

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Six – Monday 5th – Friday 8th March 2024

### RYDA

46 enthusiastic ākonga from Ōtorohanga College attended the RYDA Road Safety Workshop in Te Kūiti on Wednesday. Through six theoretical and hands-on sessions, our rangatahi reflected on different 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. This lesson was most poignantly driven home when interviewing 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.



### KING COUNTRY ATHLETICS

On Thursday 34 of our top athletes competed in the annual King Country Athletics Competition in Te Awamutu. The College had athletes competing in a range of events in the hope of gaining top placings after being so successful on our own athletics day.

Feedback during the day was awesome with athletes doing well and supporting each other positively! There was lots of cheering and encouragement for their peers. Sam Connolly finished first in the 3000m Open Boys event. A number of students qualified for the finals of the sprints across different age groups. Results coming through during the day showed our students held their own and gained placings in a range of events.

The official results will be published on the College Sports Facebook page once confirmed.



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## MATHS FACULTY

2024 has started with the usual flurry of activity and testing for the new Year 9 students while they are finding their feet around the College.

The senior students are well settled into their subject selections at the halfway point of the first term.

The large number of Year 9 students meant that the Mathematics Faculty has grown. The following teachers have taken up the joy of teaching Maths at the College. Mr Manuel, Mr Mudge who is a long time math teacher, Whaea Samm continues to teach alongside the ever faithful Mr Drummond and Mr Follas. At the top end of the College the students have either Mr Wilken or Mr Buckley tackling the world of Statistics and Calculus.

Education Perfect still plays a vital part in the students learning both within the classroom and hopefully at home as well. This tool allows seniors who are attending Wintec courses to keep up to date and the rest of the students to extend or build up their skills in a manageable fashion.



## HOSPITALITY B3 CAFE

Level 3 Hospitality students were thrilled to be able to share their awesome mahi with the wider student population.

Today for the very first time they sold muffins and hot chocolate made to order by the baristas in training during interval. Day one was a success!!

We are hoping to do this every Wednesday.

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## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

### JARED PATERSON

Jared competed in the MITSUYO MAEDA TAURANGA CUP on Saturday (2/03/24) in the under 15yrs and 70+ kg category. Jared was registered to fight in both the Gi and No Gi matches, but was unable to fight No Gi due to injury from the first Gi match. Jared's efforts gained him a silver medal. Jared has been training Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) for about 9 months with Scott at GAINZ BJJ Otorohanga.



### DOMINIC EVELEIGH AND RILEY SMITH

King of the Schools 2024 Motocross was held on Friday 1st March 2024 at the North King Country Motocross Club. Many schools throughout the country compete at this event with over 400 competitors from Primary, Intermediate, Secondary and Home School. Dominic Eveleigh competed in the 12-14 yrs 125/250F class and Riley Smith competed in the 12-16 yrs Novice 85 class.



### ETHAN LAMBORN

The Waipa Fun Run was held on Sunday. Ethan was an integral part of the Orchard Valley Glamping team taking FIRST place 2 years in a row.



### LEIGHTON PARSONS

Mr. Parsons returned this week after representing New Zealand at the Over 40s World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa. New Zealand had an exceptional tournament, winning seven games and losing just one. On debut against Canada, Mr. Parsons made 51 runs. New Zealand secured victories against India, Wales, Sri Lanka, South Africa, UAE and Australia in the semi-final. Unfortunately, New Zealand's only loss came against South Africa in the final, resulting in New Zealand finishing as runners-up and second in the world. Mr. Parsons also contributed with the ball playing wicket keeper in one game, taking three catches. Mr. Parsons also embraced the cultural and natural wonders of South Africa. Mr Parson's stated that it has been one of the best experiences of his life.



## FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 12th March Swimming Sports

Thursday 14th March Pi Day

Tuesday 19th March Robert Bateman touring rugby team from Canada

Wednesday 20th March Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences

from 2.00pm-6.00pm

Friday 22nd March King Country Swimming

Easter Break Good Friday 29th March - Return to College

Wednesday 3rd April

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