

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Four
Monday 10th August – Friday 14th August 2026

Mathematics

FACULTY

Maths Week

The junior classes have all been working on Algebra, and their classroom-based topic assessments will be happening in the next week or two. The Year 9 students will end the term working on their algebraic graphing skills and see its real-world application. It is great to see the number of students working hard towards the next CAA opportunity in September, this will be the focus for many of the Year 10s for the rest of the term.

Our seniors continue to work on their internal assessments and students are starting to look towards their Derived Grade Exams that will be here before we know it. Year 11 students are busy working on writing statistical reports as they get ready to start their internal assessment next week.

This week we celebrated Maths week with a range of activities happening that students got involved in:

- Daily Question: every day we had a different question for students to solve.
- Guess the Mean: students could guess every day and, at the end of the week, see how close their guesses were to the mean value of everyone else's guesses.
- Giant Tangram: outside the Staffroom there was a giant tangram for students to try and solve.

Thanks to all the staff and students who got amongst it and helped us celebrate Maths Week 2026!



Waimath



Last night we took a Year 9 and a Year 10 team to the annual WaiMaths competition held at Hamilton Boys High School. The WaiMaths competition is all about problem solving, teamwork and working under pressure. The students represented the College well. While it was challenging they had a lot of fun. The Year 10 team even came home with a spot prize.

Maths help has started again for the term with Miss Wards in A1. Whether it be help with students working towards their Numeracy CAA or their end of year exams, everyone is welcome. It is wonderful to see the number of students making the most of the extra help.

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Hands-On

Fencing Course

Senior Students Get To Work On Agricultural Fencing

This week, two groups of senior students rolled up their sleeves for a practical fencing course delivered by Geoff and Tristan from Can Train NZ. The hands-on training covered both the theory behind effective farmland management and the physical skills required for the job, including setting posts and wiring electric fences. It was a great blend of hard work, practical learning and fun as everyone gained valuable, real-world farm infrastructure experience out in the field.



Hospitality

A Dream Realised In Level 3 Hospitality!

It has been a long time coming, but the moment is finally here. For the very first time, our Level 3 Hospitality class has officially kicked off the Prepare and cook basic pasta dishes in a commercial kitchen unit.

This milestone fulfills a vision set in motion years ago by our wonderful former teacher, Ms. Lynn Donaldson, who dreamed of a richer, more practical Level 3 programme for our students. The team got straight to work this week with a fresh pasta dough workshop—and the results were nothing short of delicious!



Key Dates

Sunday 30 August – Friday 4 September
Monday 7 September th
Tuesday 8 September
Wednesday 9 September th th th
Thursday 10 September
Monday 14 September – 21 September th
Wednesday 16 September rd st

Wednesday 23 September
Thursday 24 September th th
Friday 25 September

UNISS Netball Tournament
CAA Reading
CAA Writing
Teacher Only Day
CAA Numeracy
Derived Grade Examinations
Senior Students Examination Study Day
Year 7 and Year 8 Experience Day
Parent, Student And Teacher Conferences
Maniapoto Secondary Schools Cultural Festival
End of Term Three

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