



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Two - Monday 3rd February - Friday 7th February 2024

ARTS FACULTY

It has been exciting to have the Photography, Art, Music and Performing Arts classrooms in the Arts Faculty once again filled with students and the sounds of instruments and voices.

The NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 Performing Arts class has spent the first week participating in Whakawhanaungatanga activities, about creating and maintaining relationships with others in the class. These activities have been based around gaining confidence, the techniques of drama and the skills involved in improvisation.

All of the Music classes have been revising the elements of Music and building practical instrumental skills by rehearsing chords on guitar and Ukelele. This week students have also started signing up for itinerant music lessons, which are offered in bass guitar, guitar, keyboard, vocals, drums, saxophone, flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone. Students have the opportunity for individual or small group lessons at no cost. These lessons are available to all students, whether or not they are taking Music as a subject.



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TAIAO PROJECT COLLABORATION

This week saw the beginning of the collaboration between Taiao Project, Social Science and Science Departments.

Students and teachers joined the Taiao Project team members in monitoring the Mohoanui Stream and Waipa river at the Ōturu Reserve



CHESS

Welcome back to a new year at the College. Thanks to the Active As schools initiative and a group of dedicated staff and students we were able to purchase a giant set of chess and checkers.

With the weather being so sunny it is marvellous to see the students tag teaming at morning tea and lunchtime to battle against each other!

There will also be chess club up and running from next week 14th February in B1 during morning tea. All experienced and beginners are welcome to make the most of this time to learn new skills or aim for the top spot on the soon to be established chess ladder!



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 14th February - Student Leaders Badging Ceremony

Thursday 20th February - College Swimming Sports

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

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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