



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Seven- Monday 11th March - Friday 15th March 2025

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Waikato Trades Academy: A Head Start For Our Students

The Waikato Trades Academy (WTA) offers our students an exciting opportunity to study both at school and Wintec, gaining hands-on, practical experience that sets them up for success. By participating in the WTA programmes, students acquire industry-specific skills and knowledge, giving them a head start in securing a job, apprenticeship, or further study after secondary school. This unique programme adds to their current school subject choices, with students attending Wintec Hamilton campuses or the local Ōtorohanga campus for one day a week of practical learning.

This year, our students have truly hit the ground running! With a diverse range of courses on offer, including:

Wintec Level 2 Courses:

- Construction and Infrastructure
- Manufacturing and Technology
- Café Skills
- Hair and Beauty Therapy
- Early Childhood Education

Wintec Level 3 Courses:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Building and Construction
- Hair and Beauty Therapy
- Health
- Introduction to Professional Cookery

The Wintec Trades Academy is giving our students the skills and experience they need to thrive in their future careers. We are excited to see how they continue to grow and succeed!



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RYDA

Road Safety Workshop

An excited rōpū of 26 Year 12 ākonga from Ōtorohanga College attended the RYDA Road Safety Workshop at the Ōtorohanga Rugby Club last Thursday. During both theoretical and hands-on sessions, our rangatahi examined a variety of traffic risk factors and behaviours.



As the facilitators emphasised, the decisions young drivers and passengers make before and after getting into a car can have life-changing consequences. To really highlight this, our students examined the real-life case of a person whose driving accident at age 19 made him paraplegic. Undoubtedly, our students will carry these insights with them as they develop into responsible road users in the years to come.

QRC VISIT

Recently, we hosted a presentation by Karen from Queenstown Resort College (QRC)). As we have a number of students interested in tourism pathways, it was hugely beneficial to hear about the opportunities offered at QRC's Queenstown and Paihia campuses. Our students seemed particularly interested in the New Zealand Diploma in Hotel Management (Level 6).



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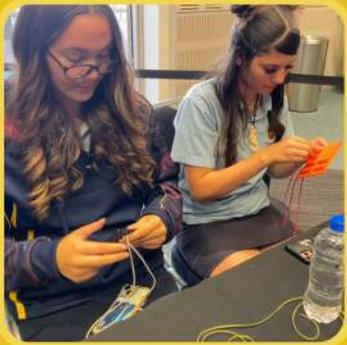
PŪHORO

The first Wānanga for Pūhoro was held at Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton on Tuesday. A small but enthusiastic group from College attended.

The day began with an entertaining retelling of the Pūrākau that details the separation of Papatūānuku and Ranginui. The taura were then told that they would be facing two wero or challenges throughout the day.

The first was to learn some mau rākau techniques then use a computer programme to analyse video footage in order to determine the amount of force they were putting into a strike.

The second was to use their mathematical skills to decode patterns to then create tukutuku panels. It was a well organised day that enabled taura to enhance their science and maths skills in an enjoyable Te Ao context.



CAFÉ B3

Café B3 welcomed its first customers this week, serving up barista-made hot chocolates and freshly baked French apple muffins. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to hone their barista skills in a real-world setting. A huge thank you to the students and staff who supported this exciting venture—we cannot wait to do it all again next week!



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GOLF

Golf Team Tees Off!

The Ōtorohanga College golf team recently held their inaugural official weekday practice, featuring four enthusiastic students on the fairways. A special acknowledgment goes to last year's team captain, Kase, for his invaluable coaching and guidance. It is wonderful to witness the team actively engaging in their sport!



KC ATHLETICS

On Thursday, 23rd March, Whaea Peata and Miss Slade took a group of Year 9-13 students to Te Awamutu to compete in the King Country Athletics competition. The weather was stunning and our students gave it their all, showing incredible determination and sportsmanship in their events. It was fantastic to see so many whānau on the sidelines, cheering on our athletes. A huge thank you to everyone who supported the team—now, we look forward to WaiBOP!



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Pi-DAY

It would be remiss not to celebrate Pi, especially considering the contributions of Albert Einstein, prompting mathematicians worldwide to honour this remarkable ratio and his birthday on March 14th each year.

Ōtorohanga College has embraced this tradition for several years and this year we introduced a couple of new events. Students participated in a chipping challenge aimed at concentric circles, striving to accumulate as many points as possible.

Additionally, we hosted a Pi paragraph writing competition that garnered such a high number of entries that Mr. Buckley will be dedicating half his weekend to reading them! The winner will be announced on Monday.

Furthermore, we upheld the traditional Pi memorisation competition, which was conducted within a five-minute time limit, and organised a Pi-themed mufti day. Both teachers and students showcased their creativity through imaginative interpretations of the theme!



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 21st March - King Country Swimming

Tuesday 25th March - WaiBOP Athletics

Friday 28th March - KCRU Secondary School Sevens

Friday 4th April - Polyfest

Wednesday 9th April - Parent, Student And Teacher Conferences

Friday 11th April - End of Term 1

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