

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Seven
Monday 31st August – Friday 4th September 2026

Connected To Ōtorohanga's Youngest And Oldest

Her Move

Her Move Activities Club is a 5 week programme designed to connect young females with physical activity and movement. The goal of the Club is to see its members feel confident enough to engage with community active recreation offerings outside of the programme. This year, 17 girls took part in this programme during Term 2 and completed a range of activities including rock climbing, swimming, team challenges, archery tag and modified games.

During the Her Move Activities Club programme, the amazing Reilly from YouthTown was able to secure funding for our wahine to connect to the local community. After serious brainstorming, our group decided that they wanted to connect with both our older and younger generation here in Ōtorohanga.

After lots of planning and conversations, the Her Move Activities group got out into the community and did exactly what they set out to do ... connect with our community.



Last Thursday, we went to Beattie Home and shared in a range of crafts and activities with the residents. It provided opportunities for laughs, competitive card games and beautiful art work to be created by those involved.

This week, we were fortunate enough to visit both Hopscotch ELC and Hopscotch Preschool. Our students led craft activities, played games and enjoyed interactive play with the little ones.

Thank you to both Beattie Home and Hopscotch for supporting our young ones and giving them opportunities to connect.



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College A Netball At UNISS

What a week it was for our College A Netball team at UNISS – the Upper North Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament.

The girls showed incredible heart and determination throughout the week, facing more than their share of adversity, with illness and injury meaning that, at times, we had just seven players available. Despite this, the girls never gave up. They continued to compete with determination, played cleanly and fairly and represented Otorohanga College with real pride.

More importantly, they showed what it means to be a team. They supported one another, kept going when things were tough and continued to give their best right through to the final whistle. Their attitude and resilience were a real credit to them and to the College.



Of course, UNISS is about more than just netball and the girls made the most of the week away. There was plenty of fun along the way, including the Sunday night markets, a trip to Nando's, time at The Base and celebrating Bayley Kerr's 16th birthday together.

A massive thank you to our coach, Liarna Slade, who has coached the girls with such heart and passion throughout the season. Her commitment, encouragement and belief in the team have been hugely valued and have played an important part in the girls' season.

A huge congratulations to our College A girls. You should be incredibly proud of the way you competed, supported each other and represented our College. It was a week that showed plenty of heart, resilience and pride.



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Technology FACULTY

Hot Off The Grill

Things have been heating up in Hospitality this week as our students dove into all things grilling! We kicked off the unit mastering oven grill elements before taking the action outside to the BBQ. Students got creative experimenting with custom seasonings to whip up an impressive menu - from classic sausages with caramelised onions on flatbread to smash burgers, gourmet sliders and even smash burger tacos. Along the way, they mastered full equipment setup and cleanup. While some students came in as seasoned grillmasters, for others, it was an exciting first time turning on a BBQ!



Academic Updates And Reminders

As we move through a busy period of the term, please take note of three key academic events currently underway or coming up at the College:

- Course selection is now open! Students in Years 10 through 12 are currently completing their first round of course selection to express their interest in courses for 2027. Please take some time to discuss with your child at home.
- Common Assessment Activities will run next week for all Year 10 - 13 students who still need to complete one or more of their Literacy and Numeracy Corequisites. Please note that these assessments will be split by our Teacher Only Day on Wednesday, 9 September.
- Derived Grade Examinations take place from Monday, 14 September to Monday, 21 September. To help students prepare, Wednesday, 16 September will be a designated Study Day for all senior students - no regular classes on site.

Key Dates

Monday 7 September
 Tuesday 8 September
 Wednesday 9 September
 Thursday 10 September
 Monday 14 September - 21 September
 Wednesday 16 September

 Thursday 24 September
 Friday 25 September

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 Schools Cultural Festival
 End of Term Three

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