



# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Three, Week Seven - Monday 2nd September - Friday 6th September 2024



## TASTE OF EXCELLENCE

### Le Cordon Bleu's Tasting Day in Auckland

A small group ventured to Auckland for an immersive experience at Le Cordon Bleu's Tasting Day. Despite the school's main campus being in Wellington, this event showcased the extensive range of culinary courses available, from brief 10-week programmes to comprehensive 3-year degrees.



The day kicked off with a hands-on chocolate mendiants workshop where participants mastered the art of piping tempered chocolate and decorating their creations. The highlight of the afternoon was a captivating demonstration by Head Patisserie Chef Sebastien Lambert. He guided us through the intricate process of making mini tarte au citron meringuée, which we had the pleasure of tasting—absolutely delicious!



The event also included a delightful lunch and a Q&A session with Le Cordon Bleu alumna Briony, who now runs her own bakery, Butterfingers by Briony.

Overall, it was an inspiring day, offering a glimpse into the exciting world of culinary arts and the additional insights that go beyond traditional recipe books.

## TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

Senior Hospitality classes have been busy doing a wide range of assessments from complex sandwiches (Year 13) to Grilling (Year 12) to Hot Finger foods (Year 11).

They are enjoying learning a wide range of new skills.



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## **TOURNAMENT WEEK**

### **College A Netball - Coach Perspective**

Congratulations to Ōtorohanga College A, who once again have punched above their weight at UNISS in Waitakere. Having a live televised game was an absolute highlight for the team on Wednesday morning, where the girls lifted their game to come out on top against Onewhero Area School, consolidating their place in C Grade. From this point onwards, the focus was redirected to getting all the team members on the court, ensuring a balance between winning and player wellbeing.



A huge shout-out to Mrs. Flay for being 'Nanny Flay' to all the girls while running around doing all the mahi behind the scenes. Thank you to whānau and friends who have supported the team this week. It's been a blast!



### **1st XI Girls Football**

Ōtorohanga College is the smallest kura competing in the Maurice Hulme Tournament in Taupō. Out of the 32 teams here, we also appear to have the fewest subs at each game. Nevertheless, our 1st XI Girls have punched well above their weight. The crowning achievement came on Thursday, with a 4-1 defeat of our local rivals Matamata College (who beat us 5-0 just two weeks ago). Our wāhine toa footballers will finish 21st or 22nd in total, which is a remarkable result considering our comparative lack of experience at this level. Ka mau te wehi!



### **1st XI Boys Football**

Ōtorohanga College has again fought hard and punched well above its weight and size on the sports field, with the 1st XI Football Boys putting



in some solid performances this week in New Plymouth. Up against schools 3-5 times as big as us, the boys took wins over Inglewood High School and Central Hawkes Bay in pool play. The boys were able to put in a strong performance against tournament favourites Westlake Boys, after letting in some early goals the boys held them to 0-1 in the second half of the game. Two other games were lost by only one goal, giving this team one of the lowest goal differentials of our football teams history at this tournament. Today we look forward to our last game of the tournament against Spotswood College.

Thank you to our amazing sponsors Bailey Ingham, Otorohanga Football Club and OTC ITM.

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## POSITIVE CHANGES PROGRAMME

The Positive Change Programme has been running for the last 3 weeks at College with some of our Year 9 and Year 10 boys. This programme aimed to change attitudes by providing anger management and conflict resolution in order to reduce violence in our communities.

The course covered the following areas:

- The causes of anger and how it affects us physically and emotionally
- Communication styles
- Drugs and alcohol
- Te Whare Tapa Wha
- Family violence - power and control
- Equality

The boys engaged really well with thoughtful and meaningful input. They were finally presented with achievement certificates for completing the course by Belinda who facilitated the programme. Well done boys!

Joyce Sneddon  
Guidance Counsellor



## KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 11th - Tuesday 17th September NCEA CAA Literacy and Numeracy Exams

Thursday 12th September - 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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