



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Three - Monday 10th February - Friday 14th February 2024

ENGLISH FACULTY

Kia ora from the English Faculty

We are excited to be back at College and progressing with our learning for 2025. It has been a busy start to the year for both staff and students in the English Faculty. asTTle testing has taken place for the juniors and we are now in the process of collating data and planning next steps for our learners.

Our focus this term is on preparing our Year 9 and 10 students for their CAA Literacy exam and, further down the track, NCEA Level 1 English. Our learning is centred around reading and responding to a text with particular focus on the author's intention and how an author uses language to convey an idea to their audience. Ensuring the skills of structuring a paragraph correctly, using punctuation and acquiring new vocabulary are also top of our agenda. We will be studying short stories, novels and visual texts from various different genres.

Seniors are working towards NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3. The year has begun very well for these students with each cohort motivated to achieve their credits and gain their qualification. Through the study of novels, short stories, film and poems, our seniors will be gaining the skills required to obtain their UE credits in reading and writing and Level 3 Qualifications.

We have been fortunate to welcome Mr Greg Olding to the Faculty this year who replaces Mrs Karen Flay after her retirement at the end of 2024. Mr Olding is teaching Year 10 and 11 English and happily Mrs Flay has already returned to teach a Year 9 class for Term 1.

The whole English team is looking forward to a productive and successful term ahead.



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Leadership at our College is about more than just a badge; it is about commitment, role modeling and service to others. Our Student Leaders have demonstrated dedication, resilience and a willingness to serve their peers and our wider College community. On Friday, we recognised their achievement and officially badged them with the support of their loved ones.

During this special ceremony, each student leader was called forward, their leadership position announced and the person they had chosen to badge them was introduced. As each Leader received their badge, fellow students and whānau celebrated their commitment and achievement.

Our 2025 Student Leaders are:

HEAD STUDENTS	George Kopa	Badged by dad, Vaughn
	Holly Church	Badged by mum, Dianna
BROWN HOUSE CAPTAINS	Grace Putaranui-Todd	Badged by sister, Tracy
	Tegan Bentley	Badged by her mum, Amy
EVELEIGH HOUSE CAPTAINS	Mana Tutuila	Badged by his friend, Tenanoa Tiimi
	Taite Bourke	Badged by his brother, Gabriel
HOTSON HOUSE CAPTAINS	Lee Ryan	Badged by his mum, Leeanne
	Kaia Turner	Badged by his friend, Lyndsay Miller
KEDGLEY HOUSE CAPTAINS	Brady Cooper	Badged by his mum, Simone
	Kaelis Campbell	Badged by her mum, Kiri

MARAE VISIT

Year 9 students, staff and Student Leaders, were honoured to receive a warm welcome onto Taarewaanga Marae, into the tūpuna whare Te Rauatemoa Tuarua.

Students immersed themselves in a day of learning led by Matua Tom Roa, where they participated in activities delving into local history and learning the haka Whakahāware.

The students and staff enjoyed the experience and are very grateful for the knowledge shared and the care shown by the whanau who supported and hosted us at the pā.

It was a beautiful day and we are grateful and appreciative for the Mātuaranga (knowledge) imparted.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 20th February - NCEA Information Evening for Year 10 and Year 11 students and parents

Monday 24th February - College Swimming Sports

Monday 3rd March - Jase Williams at College

Wednesday 5th March - College Athletics

Thursday 13th March - King Country Athletics

Friday 14th March - Pi-Day

Friday 21st March - King Country Swimming

Wednesday 9th April - Empower Whakamana Conferences

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