

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Three
Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August 2026

PATHWAYS

Electrical Taster Course

Five of our students recently had the opportunity to visit the WINTEC Rotokauri Campus and experience what it is like to train and work as an Electrical Technician. During the visit, they took part in practical, hands-on activities, explored the specialist facilities and gained valuable insight into the skills and knowledge required in the electrical industry. This experience helped students explore potential pathways for further study and future careers, while giving them a better understanding of the exciting opportunities available in the trades. We are proud of the way they represented our College and embraced this valuable learning experience.



It has been an action-packed year in the Pathways Centre so far, with our students seizing hands-on learning opportunities to explore future careers and build practical skills. A big congratulations to the senior students who recently completed their Gateway Programmes in the Hospitality and Retail industries! Your hard work out in the community and dedication to completing workplace Unit Standards has been fantastic to see.

What is Coming Up in Pathways:

- Agriculture and Fencing Gateway Programme: We are excited to kick off our upcoming Agriculture and Fencing Gateway placement. Students involved will gain essential, hands-on primary sector skills and industry experience out in the field while gaining up to 23 Level 2/3 Credits.
- Wintec STAR Taster Courses: A whole range of Wintec STAR Taster days are on the horizon! These short, one-day introductory courses give students a real feel for tertiary-level study and practical career paths.
- Upcoming STAR Subject Highlights: Keep an eye out for upcoming taster courses in Performing Arts, Music and Business.



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Sport Events

King Country Volleyball Championships

Chilly morning conditions saw 38 athletes head up to Te Awamutu to participate in the annual King Country Volleyball competition. It was a day jam packed with action, personal development, relationship building and resilience. Our teams performed on the court with honour and represented the crest with pride.

A few words from our Captains

"We had such a great day. The commitment and hard mahi was noticeable. We were so proud of ourselves and what we accomplished. Even though it was challenging, we all played our A-game and most of all, had fun!" - **Moana, Captain Senior Blue.**

"It was a cold start (quite literally) but as the day warmed up, so did we with 3 good wins and 2 really close losses. A highlight was our final for 5th/6th place and doubling points against the opponents score, giving us a good win and 5th place overall" - **Corey, Captain Senior Gold.**

"We had great teamwork and making sure that the ball was going over the net. We had so much fun" - **Trent, Captain Senior Maroon.**

"We had an awesome day lots of commitment and heaps of fun. It was very challenging at the start but once we found our rhythm, it started to get easier and we had more fun" - **Zede, Captain Junior Gold.**

"It was a great day on the court with plenty of commitment and hard work. Even though the games were hard, the team pulled through and secured 2 wins and just lost 2 games. The 5th/ 6th playoff proved to be hard but we won, bringing us to 5th place overall in the junior grade. I am so proud of our team and how we played today" - **Savanna, Captain Junior Maroon.**

Volleyball



Sport Events

Squash

Secondary Schools National Championships

It was an early and chilly start on Thursday morning for the girls squash team to begin the journey to Christchurch to participate in the Secondary Schools National Championships. The team of Katelyn Clark, Hannah Burgess, Sophie Ferrier, Isabelle Hepburn, Kylie Woodward and Ella Brown are entering the tournament as 19th seeds.

Their first goal at the tournament is to play to the best of their ability and ensure they maintain that rank. Their next goal is to have a great time, make friends and learn from this experience. The team along with Manager, Cheryl Clark, Coach, Liam Clark and support crew of Rebecca Burgess, Michael Ferrier, Charlene Hepburn and Sarah Brown were farewelled by Principal Mrs Kurth with some encouraging words before heading off to the airport. Go well team!



Golf

Waikato Junior Pennants Final Round

Last Sunday saw Ōtorohanga College golfers Corey Hobbs, Jessica Buckley, Levi Udy, Jake Russell and Arlo Willis compete at Cambridge Golf Club in the last round of pool play of the Waikato Golf Association's Junior Pennants series.

Navigating a narrow, technical course after a heavy frost delay, the team proudly represented Waitomo Golf Club with exceptional sportsmanship. Highlights from the series include Jessica Buckley, who was the top points scorer for the Waitomo team across the three rounds—a great achievement!

Although the team did not make the finals, the tournament provided valuable competition experience. Special thanks go to Mr. Buckley for organising the team, the parents who provided support and OTC for generously providing their van to transport our golfers around the Waikato!

Next year, we hope to build on this momentum and field two teams!



Key Dates

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

Wednesday 23rd September
Thursday 24th September
Friday 25th 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