

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Ten
Monday 22nd June – Friday 26th June 2026

ARTS FACULTY

Performing Arts

The senior Performing Arts class has been working on their devising Achievement Standard. Students have been developing and refining their own original ideas combining the use of drama techniques, elements, conventions and technologies. Students are now in their final rehearsals before performing and recording next week.



Junior Music Module

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, ukelele drums or vocals.



Senior Music

Senior musicians are all working towards their solo performance assessments. Alongside their practical work, Year 11s have also been working on an assessment analysing Protest Music, Year 12s a NZ Music topic or songwriting and Year 13s are completing a research assessment.



Smokefree Rockquest

Alex Wilson, Raniera Wharepouri and Mason Woodward with their band Dead Rose have been working hard to write their second song ready to represent at this Saturday's Smokefree Rockquest Regional Final. After making the top 12 in the heat, the boys are ready to debut at Clarence Street Theatre this Saturday night. These boys also performed at the South School Talent Quest this week.



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South School Talent Quest

Music teacher Fiona Parsons and students attended the South School talent quest this week. Mrs Parsons and Maz Wanden helped with the judging and Jeremiah, Maz and Mason as well as Dead Rose were guest performers, entertaining during the talent show. Thank you to South School for inviting us along again.



Visual Arts

Students have engaged in practical study in Term Two. Senior classes are concentrating on developing their own themes and subject matter and photographers are using photoshop to enhance the photos that they have taken. All of this makes for some very busy students. Soon, they will leave their first tentative studies behind them and the business end of the year will begin with Term Three. Shown in this week's Highlights, are a small example of the amazing ideas expressed and the technical skills used.

Kaytee's drawing of a dragon is original work and demonstrates her ability to create a composition using imagination. Andrea, Lizaan, Abigail, Anehera and Anaru's photography shows what can be achieved in photoshop.



Events

Epro8

Kicking off a busy week of EPro8 competitions, two teams of four students travelled to Hamilton on Tuesday evening to compete in the senior inter-school competition. Working diligently throughout the evening, both teams demonstrated excellent creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

The Fantastic Four sat in second-equal place for much of the competition before hitting a small snag with their build, which saw them slip back to finish in a very respectable 6th place overall. The competition was tough and both teams should be proud of the way they represented Ōtorohanga College.



Miss Slade took four creative engineers to Hamilton to compete in the junior EPro8 inter-school competition against 12 other teams. With just 2.5 hours to choose a challenge and bring their ideas to life, the team worked diligently throughout the entire event, demonstrating excellent teamwork, problem-solving and perseverance. They chose to design and build a remote-controlled Mario Kart and remained focused right to the end. The competition was tough and despite facing strong opposition, the team finished 6th out of 12 teams. We are so proud of this incredibly hardworking team.



Senior Science

Our senior Science students took their learning on the road this past Tuesday, June 23rd! Ten of our students visited Ōtorohanga South School to guide Year 5 and 6 students through sheep and cow organ dissections. It was a fantastic day of collaborative science for everyone involved—lungs were inflated, brains were handled and hearts were investigated



Key Dates

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

Inglewood High School Exchange
Genazzano FCJ College Netball Games
Matariki Celebration Day
Term Two Ends

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