

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Eight
Monday 7th September – Friday 11th September 2026

ARTS

FACULTY



Rhythm And Drama: Talent Takes Centre Stage

PERFORMING ARTS

The Senior Performing Arts class has been preparing for their External Examinations based on analysing the drama aspects of the play *Balloon Dog* that they watched in Term Two. To finish off the classwork on this unit, the students had a lot of fun making their own balloon animals. The class is also working on their last Internal Assessment, taking open scripts with no characters, setting or context and interpreting and performing them with their own perspective and addition of elements and conventions. Students will do their final performances of these scripts in Term Four.

JUNIOR MUSIC MODULES

Junior music students are finishing up the term with their listening and theory assessments as well as showing the skills they have learnt during the term on keyboard, guitar, ukulele drums or vocals.

SENIOR MUSIC

Senior musicians are all working towards completing their final solo and group performance assessments as well as preparing for their theory exams.



TE KUITI PRIMARY SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Alex Wilson, Raniera Wharepouri and Mason Woodward with their band *Dead Rose* are accompanying at the upcoming Te Kuiti Primary Schools Music Festival to be held in Week 10. This week the boys attended the first practice with about 200 primary school students.

Ō FACTOR AUDITIONS

One of the last House competitions of the year is underway, with students auditioning for the Ō Factor. Varied, whacky and wild talent has been on display – with each audition earning a House point. Magic, jokes, dancing, singing, aerobics and instrumental solos have all earned a point for their House and a possible spot in the finals to be held in Term Four, Week 2.



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Arts Faculty

As we get towards the business end of the year for students, art works are being finished for folios. From the exciting compositions of the Year 11s work to the resolved photographs students are producing using photoshop techniques in Year 12 Photography.

There are many up and coming junior students who are producing fantastic original works.



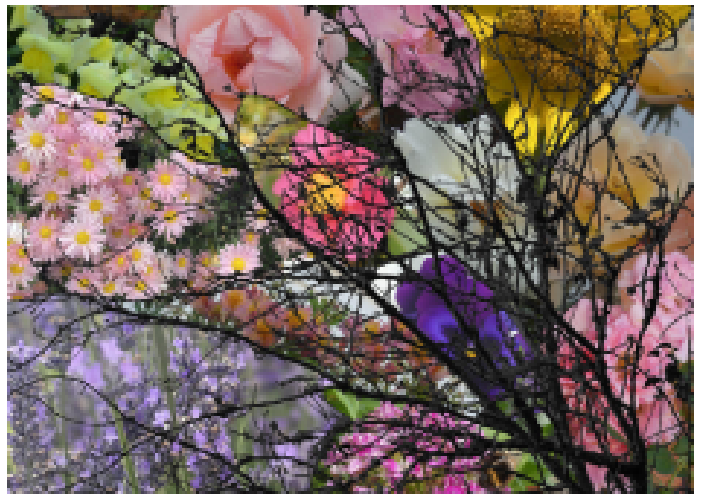
Hannah Wilson



Abigail Redmond



Monique Watson



Andrea Dorado



Sienna Jones



Lizaan Pretorius

Visual Arts

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Events

Seniors

Level 3 Agriculture trip to Hamilton Gardens

On Monday, our Level 3 Agriculture class visited the Hamilton Gardens to complete their Amenity Planting Assessment. Despite a bit of rain, students had a productive and enjoyable day exploring the diverse garden collections, accurately identifying various plant species and capturing photos to support their assessment tasks



WINTec

This week, our senior students welcomed a guest speaker, Janelle, from Wintec for an insightful session focused on future pathway options. She provided valuable guidance on tertiary study, vocational training opportunities and practical steps students can take to transition smoothly beyond College.

A key highlight of the talk was a detailed overview of available scholarships, including advice on application criteria, key deadlines and how students can present strong applications. The presentation wrapped up with a Questions and Answers session, where students brought forward thoughtful points about specific courses, campus life and funding options.

It was an inspiring morning that left our seniors well-informed and motivated as they plan their next steps!

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Technology

Digital Technology

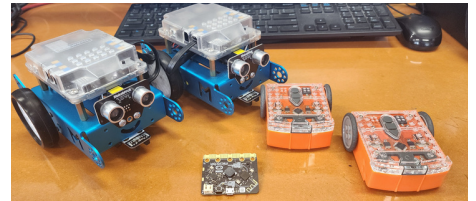
Seniors

This term Year 11 Digital Technologies students completed a NCEA Level 1, 3D modelling unit where they were given a range of solution ideas to create models for. In this photo Alex created a game asset, Cam created a model phone stand for those who enjoy a hunting or deer theme and Jasmine created a printable toothpaste squeezer.



Juniors

Our Digital Technologies junior Modules have been enjoying the progression of learning how to code robots. Year 9s have learnt how to create sequences of code in a digital platform, to writing code for Microbits and build problem solving projects with our Edison robots. Year 10s enjoy stepping up their coding to code more in depth and creative problem solving projects with our very cool mBots.



Congratulations

Congratulations to our Year 13 students for completing a significant Relational Database project this term. Luke, pictured, enjoys challenging himself over and above what he learns and also enjoys coding with Python. He is pictured here with two of his recent projects, Python and his Database.



Technology - Wood



There are a number of solidly built new picnic tables around the College. These have been the work of Year 12 woodworking students, who have been developing skills in measuring, cutting, assembling, finishing, staining and using the laser cutter to complete this large project. The students are now able to share their efforts with the College community who will enjoy the fruit of their labours for years to come.

The Year 13 students are just completing their main project for the year, a wooden display shelf. While a smaller project than the picnic tables, this undertaking has required attention to detail to ensure a quality finished product. The students have had the opportunity to personalise their shelves using the laser cutter, adding flowers and other decorative details. They have worked to a very high standard to produce something beautiful as well as useful.



Key Dates

Monday 14th September – 21st September
Wednesday 16th September

Thursday 24th September
Friday 25th September

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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