

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

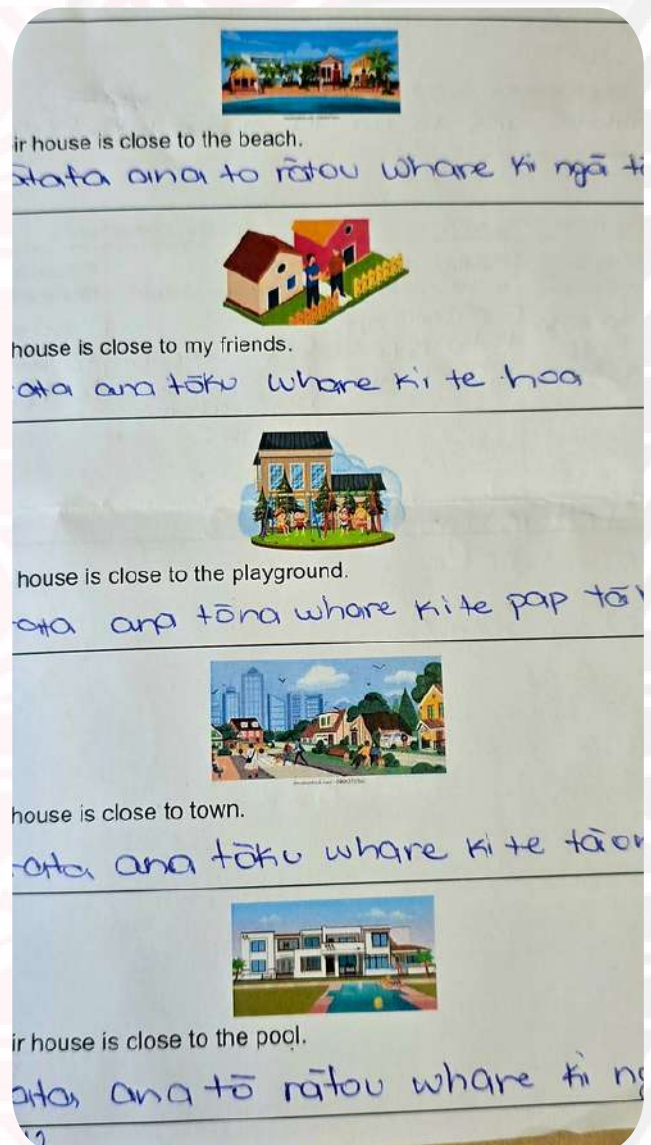
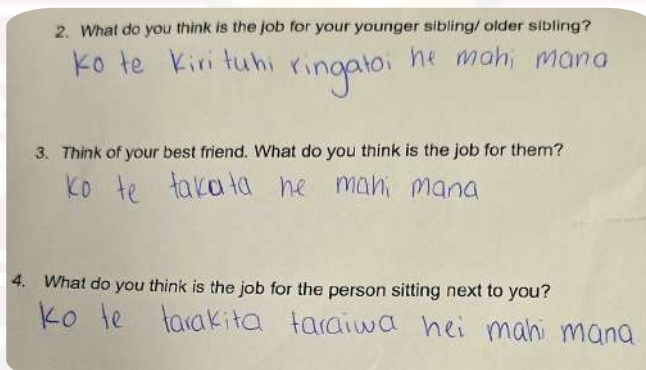
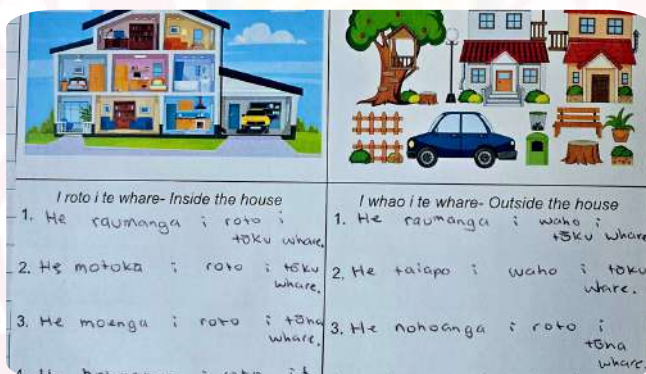
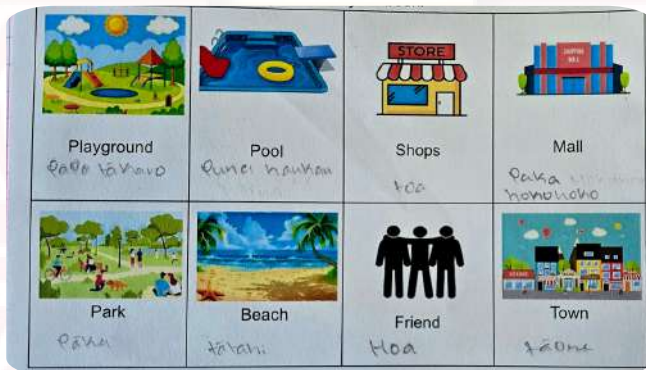
Term Three, Week Two
Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July 2026

Māori Faculty

It has been a great start back this term and our students have settled straight into some fantastic learning. We are thrilled to see so much energy and enthusiasm in the classrooms as we kick off our new units. In Year 9, students are focusing on practical language that they can bring home to use with whānau. They are learning how to describe the different features of their houses, from naming various rooms to detailing unique household items. Alongside this, they are also picking up everyday instructional language. This includes common commands and helpful requests, giving them the tools to use te reo Māori naturally around the home during daily routines.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students are shifting their focus to look ahead at their lives beyond school. They are exploring their personal dreams and aspirations, focusing heavily on how to communicate their future plans and potential career choices. Students are learning the language needed to discuss different jobs, tertiary study pathways and the milestones they hope to achieve in the years to come.

Te Reo Māori



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Events

WINTEC

Wintec STAR Plumbing Taster Course

A group of our students recently transitioned from the classroom to the workshop to engage in the Wintec STAR Plumbing Taster course. During this one-day experience, Wintec's plumbing instructors provided valuable insights into the trade, equipping our students with a fundamental understanding of the industry while teaching them basic practical skills through the construction of a small project. The students greatly appreciated the hands-on experience, eagerly rolling up their sleeves to gain a realistic glimpse into a potential career in plumbing.



YES Business Challenge

Year 10 Students Shine at the Young Enterprise Business Challenge

Nine of our Year 10 students recently represented our College at the Young Enterprise Business Challenge, hosted at Te Awamutu College. They joined a dynamic group of 90 tauira from Te Awamutu College, St Peter's School and Cambridge High School for the three-day event.

Working in collaborative teams, students were tasked with building a business from the ground up—developing a full business plan, designing a logo and mapping out a marketing strategy, budgets and cash flow forecasts. The challenge culminated in a high-stakes pitch to a panel of local business experts and leaders, including Waipā District Mayor Mike Pettit.

This was an outstanding opportunity for our students to gain real-world business insight, build valuable networks with peers from across the region and develop key leadership skills. Our Year 10s thoroughly enjoyed the experience, making the event a resounding success.



Our students

Hadia Ali, Ruhi Callaghan, Alana Clark, Karma Evans-Borthwick, Zede Hakaumotu, Xian Lumbo, Starlie Nijboer, Gloria Warnakulasuriya and Kayla Wilken

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

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
Maniapoto Secondary School Cultural Festival
End of Term Three

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