

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Eight  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

# SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

## Juniors

This term, our Year 9 cohort explored the causes and consequences of World War I, with a specific focus on the Gallipoli campaign and the ANZAC spirit. Meanwhile, our Year 10 students investigated the origins and impacts of World War II. Reflecting on these pivotal historical events has provided our students with a profound understanding of how the past shapes our world today.

Last year, the draft Social Science curriculum for Phase Four was released. Behind the scenes, our staff have been planning and preparing for the new changes for 2027. We utilised this year as an

opportunity to incorporate parts of the new content into our learning plans, with an overview of enriching learning programmes for our juniors.



## Business

The Year 13s are planning and preparing for the release of their products. Two groups have already begun selling their products. Woodchuck, which is selling chopping boards and Shanava, which is selling tasty biscuits.

The Year 12s are learning the art of spreadsheets and are happily learning that formulas can make life much easier. This is particularly important for their unit on cash flow forecasting. This unit is aligned with Agribusiness, which is great for our rural College.



## Commerce

Mr Wilken came in to talk about the purchase of the College van, which helped the students with their learning about financial decision-making. The students were fortunate enough to analyse real financial documents, looking at a quote for the purchase. They then analysed the financial decision for their assessment. One key learning point for the students is the planning that is required when making financial decisions for stakeholders.



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# Social Science

## History

Our History curriculum this term spanned from local historical studies to monumental world events. For example, some of our students critically evaluated the social and political implications of key milestones, such as the Little Rock Nine and analysed their lasting contributions to the Civil Rights Movement.



## Tourism

Our Tourism class have looked into the business of tourism, looking at jobs in tourism and the pros and cons of tourism to a destination.

Our Year 13s have studied tourism in Australia and the South Pacific and are now preparing a research project for tourism in Rotorua.



## MURAL Beattie Home Mural



Early in Term Two Stella, Ruby, Amelia, Noah and Abigail were involved in producing a mural for Beattie Home. This was a wonderful opportunity and the students represented our College superbly. Noah drew the design for a section of the mural which was painted by Mr Grey. It was painted over a three-day period and students shared stories and supported each other with the results now being enjoyed by the staff and residents of Beattie Home. The mural can be seen from the road and is opposite Woolworths.

Many thanks to Senior Leadership for their support and to all the staff whether it was relief for Mr Grey or the kind comments received. Thank you also to Mitre 10, without their assistance and generous donation of paint and equipment, the project would never have seen the light of day. Thank you to the parents of the students involved for visiting during production and being a great support all-round. Take the time to visit Beattie Home and personally view the mural which was created to show a reflection of the community.



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# Production

BACK TO THE 80'S

Our stage has come alive this week with big hair, neon colours, the sounds of 80's bangers, energetic dance moves and entertaining storylines. Months of hard work have come together to entertain 250 primary students at our dress rehearsal performances and over 700 audience members at our evening shows. Thank you to all the amazing students who took on the challenge of taking the stage, takes dedication, commitment and a whole heap of bravery. The talent was shown on the stage with acting, dancing and singing. The students should be very proud of themselves.

Thank you to all of the students, staff and volunteers who have helped put this show together. It takes an amazing team effort. The cast and crew are ready to put on their best performance ever for the last sell out show tonight.



**BACK TO THE 80'S**  
...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

## Key Dates

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Tough Guy / Gal Challenge  
Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting  
College Ball  
Inglewood High School Exchange  
Genazzano FCJ College Netball Games  
Matariki Celebration Day  
Term Two Ends

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