



Term Three, Week Ten - Monday 23rd September - Friday 27th September 2024



**A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS**  
Last Friday the College Hall was a buzz of excitement with the annual Senior Ball. The music was pumping and it was pleasing to see everyone enjoying themselves.



Students under the supervision of the Year 12 and 13 Dean Ms Roughton decorated the Hall in true Oscar style. Mrs Buckley and her Year 11 Hospitality students catered a scrumptious supper.



**Awards after voting were:**  
Male - Kupa Taane  
Female - Sawwarad Samphim  
Best female dance moves - Brooklyn Speight  
Best male dance moves - Mana Tutuila  
Female ball vibes - Grace Putarunui-Todd  
Male ball vibes - George Kopa  
Best duo - Holly Church and Luke Coles



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## HEALTH AND PE FACULTY

Fitness Testing in Physical Education and Junior Modules: A Term of Endurance and Excellence. As the end of the term draws near, students have been pushing themselves to new limits in the highly anticipated Beep Test, completed by all Physical Education classes at the end of each term. This time-honoured test challenges cardiovascular endurance, giving students a chance to reflect on their growth and measure their improvement across the year. It is a true test of grit, as students across all year levels dig deep, testing their stamina and endurance.



This week, the College's Gym and fields echoed with cheers and encouragement as several students turned heads with their impressive performances. Leading the charge in Year 9, Bayley Kerr (11.1) and Morgan Kurth (10.1) set the pace for the girls, while Khyem Reed (13.4) and Lochlan Maguire (14.2) outpaced the boys. Not to be outdone, the Year 10 cohort saw Antonia Huxtable push through to an impressive 10.6 for the girls, with Jared Paterson clocking 12.3 for the boys. Year 11 student Damian Huxtable showed exceptional endurance, finishing at Level 14, an outstanding feat for his age group, with Lylah Andrews hitting 10.2 for the girls.



The spotlight of the week undoubtedly belonged to Year 13 student Henry Murchie, who in his last ever Beep Test dominated with a spectacular Level 16.8, just two lengths shy of the Ōtorohanga College record of 16.10, set by Mitchell Lewis in 2019. Henry's performance was a testament to his athletic prowess and relentless determination, leaving both students and staff in awe of his achievement.



On another front, the Train2Gain Module brought its own challenge this week as the Year 9 and 10 students tackled the Bronco Test, a grueling combination of 20-metre, 40-metre and 60-metre shuttle runs, repeated five times as quickly as possible. For reference, Rugby World Cup-winning All Black Beauden Barrett clocked in at 4 minutes and 12 seconds, a record equalled recently by rising star Cam Roigard.

In our own ranks, Trent Barlow-Giddens led the charge with an impressive 5 minutes and 4 seconds, followed closely by Seth Philip and Kobe Walters-Koroheke, both crossing the line at 5:05. These remarkable times showcase the relentless commitment of our students to honing their fitness and chasing excellence.

All in all, this term's fitness tests highlight the strength and dedication that have come to define our students. From the Beep Test to the Bronco, every participant showed tremendous grit, with standout performances from Damian and Henry setting the bar for future success.

Congratulations to all the students who gave it their all! We cannot wait to see where their fitness journeys take them in the future.

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## BUSINESS BREAKFAST

It was with honour that the College opened its doors early on Wednesday morning to host the business community's breakfast.

The College's Technology Faculty, led by Mrs Gwen Buckley, as well as a team of Hospitality students, provided our guests with Danish pastries, mini quiches and fresh fruit on entry and then a traditional English breakfast as well as pancakes and granola pots.

The connection between the College and the business community is an important one and we look forward to hosting many more breakfasts.



## KINDNESS CHALLENGE

The Events Planner Module was tasked with a challenge to create an event that spread kindness in our College. One team came up with a Kindness Goblet. They decorated goblets and filled them with lollies and kindness messages. They then gifted their goblets to randomly selected Empower classes. The classes were pleased to receive these gifts.

The other team created the kindness chair. They decorated a chair with powerful images that promote positivity. Students were encouraged to sit on the chair, say a kind message and in return, they were given a lolly and a card with a kindness message to pay it forward. It was a fun experience. It was pleasing to see so many getting involved and spreading kindness.



## SQUASH

A Junior Squash event was held on the 20th of September at the Otorohanga Squash Club where all the Juniors from the Waikato region were able to participate. A great time was had playing squash, meeting new people and having lots of fun.

Some students from the College were able to come down and help with handing out food or making sure the courts were running on time.

By Katelyn Clark

## U15 RUGBY NEWS

### Ōtorohanga College U15s Wrap Up Season with Impressive Victory.

The Ōtorohanga College U15 rugby team concluded their season in style with a hard-fought 28-22 win over St. Johns recently. This thrilling victory not only showcased the team's resilience, but also secured a well-deserved 5th place finish out of 18 competing teams.

With six wins from nine games, the U15 squad demonstrated remarkable growth and determination throughout the season. Their success on the field is a testament to the collective effort of both the players and the coaching staff, who have worked tirelessly to hone the team's skills and foster a winning mindset.

A special shoutout goes to coaches Jae and Sandy, whose unwavering commitment has been pivotal in the team's development. Their dedication to the players' progress, both as athletes and young individuals, has been clear in every match and training session.

Additionally, the team owes a deep gratitude to Whaea Peata and the group of supportive parents who have been the backbone of the team's journey. From the sidelines to post-match encouragement, their presence has been vital in uplifting the players.

As the season comes to a close, the future looks bright for these young rugby stars. Their hard work, determination and passion for the game will surely carry them forward into greater successes. Mauri ora!



## FOOTBALL PRIZEGIVING

The end of the football season was celebrated on Thursday with over 100 people attending an evening to honour football players from all three of our teams. It was a special night for coaches, managers, players and families to come together and reflect on a very successful season. Certificates, medals and trophies were received as players were praised for their skills and attitudes on and off the field.

## KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

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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