



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Six - Tuesday 3rd June - Friday 6th June 2025

SCIENCE FACULTY

For the Science Faculty, Term 2 has meant learning for our Derived Grade Exams in Term 3 and External Exams in November. So our NCEA Level 3 Biology, Chemistry and Physics, NCEA Level 2 Biology, Chemistry and Physics and Level 1 Science students are hard at work.

Many careers in fields such as healthcare, engineering, environmental science and technology require a background in science. Studying a Level 2 Science opens doors to these professions and provides a competitive edge in the job market.

Not all scientists wear lab coats!



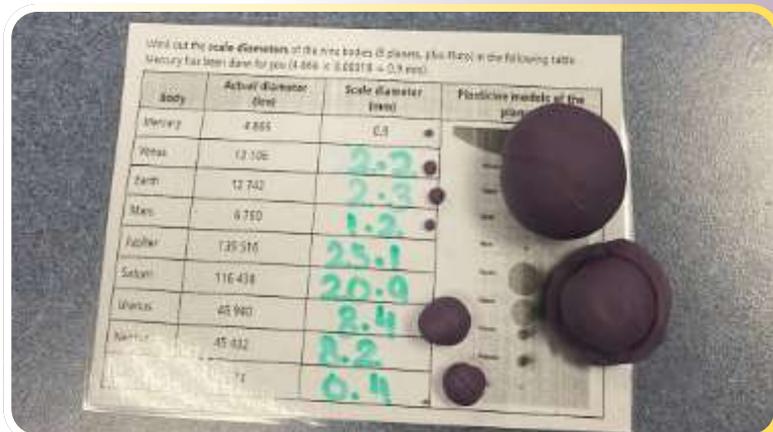
Level 1 Agriculture

Level 1 Agriculture has finally grown all their geraniums to gain their credits and now have a big smile!



Junior Students

Junior students have just finished a topic looking at Space. They used playdough and their maths skills to produce a scale model of the size of the planets in our solar system.



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L3 TOURISM

Te Puia

Te Puia is New Zealand's living Māori cultural centre, located just 5 minutes from the Rotorua CBD and situated in the Whakarewarewa Geothermal Valley. Our Year 13s had the privilege of visiting this spectacular attraction. Highlights of the excursion included the breathtaking Pōhutu Geyser. Our Year 13s were not going to move on until they witnessed the spray of Pōhutu reaching its peak.

With this experience from Te Puia, our Year 13s can provide in-depth information for their assessment on Rotorua tourism.



ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Principal Takes the Plunge for Mental Health Awareness

On Tuesday 6th June, our College community was treated to a splash of fun - and all for a worthy cause - as our very own Principal took part in the famous Ice Bucket Challenge!

With students and staff gathered to watch, the Principal braved a cascade of freezing cold water, all as a powerful reminder of the importance of mental health and the need to keep conversations about wellbeing open and ongoing. The atmosphere was full of cheers and the Principal's good-humoured spirit reminded us all of the power of coming together for a cause that matters.

The Challenge was passed to the Principal at Taumarunui High School and to the Acting Principal at Pukenui Primary School.



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SQUASH

Two teams of three from Ōtorohanga College proudly represented their College at the Waikato Secondary Schools tournament, showcasing skill, determination and teamwork. The Gold Team—Katelyn, Karla, and Nicole—dominated Division Two, going undefeated with impressive wins over Hamilton Girls', Dio and Te Awamutu. Their consistent performance earned them the Division Two championship title.

The Maroon team—Hannah, Scarlett and Kylie—also made their mark in Division Three, securing strong victories against Dio Red and Hamilton Girls' in the opening rounds. Despite a hard-fought effort, they fell just short in their final match against Dio Blue, finishing as Division Three runners-up. It was a proud day for Ōtorohanga College, with both teams demonstrating excellence and College spirit on the court.



DREAMING BIG

Kate Murchie and Courtney Smith were privileged to join a group of 70 young women at the Dreaming Big Conference presented by onbeingbold hosted by Deloitte in Kirikiriroa/Hamilton. There was a diverse range of wāhine toa presenting their experiences in business and life for the benefit of their young audience. As a group of women in business, the concept of Dreaming Big conferences was born when they were reflecting on what would have helped them when they were 17 years old. Notable presenters were a Director of Fonterra, a lead in Research and Development for Fonterra, a Tax Team Lead for Deloitte, CEO of Spark, Chair of Tainui Group Holdings and a Forbes 30 Under 30 recipient. Topics discussed were leadership, financial wellbeing, interview skills, entrepreneurship and managing the online world. It was an informative, inspiring and affirming day.



The photo is Kate and Courtney with Jolie Hodson, CEO of Spark.

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Ō FACTOR

Today was an absolutely fantastic day at the Ō Factor finals! The hard work from weeks of auditions culminated in a spectacular showcase of talent. Auditions included comedy, dancing, gymnastics, singing and instrumental solos.

The finalists brought the entertainment with their vocal talents, humour and choreography. Congratulations to all the finalists for stepping up and making it such a memorable event!



Results

Individual

- 1st Place Moana Oakley-Tupou
- 2nd Place Zara Barlow-Giddens
- 3rd Place Marua Davis

Group

- 1st Place Girls in Pink
- 2nd Place No Direction
- 3rd Place Stevie and Lindsey (Holly and Tegan)
- 4th Place Marua Davis and George Kopa



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Inglewood High School Exchange - Tuesday 10th June
- Matariki Celebrations and the Term Two Report emailed home - Thursday 19th June
- Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences - 25th June
- Term Two ends - Friday 27th June
- Term Three begins - Monday 14th July
- Teacher Only Day - Wednesday 23rd July

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