

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Nine
Monday 15th June - Friday 19th June 2026

TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

Hospitality

The best way to beat the winter chill? Getting busy in the kitchen! This week, our baking units have been mastering the timeless classics: cakes, bread, pastry and sponges. Not to be outdone, the Year 13s have stepped up to the plate with their complex sandwich unit, creating some cracking dishes that look as good as they taste.



Angel-Jane Thomson



Dinuk Jayatilaka



Lucy Anthony



Maysa Martin



Ruby Raymond

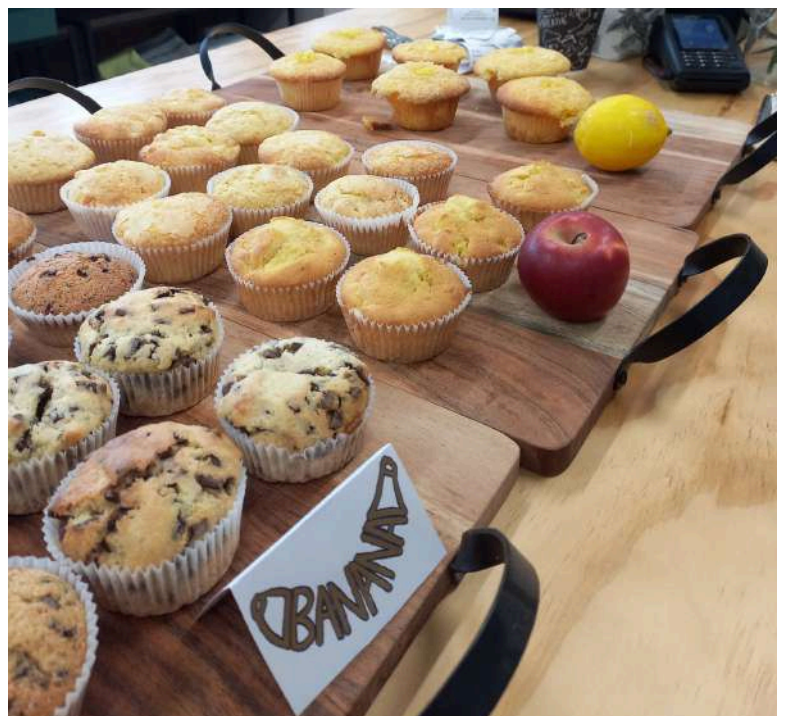


OPEN SANDWICH (\$3)

Pea smash, with poached egg and bacon on toasted sourdough with garlic crumb and pickled red onions.

B-Hive Cafe

The B-Hive Cafe continues to be a bustling hive of activity, opening its doors three times a week. Our talented Level 2 Baristas and Level 3 Hospitality classes have been hard at work serving up a fantastic variety of treats—from fresh sandwiches and muffins to a full range of barista-made coffees, refreshing iced drinks and ice cream!



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TECHNOLOGY

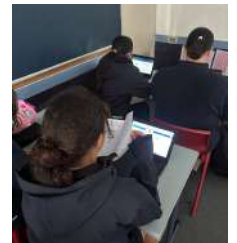
Coding

This term 9 Ngahere have enjoyed taking their newly found coding skills and applying them to coding our little Edison Robots.



Around the table

Year 9 Motu have been working hard in their Around the Table Module as they prepare for their Mexican Showcase in Week 10. Over the term, students have explored Mexican culture, designed menus, created posters and planned dishes, all leading up to the exciting opportunity to put their learning into practice in the kitchen. During the showcase, students will bring the vibrant flavours, colours and traditions of Mexico to life, sharing the results of their hard work and creativity with pride. We look forward to seeing the magic of Mexican culture come alive through food!



Rainbow Youth

Inside every child is a rainbow waiting to shine

Follow your rainbow

A group of Rainbow Youth and allies travelled to Te Kūiti this week to mix and mingle with other Rainbow Youth in the rohe. Our students were lucky enough to participate in fun activities such as badge making and beading while enjoying a delicious bite to eat. Key agencies like EaseUP, Violence Free Maniapoto and InsideOUT are just some of the agencies that provide supportive services to our rangatahi and were on hand to meet the students. Also in attendance were our College hauora support, Joyce Sneddon and Jaimee Sunnex.

The mixer between the two groups was initiated by Te Kūiti High School in 2023 and since that first meeting, our schools have built a sustainable relationship that supports queer, gay, gender diverse students and their allies.



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EVENTS

National Volunteers Week

Thank You

This week, we proudly celebrate National Volunteer Week and take the opportunity to recognise the incredible people who generously give their time, skills and energy to support our College community.

Our College is fortunate to have a wonderful network of volunteers who make a meaningful difference in countless ways. Whether coaching and managing sports teams, supporting cultural groups, helping with trips, transporting students, assisting with fundraising or volunteering at College events, your contribution enriches the lives of our students every day.

The opportunities we are able to provide our young people simply would not be possible without the commitment and generosity of our volunteers. Your willingness to share your time allows students to participate, grow, achieve and create memories that will stay with them long after they leave our gates.

Volunteering is about much more than giving time - it is about building connections, strengthening our community and showing our students the value of service, generosity and working together.

On behalf of our students and staff, thank you for everything you do. Your dedication, enthusiasm and support are deeply appreciated and we are incredibly grateful to have you as part of our College whānau.

To all of our volunteers - thank you for making a difference.

Some of our recent volunteers

We have people from our community that support many of our events. Recently we had Jo Butcher and Wikitoria Taane who came in to judge the Wearable Arts show and Sam Baggot and Nicky Deeley who came in to judge our art competitions. Na mātou te honore.



Production

Back to the 80s is a wrap and honestly—we are still buzzing.

This Production was everything we hoped it would be and so much more. Performing for our incredible Ōtorohanga audiences was the greatest of privileges. Over 700 seats were filled at our evening shows and we loved every single second of it, the young and the old, faces from the past and everything in between. This community never fails to show up and it means the absolute world.

To the tremendous cast—the weeks and weeks, hours and hours of hard work and rehearsals led to something truly special. You poured your hearts into every single performance and it showed. Keep believing in yourselves. Keep challenging yourselves. Do not be afraid to peek over the edge of your comfort zone because as you have just proven, the view from the other side is absolutely worth it. We are so proud of every single one of you.

To all our ringa wera, the hot hands behind the scenes who supported, contributed and helped make this show what it was, you know who you are. This does not happen without you and we are so grateful.

It takes a village to raise a production and Ōtorohanga. You are one heck of a village.



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TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

Ōtorohanga College Shines At Hamilton 2026 Tough Guy/Gal Challenge

The Tough Guy/Gal Challenge in Hamilton brought together more than 1,200 competitors for one of the toughest and most exciting obstacle courses on the calendar and our Ōtorohanga College students were ready for the challenge.



With mud, obstacles and plenty of grit required, our rangatahi represented our kura with pride and determination, earning three podium finishes across the competition:

- 🥈 Jasmine Downs — 2nd Place, Junior Girls
- 🥉 Seth Philip — 3rd Place, Junior Boys
- 🥉 Aviva Mudge — 3rd Place, Senior Girls



This outstanding effort was also recognised at a team level, with Ōtorohanga College finishing 4th Toughest School overall out of the entire field. These results showcase the commitment, resilience and competitive spirit of our students. They pushed themselves through every challenge, supported each other and showed exactly what it means to represent our College. Small College. BIG heart. That is the Ōtorohanga College way.



Key Dates

Tuesday 23rd June
 Friday 26th June
 Tuesday 30th June
 Wednesday 1st July
 Friday 3rd July

Ōtorohanga College Board Meeting
 College Ball
 Inglewood High School Exchange
 Genazzano FCJ College Netball Games
 Matariki Celebration Day
 Term Two Ends

Tough Guy / Gal