just pieces not yet used.

Technology Is Best When It Brings People Together

As our senior students wrap up their year, the workshop has been buzzing with energy as everyone puts the finishing touches on their final builds.

Our Year 13 students have shown dedication and attention to detail in constructing a high-quality display shelving unit. Precision was key to achieving a sleek, professional finish and the students poured huge effort into carefully sanding and oiling the timber. The result is a standout piece of craftsmanship they can be proud of for many years to come.

Meanwhile, our Year 12 students have completed the last of their picnic tables, which have now been placed in various spots around the College grounds. Thanks to their hard work, students have plenty of new seating to enjoy under the shade of the trees. Alongside the tables, they also crafted planter stands as a second project to complete their outdoor furniture standard.

Over at the laser cutter, creativity has been in full swing with some fantastic personalised projects taking shape. Blair dedicated many hours to carefully preparing a photo of his dad's truck, which he then laser-cut onto a wooden board ready to hang on the wall. Moana also put her skills to great use, designing and creating a custom clock as a thoughtful gift for her mum.

Ka pai to all our hardworking students on a brilliant effort this year!

















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Her Move Programme

Wahine Wellbeing

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast.

When wāhine support wāhine, incredible things happen

Wahine Wellbeing Co-Design 2026

As a result of a successful 2026 Her Move Programme, we have connected with the YWCA Hamilton who have gratefully chosen our kura to support in their Wellbeing Co-Design Programme. This Programme aims to enhance wāhine wellbeing through practical programmes and activities that are constructed with the participants in order to provide opportunities that are grounded, locally relevant and genuinely useful for them.

A group of our wāhine met with organisers and came up with a variety of ideas which have been developed into two days of activities aimed at supporting and developing the well being of our students.

Wahine Wellbeing Day One - Adventure Wellbeing

Canyoning in Raglan. A day filled with challenge, laughs, support and adventure. A scenic wade through a chilly stream working our way to stunning waterfalls where our girls pushed themselves both physically and mentally. Some worked through fears of heights or doing something new. Some saw the abseiling as easy after grappling with putting on wet wetsuits.











Wahine Wellbeing Day Two - Crafty Wellbeing

Day Two was an opportunity for our girls to spend time together whilst creating some epic creations.

Decorated Focaccia
Tote Bag Decorating
Journal Cover Scrapbooking
Paint the Parcel Creations

Thank you to the YWCA for their support of our wāhine. I am incredibly proud of our girls and grateful to be a part of an amazing kaupapa.



Key Dates

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th November — Year 8 Whakawhanungataga Days
Thursday 10th December — Year 9 and Year 10 - Pool Day
Friday 11th December — Junior Prizegiving - End of Term

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