



# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Nine - Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March 2024



## BUSINESS BREAKFAST

It was with honour that the College opened its doors early on Wednesday morning to host the Business Community's Breakfast.

The College's Technology Faculty led by Mrs Gwen Buckley provided our guests with a traditional English breakfast as well as pancakes, granola pots and hot cross buns.

The connection between the College and the Business Community is an important one and we look forward to hosting them again next term.



**WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY ATHLETICS**  
 On Tuesday Corey Hobbs, Mya Needham and Zach Davey competed in Tauranga.

Feedback from the day from Mya (no. 134) was that she competed in both her running events. While she did not place, she represented Ōtorohanga College with pride, tried her absolute best and it was an amazing experience.




## KING COUNTRY SWIMMING

Official results have just come to hand from last week. Overall top school - 1st Ōtorohanga College 702 points, 2nd Piopio College 635 points and 3rd Putaruru 603.5 points.

Top individual ranking - Kiera Mansell 200 points.

Congratulations Kiera on breaking 3 records for 2024  
 Senior Girls 50m Backstroke - 38.16  
 Senior Girls 25m Butterfly - 14.90  
 Senior Girls 50m Butterfly - 35.34

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## SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY

Our senior historians have all started their research assessments and are hard at work examining local, national and international history. In Year 11, the ākonga are investigating the construction of Te Ara o Tūrongo (the North Island Main Trunk Railway) and its impact on the local employment, passenger travel and Māori land alienation. Meanwhile, Year 12 students are analysing primary sources related to the Holocaust. Lastly, our tuakana in Year 13 are examining the causes and consequences of a range of 20th century genocides. Across the board, our rangatahi are displaying both maturity and critical thinking when engaging with challenging aspects of our past.

Social Studies has fully implemented the new curriculum under Te Mātaiaho. This refreshed curriculum can be enhanced by drawing on local contexts. Both our Year 9 and 10 classes have been learning local history under the umbrella of te tino rangatiratanga me te kāwanatanga (sovereignty, organisation and government). Our Year 9s have been looking at the implications of Te Tiriti o Waitangi both from a historical perspective and to today. As we head towards the 160th commemoration of Ōrākau next week this makes this learning relevant. Year 10s are analysing the Maniapoto Settlement.

The number of students taking up Senior History has been impressive. All classes are fully engaged in analysing contexts such as the Vietnam War.

We have teams entered into the YES programme this year. Our students are in the planning stage of their products and actively gathering community feedback. If you would like to view their ideas our student boards and feedback forms will be at the Māori Womens' Welfare League organisation on Maniapoto Street over Easter. Our Tourism students have been busy preparing presentations to promote a New Zealand destination.

Senior Māori and History students were visited on Wednesday by Ōtorohanga College alumni Waimarama Anderson, Tai Jones and Kiana Ormsby. This trio shared their experiences from delivering the Land Wars Petition to Parliament in 2015. For a full hour, our rangatahi were educated, inspired and moved. Important lessons were learnt about the power of conviction and how teenagers can bring about real change. Our manuhiri were pivotal in the fight to include local histories in the new curriculum and in doing so they put our kura on the map. Kei runga noa atu rātou!



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## YOUTH INTACT

Youth INTact is Waikato's Youth Drug and Alcohol Service for rangatahi. They provide easily accessible and effective support services to rangatahi and their whānau. On Wednesday we had the Youth INTact team run a fun interactive Easter Egg Hunt for our students. Students hunted all over the College grounds and a few were lucky enough to claim an amazing prize.



## Ōtorohanga College

Honour Before Honours - Ko te mana mō mua i te whakamana



**1.30 PM AUGUST 13TH 2024 ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE HALL**

Every day, eight individuals from New Zealand - both adults and children - are diagnosed with blood cancer.

Our Principal, Lyndsay Kurth, will lead the way in this year's "Big Shave" event. All proceeds raised from this event will be donated directly to Leukaemia and Blood Cancer New Zealand.

Our College's goal is to raise \$800.00, and we would be grateful for any contributions you can make. Please use the following link to donate:

<https://www.shaveforacure.co.nz/l-kurth>

If you're interested in joining a team, please contact Lyndsay Kurth to sign up via email at [kurthl@otocoll.school.nz](mailto:kurthl@otocoll.school.nz).



**I'm shaving  
for a cure.**

Will you join me?

*"I want to help find more effective treatments to save lives and make sure people with cancer get the support they need to get through".*



## FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Easter Break Good Friday 29th March - Return to College  
Wednesday 3rd April

Friday 5th April Cultural visit from a group called A Nui Taputapuata, Tahiti  
Friday 12th April End of Term One  
Monday 29th April Term Two begins

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