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Year 13 Chemistry

The Year 13 Chemists have investigated the oxygen content of the Waipa river, using a tricky back titration. Water was collected in situ behind Te Keeti marae.

Agriculture

Level 1 and 2 Agriculture students have been busy growing plants from seeds and cuttings, making the most of the continuing warm weather.
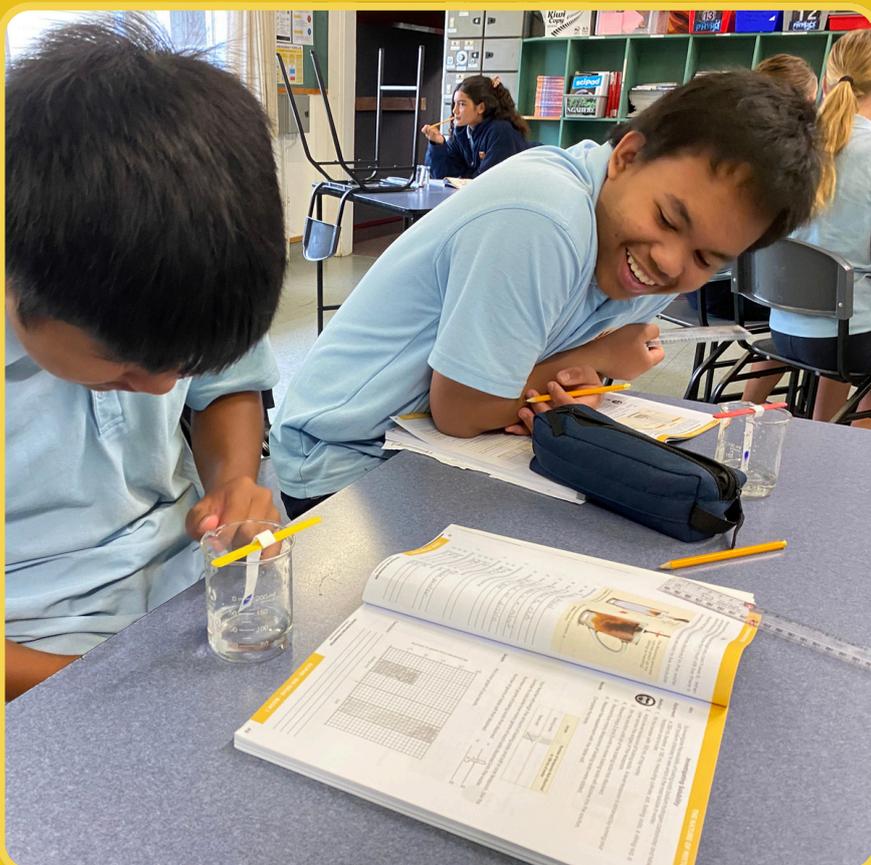
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Junior Young Farmers Agri-Skills and Education Day

On March 13th, nine enthusiastic agricultural students travelled to Owl Farm in Cambridge for the Agri-Skills Day, an event that proved to be both enjoyable and educational. The first round featured eight educational modules presented by local agribusinesses, culminating in a competitive race-off between participating schools.

Year 9 Science

The Year 9 students have been discovering the amazing world of chromatography which is the separation of the pigments in inks and dyes.

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GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

It was an early start for seven of our student leaders and their Dean as they headed to Rotorua for an engaging an entertaining day at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. Topics covered were making our school a great place for others, time management, creating school events that everybody can connect to, creative ideas for your school that are not events, being a leader who supports others and tackling something at our school that feels impossible. The presenters were young, having left school only recently so they were very easy for our students to relate to. It was an inspiring day and we look forward to seeing our leaders turn their learning into action.

CRICKET NEWS

Ōtorohanga College Falls Short Despite Early Blitz

Ōtorohanga College put up a valiant fight on Thursday night at the Ōtorohanga Domain, but could not stop Cambridge High School from securing victory in their T20 clash. Batting first in near-perfect conditions, Ōtorohanga College worked hard to post 73 runs. Holly Church led by example, retiring after an impressive innings that showcased her experience and composure.

Despite the modest total, Ōtorohanga came out firing with the ball. Arlo Willis and Church made an immediate impact, ripping through Cambridge's top order to leave them struggling at 10/4. With momentum on their side, the home side dared to dream of an upset, however, Cambridge High regrouped, steadying their innings and methodically chasing down the target to claim a well-earned victory. Credit to both teams for playing the game in great spirits, with moments of brilliance on both sides making for an entertaining contest.
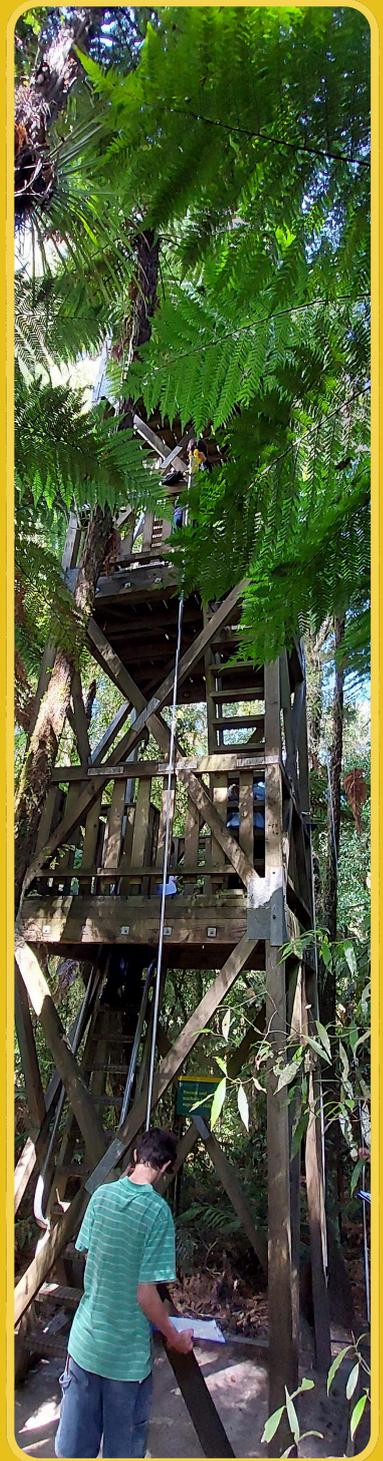

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PUREORA FOREST

On Monday 10th March, Ms. Rymer, Whāea Victoria and the Year 12 Biology students embarked on an excursion to Pureora Forest, situated approximately 15 minutes southeast of Benneydale.

The objective of the biologists was to measure humidity, temperature, wind speed and light intensity at various heights utilising the Department of Conservation (DOC) tower. This data collection aimed to identify differences in environmental conditions and to understand how plants within distinct layers of the forest have adapted to thrive in their respective habitats. The experience provided students with a valuable glimpse into the practical aspects of being an ecologist in the field.

Overall, it was a highly successful trip, enriched by the enthusiasm of an exceptional group of students!

KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 25th March - WaiBOP Athletics
Friday 28th March - KCRU Secondary School Sevens
Thursday 3rd April - EOTC McQuilkin Cup
Friday 4th April - Polyfest
Friday 4th April - Reports to Parents
Wednesday 9th April - Parent, Student And Teacher Conferences
Friday 11th April - End of Term One
Monday 28th April - Term Two Begins

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