



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Seven - Monday 9th September - Friday 13th September 2024

NETBALL PRIZEGIVING AND CELEBRATION

Tuesday night saw the staffroom packed to the brim with our College netball community who were there to share in the presentation of awards and to celebrate the 2024 season. It was pleasing to see our first ever event like this so well supported and hopefully it has set a precedent for future years to keep netball alive and growing in the College.

Each player was presented with a certificate with a small message about their strengths by their Coach, with a Most Improved Player and a Best Team Member Award being selected for each team. Coaches and Umpires were thanked for the roles they undertook during the season. Without them, we would not have the strength of netball we have at Ōtorohanga College.

This function also served as a netball farewell for Mrs Karen Flay as she is retiring at the end of the year and will no longer be the Teacher In Charge of Netball. Many past students and staff involved with Karen in netball over a long number of years attended this function.



COOK ISLAND DRUMMING

Kia orāna tātou kātoatoa 'i te aro'a ma'ata 'ō tō tātou Atua.

Greetings to you all! A real focus for our kura is ensuring we provide avenues for taura to connect to culture. We have the privilege of having drum expert Walter Tuakana come in to teach Cook Island drumming. This opportunity is certainly a first of its kind for Ōtorohanga College and we could not be more excited! As our Pasifika community grows in our District and kura, we are committed to providing opportunities to enhance the Pasifika culture.

Drumming is a good way to make this vision a reality.

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MUAY THAI WITH RICHIE HARDCORE

On Friday September 6th students from all year levels participated in a Muay Thai session with Richie Hardcore. Richie Hardcore is a board member at White Ribbon New Zealand and a Ministry of Social Development 'It's Not OK' Champion.

He is actively working to end men's violence against women and is an educator and public speaker focusing on exploring masculinity, ending rape culture, sexual and family violence. With over 25 years of experience in martial arts, Richie Hardcore is a retired former multiple Muay Thai Champion and as a trainer has helped some of New Zealand's most accomplished fighters achieve their goals.

As a follow-up to the session our entire male student body had a special assembly that discussed the importance of mental health, strategies for positive relationships and responsible pornography use.

The students found both sessions engaging, and Richie's discussion initiated thought provoking conversations among the students.



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TACO TUESDAY

Year 13 Hospitality students served up their most popular "sandwich" yet.

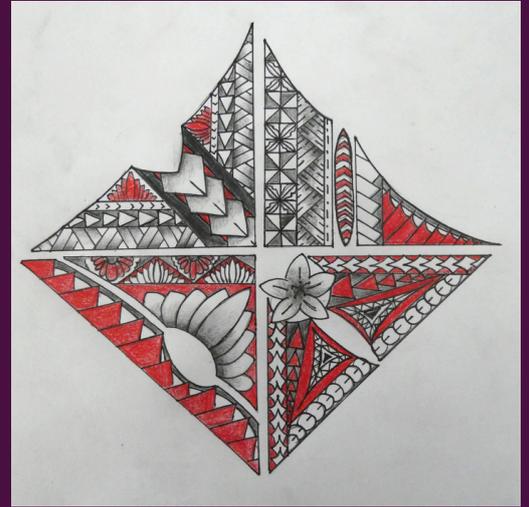
Cooked hot and to order these fresh and flavoursome treats flew off the BBQ, selling out very quickly.

ARTS FACULTY

Senior Photography students are making preparations for their folio which will be due early next term. This involves developing a theme from their chosen subject. Photoshop is used to enhance photos as well as create new photos with ideas that may resonate with the viewer.

Tenanoa's photo displayed here is a good example of using two different activities that have personal meaning. Culture for him plays an important part as does rugby. Mana's work is a logo that he has designed for the Pasifika Group. Samiah is exploring reflections and shadows for her end of year folio. The two photos presented here were taken at the College.

Students doing the Junior Module are exploring a range of subjects. Their chosen subject and theme will come from this exploration. At times students will work together to achieve a result. Amelia and Ruby have shown a good study of the monarch butterfly.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th September NCEA CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams

Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th September Derived Grade Examinations

Friday 13th September Waiwaia Festival

Tuesday 17th September Year 7 and Year 8 Experience Day

Friday 20th September College Ball

Wednesday 25th September Business Breakfast

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