



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week Seven – Monday 25th November – Friday 29th November 2024

ARTS FACULTY

Last weekend saw the local Arts celebration called Artbeat take place in the Otorohanga community. A number of College students exhibited their work in the main street window display, featuring completed artworks by both Junior and Senior students.

On Sunday, three of our senior students performed at the Church Museum building. Braden Hedley entertained the audience with his performance of David Bowie's Underground and Changes. Moana Oakley-Tupou hit the high notes with songs by Beyonce and Whitney Houston. George Kopa's smooth tone was heard in his performances of Tennessee Whiskey and a cover of Is This Love.

The performance was finished off with George and Moana singing Choose by Stan Walker.

Members of the public were most impressed with the performances, with the organisers saying they were some of the favourite items of the day.



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ARTS TECHNOLOGY

Free instrumental music lessons are available to all students at the College. Students have the opportunity to take lessons in drums, bass guitar, guitar, vocals and brass and woodwind instruments and they do not have to have their own instruments to participate in the lessons. Junior students have been taking lessons this term as individuals and also working towards group performances for the end of the year. Pictured is Raniera Wharepouri, Alex Wilson and Dion Bentley with our guitar teacher Nathan Aish.

YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DINNER

Wednesday evening saw us host our wonderful Year 13 students for the last time at the College. Staff, whānau and the Year 13 students gathered in the staffroom for our time honoured annual tradition of a Leavers' Dinner.

Whilst enjoying wonderful food provided by Lola's Caravan and the hospitality classes' favourite "mocktails", reminiscences, laughs and hopes for the future were shared. A highlight was reviewing the photos that were taken of them all as fresh faced Year 9 students on their first day at College.

We wish the Year 13 leavers' the very best for the future and remind them they will always have a place here.



PASIFIKA MARKET DAY

Yesterday afternoon was an exciting showcase of creativity and community spirit! From 3:30 to 6:00 our Year 9 and 10 Pasifika Art Module class presented the impressive projects they had been passionately working on during Terms Three and Four. Each student immersed themselves in the culture of a Pacific nation, channelling their insights into unique artworks and delicious dishes.

This initiative motivated students not just to work for personal gain, but to rally together for a more significant cause, self-funding their class trip through sales. This collaborative effort marked a first for our College, providing plenty of lessons learned for next time!

We had hand-crafted earrings, beautiful pillows and stylish scrunchies. Attendees explored beautifully designed chopping boards, coffee mugs and art pieces, but that wasn't all, those with a sweet tooth enjoyed fudge and lolly leis! Congratulations to Diana Tumolva for winning the raffle.

Regarding the kai, guests indulged in Cook Islands doughnuts, mussel chowder, fried bread, chicken kebabs and chicken curry inspired by Fijian cuisine. We also offered refreshing ice blocks, muffins, chop suey with rice, hot coffee, hot chocolate and a classic sausage sizzle!

When parents and whānau arrived, they simply traded their hard earned money for OC Dollars to use at the stalls. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported this project.

A special mention to Julie Neuhoff for her time and generosity with resources, Milika Jawini for the Chicken Curry, Mr and Mrs Grey for their resources, time and support, Uncle Roy for being our emcee, Aunty Mickey for running the kitchen from 10 am to 6.00 pm and finally Aunty Caroline for overseeing the sewing component with two groups for the past 17 weeks, design of the Hall set up and sorting our banking system.

We were excited to welcome everyone to celebrate and support our talented students and their remarkable efforts! Many didn't want to miss it! Our grand total raised was \$3900.00.

Thank you so much for your support.





**"We are proud to show case our culture and have our family come in. Classes are fun when we have freedom to express ourselves and plan our projects."
Te Pola and Litea.**



**"I enjoy the Pasifika Art class Module the last two terms because I got to learn about budgeting and how to make profit while having fun and creating art work for our market day."
Maggie Wilson.**



**"I was proud to lead my group and create leis that sold out. It was fun to learn with my friends, it was a relaxed vibe and I am looking forward to the trip we earned together."
Hayley Parker**



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 11th December Year 9 Te Awamutu Pools Trip

Wednesday 11th December Year 10 Rotorua Trip

Friday 13th December Junior Prizegiving at 9.30am in the Hall

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