



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week One - Monday 14th October - Friday 18th October 2024

PŪHORO GRADUATION

On Tuesday evening Takarei Bidois, Jackson Davis and Isabella Te Wao-Lowe attended the Pūhoro Graduation in the Performing Arts Centre at The University of Waikato.

Pūhoro provides an impactful programme that integrates mātauranga Māori with STEMM. The organisation creates opportunities and pathways for Māori into the STEMM workforce.

Over the past three years these rangatahi have had practical learning experiences, guidance from mentors and access to valuable resources and inspiring role models through the College being part of Pūhoro.

The speakers gave inspiring and heartfelt addresses with the key theme being to set aspirational goals, work hard to reach them and be true to yourself.

Each Pūhoro graduate was presented with a stunning framed certificate and pounamu that was selected especially for them by their kaihautu of the past three years, Taz Heta.



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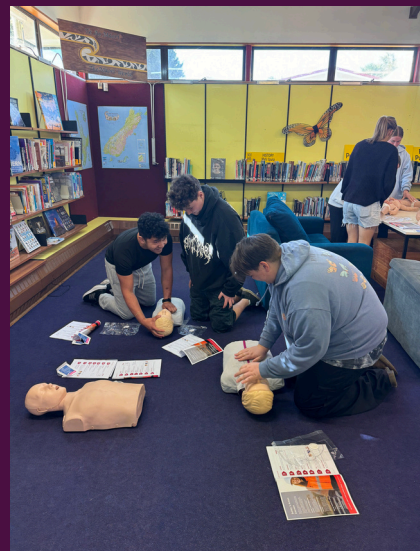
PATHWAYS - FIRST AID WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, October 15, Year 13 students participated in an engaging First Aid Workshop led by David from Safety 'n Action. This hands-on session equipped students with essential skills in basic life support (CPR) and the fundamentals of first aid.



Throughout the workshop, students learned how to effectively respond to various emergencies, including managing bleeds, burns, fractures, soft tissue injuries and poison exposure. The knowledge gained will not only empower them to assist others in critical situations, but also enhance their confidence in handling emergencies.

A big thank you to David for his expertise and to our students for their enthusiastic participation!



CHEMQUEST 2024

On Wednesday evening nine enthusiastic Chemistry students attended Chemquest at the University of Waikato. Run in a quiz format with four rounds of questions, ChemQuest ties pop culture to chemistry with students competing for the coveted ChemQuest trophy and cash prizes.

The questions feature music, demonstrations and a “glow show” to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry in a fun and constructive way.



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MĀORI FACULTY

Year 9 Focus: Descriptive Language and Comprehension

Year 9 students have been fully immersed in enhancing their descriptive language skills in Te Reo Māori this week.

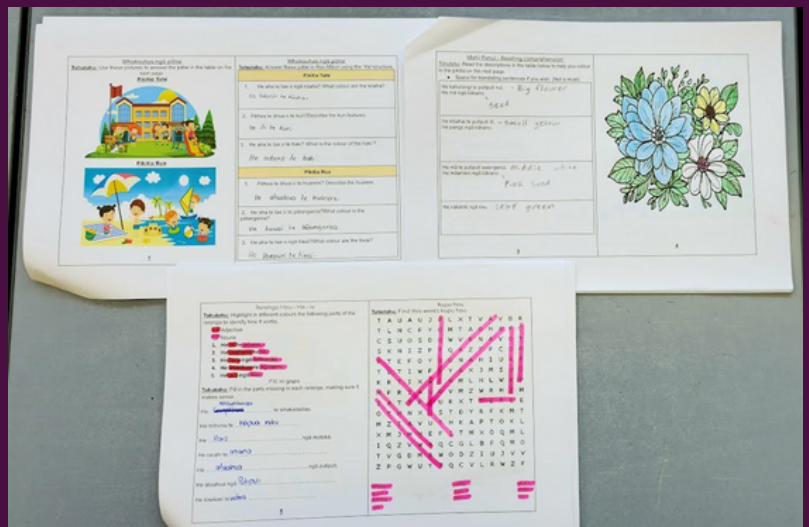
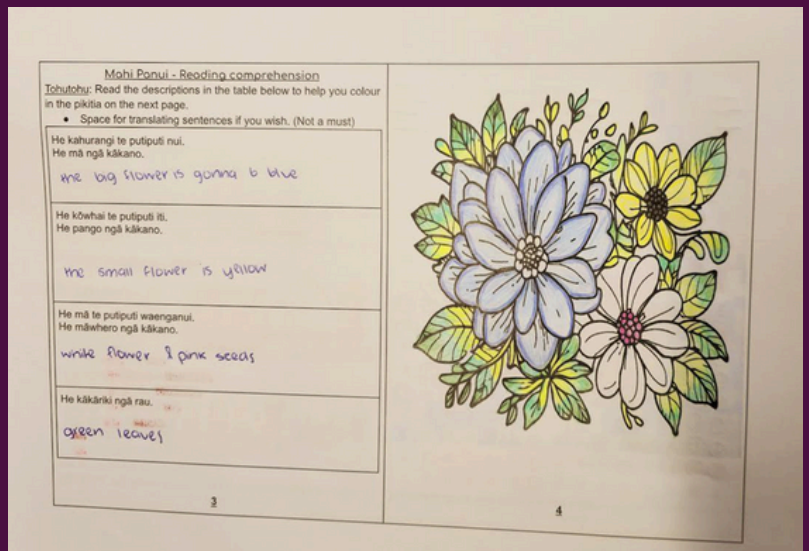
They have been actively learning to describe various objects and provide intricate details about them. Through engaging activities, taira have been refining their reading and comprehension abilities in Te Reo Māori, encouraging fluency and understanding of the language.

Year 10 Focus: Financial Literacy and Vision Boards

Meanwhile, our Year 10 cohort has delved into the realm of financial literacy in Te Reo Māori.

With a focus on asking and answering questions related to costs and money, students have been exploring practical scenarios to deepen their understanding of financial concepts in the language.

The year 10s are currently crafting visually captivating vision boards that showcase the cost-related questions and answers in Te Reo Māori, fostering creativity and practical application of language skills.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 21st October Accord Teacher Only Day

Friday 25th October Gumboot Day

Monday 28th October Labour Day

Wednesday 30th October Senior Prizegiving @ 7pm

Tuesday 5th November NCEA Examinations begin

Tuesday 12th November Year 9 Loves Me Not

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