

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Four
Monday 11th May - Friday 15th May 2026

MĀORI FACULTY

The Māori Faculty is buzzing with new energy as our students dive into their latest units of work. This term is all about practical application, as we shift our focus toward using Te Reo Māori in real-world contexts, both here at College and across the globe.

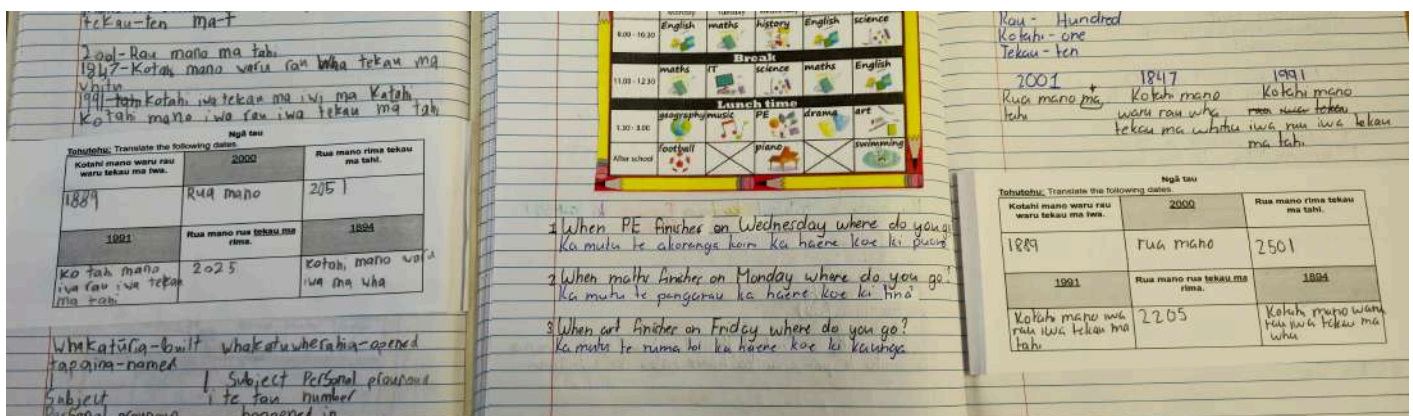
Year 9 Kura and Daily Routines

Our Year 9 students have turned their focus inward to their immediate environment through the Kura unit. This term, the focus is on mastering the language needed to communicate about their daily routines and the various activities that take place right here at our College. This is a foundational step in building fluency, as it allows students to talk about their lives in a way that is relevant and immediate. The students are learning to sequence their days, from their arrival at the gates to the final bell. They are practicing how to describe their different subjects, the sports they play during breaks and the extracurricular activities. By focusing on these familiar routines, our Year 9s are gaining the ability to express their personal identities and their roles within our College community, all while strengthening their conversational Te Reo Māori.

Year 10 Te Ao Hurihuri The Changing World

Our Year 10 taura are currently immersed in the Te Ao Hurihuri unit, which explores the dynamics of travel and exploration in a modern context. The primary goal for this unit is to equip students with the linguistic tools to navigate international and domestic travel entirely in Te Reo Māori. Students are learning the specific vocabulary and sentence structures required to communicate about travel logistics, including discussing the costs of various trips and managing budgets.

Beyond the financial aspects, the class is practicing how to describe a wide array of activities and famous sights. Whether they are imagining a trek through the bush or a visit to a bustling city, they are learning to articulate what they see and do with detail and confidence.



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BUSINESS BREAKFAST

ELEVATE

The College was buzzing bright and early on Friday morning as we opened our doors at 7am for the first Elevate Business Breakfast of the year. It was a vibrant start to a day filled with networking, collaboration and inspiring conversations.

Guests were treated to a delicious breakfast spread designed to fuel both minds and kōrero. Fresh granola pots, seasonal fruit, sausages, bacon, classic beans, eggs, potatoes and muffins ensured there was something for everyone to enjoy while connecting with fellow business professionals.



A heartfelt thank you to Gwen Buckley, Head of the Technology Faculty, and her Kai Tahī crew for preparing such an outstanding breakfast. Their hard work, organisation and hospitality made the morning an exceptional success.



KAI TAHI CREW

A cook is an artist who creates edible pieces of art.

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the team for an exceptionally professional and polished Business Breakfast today. The students demonstrated remarkable dedication by arriving at College by 6am this morning, presenting with enthusiasm and excellent communication skills. Furthermore, they efficiently cleared the Hall in record time. What a commendable team effort!

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Lyndsay Kurth, Karen Flay and Jess Buckley for their dedication in covering the early shift, starting at 5am. Your commitment is truly appreciated!



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A ROUND OF GOLF

GOLF

The most important shot in golf, is the next one.

Term 2 may be ushering in colder weather, but the enthusiasm among our golfers is certainly on the rise!

Wednesday afternoon excursions to the golf course are intensifying in preparation for the Junior Penance Competition, which commences on the final weekend of the College holidays. Our team will compete in three rounds to qualify for the finals.

Despite the brisk mornings, our spirited team relishes the opportunity to explore various golf courses throughout the Hamilton area.



Key Dates

Tuesday 19th May
Thursday 21st May
Friday 22nd May
Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June
Wednesday 10th June
Thursday 11th June
Friday 12th June
Tuesday 23rd June
Friday 26th June
Friday 3rd July

Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
Photolife
Kyoai Gakuen High College Visit
Reading CAA
Writing CAA
Numeracy CAA
Fluro Day
King's Birthday
Production Evening Performance
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Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
College Ball
Matariki Celebration Day
Term Two Ends

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