



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Nine – Monday 16th September – Friday 20th September 2024



CONSERVATION WEEK

During Conservation Week the Junior Modules Events Planner and Let It Grow joined forces. They celebrated by planting 45 native trees which were kindly donated by Ms Deuschle.

They also held two bake sales. Enough money was raised to sponsor a bird from Sanctuary Mountain Mangatautari and donate to saving the Maui dolphin - Tangaroa Tuia Programme.



YEAR 7 AND 8 EXPERIENCE DAY

It was with great pleasure that the College opened its doors on Tuesday to welcome Year 7 and Year 8 students to our Experience Day. 168 Year 7s and Year 8s made custard tarts, designed cartoon characters, made Lego creations, played multisport and created music all while making new friends, meeting staff and getting to know the layout of the College.

This day was an important part of the students' journey, giving them a chance to connect, explore and get a feel for what lies ahead.



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WAIWAIA FESTIVAL

PASIFIKA OC - Our Journey to Our Performance

Performing at the 2024 Waiwaia Festival was an extraordinary experience for our group. Our journey of weeks of practice during College, after College and at the weekends finally brought us to the Waiwaia Festival at Piopio College. As we were the first Polynesian group to ever grace this stage, this added a unique significance to our participation. We wanted to showcase the diverse talents and cultural richness of our community. The anticipation and nerves leading up to our performance were undeniable, yet the Pasifika OC squad demonstrated strength, unity and pride throughout.

This event allowed us to reconnect with our cultural heritage, drawing inspiration from the courage and resilience of our ancestors. As representatives of Pasifika OC, we proudly highlighted the various cultures we carry. We stand as proud ambassadors of Te Moana Nui A Kiva. This is our identity.

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KAPAHAKA

Last Friday, the talented Kapa Haka students from our roopu, Nga Tamariki Toa, showcased their incredible skills at the Waiwaia event. Over the past eight weeks, Nga Tamariki Toa dedicated themselves to rigorous practice sessions to prepare for this prestigious event. Our students' commitment and passion were remarkable as they took the stage with unwavering pride and unity.

Nga Tamariki Toa stood tall and represented our kura with immense pride. We thank Leighjyn and Te Miri Tamaki, our exceptional tutors for their invaluable guidance and knowledge. Their dedication, patience and expertise have contributed greatly to the success of our performance. We also appreciate all of the behind-the-scenes organisation from our teacher in charge of Kapa Haka Whaea Mickey Carr.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the staff, kaumatua, whānau and Papa Roy for their unwavering support throughout our journey. With their encouragement, we were able to make our haerenga a memorable and successful experience. Now the Mauri is in our College and we are all looking ahead, eagerly anticipating the opportunity to host Waiwaia next year.

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ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TACKLES SPARTAN CHALLENGE WITH GRIT

It was a monumental day for the Athlete Development Programme (ADP) students during their practical assessment on Friday, marking the culmination of six weeks of intense physical training. Athletes faced the daunting Spartan Challenge, designed to test their strength, endurance and mental toughness through a grueling series of exercises. This began with a 3km run along the stopbank, back to the Gym to complete 15 different exercise challenges and then finishing with a 150 metre bear crawl.

James Knight was the first athlete to cross the finish line with an impressive time of just over 50 minutes, however, the aim of the day was not simply to finish first—it was to embrace the resilience-building and mental toughness that such a challenge fosters. Every athlete who completed the Spartan Challenge pushed their physical and mental limits, learning the value of perseverance.

Well done to all athletes for their effort, determination and resilience.



Congratulations!

SPORTING NEWS

Over the last week two of our students and a staff member have attained representative honours in their chosen sport.

Te Rangi Puke and Tenanoa Tiimi have been selected to attend the U18 TAMA National Youth Tournament in rugby league. Their tournament is from 2nd-4th October in Rotorua.

Health and PE staff member Mrs Areta Kahura was selected in the Waikato Rugby League Women's Development Squad. She attended a training camp in Rotorua over the weekend.

Congratulations to these athletes on their achievements.



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TE WIKI O
TE REO MĀORI
14–21 o Hēpetema 2024



AKE AKE AKE
A FOREVER LANGUAGE
KIA KAHA TE REO MĀORI

TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI LANGUAGE WEEK
This week as a kura we celebrated Te Wiki o Te reo Māori, we encouraged our taura to engage in different activities during the week from daily Pātai, kimi kupu in the Library to the Kōrero Māori tiki challenge.



This week students have embraced the opportunities to use and grow Te Reo within our kura and hopefully hear it used in our hapori.



<p>"Always have a goal, because if you don't, then you've got nothing to strive for." Willie Apiata</p> <p>Kai e kāhore nei I ropu tē kitea. He who does not seek, will not find.</p>	<p>"It's not the mountain we conquer but ourselves." Sir Edmund Hillary</p> <p>Ahahoe ngā uaua kia kaha, kia tohu, kia manawani. When you find things that are difficult in life, stand strong, stand tall and be of great heart.</p>	<p>"You can carve your own path, be your own kind of leader. We do need to create a new generation of leadership." Jacinda Ardern</p> <p>Hāere taka mao, taka muri; kano e whai. Be a leader, not a follower.</p>
<p>Cool and Learn Monday 9th September MONDAYS 3:15 PM HALL</p>		



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ENGLISH FACULTY

Term Three has been busy with Year 10 and senior students preparing for CAA Literacy, Numeracy and Derived Grade Examinations. The Seniors will now focus on revision in preparation for the NCEA examinations in early November.

The Year 9 classes have been doing a range of different activities in class, with revision of punctuation, reading and writing skills being the focus.

Here are some excerpts from Year 9 students' writing after novel and film studies in Mr Manuel's class.

“During this term we've read a novel called Rainbow Warrior. It was a diary of a young girl living in Auckland in 1985 when the French sank the Green Peace ship by blowing it up and one person got killed. The Rainbow Warrior was a boat that would sail to Pacific islands and rescue residents from nuclear testing, which was conducted by the French. We also produced a powerpoint on all the places mentioned in the book and learnt a lot about what Auckland was like in the 1980's.”

“We studied the themes in the film The Power of One which was set in South Africa from 1930 to 1950. The themes are racism, loneliness, boxing and that one person can make a difference. It was good to learn about other cultures in other countries. It was also a bit sad.”

“Our class also focused on visual language features in film and learning to write PEEL paragraphs and how to use our sentences correctly. I have liked learning about the different camera angles and shots and the director's intention with different scenes. Currently, we are studying the film Hugo and linking it to the other films we have watched and things we have read. I enjoy learning about camera techniques as it makes me have a different perspective on things and it is enjoyable.”



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Friday 20th September College Ball
- Wednesday 25th September Business Breakfast
- Friday 27th September House Chant
- Friday 27th September O Factor Finals
- Friday 27th September Last day of Term Three
- Monday 14th October First day of Term Four
- Monday 21st October Accord Teacher Only Day
- Monday 28th October Labour Day
- Wednesday 30th October Senior Prizegiving

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