



Term Two, Week Eight – Monday 17th – Friday 21st June 2024

KA WHAWHAI TONU - STRUGGLE WITHOUT END

Mānawatia a Matariki - ngā mihi o te Tau Hou Māori ki a tātou katoa. Students and staff from Ōtorohanga College, Te Kuiti High School and Te Awamutu College gathered to honour the fallen iwi from Orākau at St. John's Church-Monument. The wind swept through us during the karakia, strengthening and supporting our roopu.

Different generations walked alongside each other, grateful to be descendants of those who survived past atrocities. The roads were closed to allow us to hīkoi together and the importance of participating in this event was evident. As he walked and talked with the director Mike Jonathan, Mr Buckley proudly shared past students' involvement in the petition that led to New Zealand History being included in our School Curriculum.

The special screening of "Ka Whawhai Tonu - Struggle Without End" was a captivating tribute that portrayed a fictional retelling of the battle, emphasising the importance of honouring whakapapa and those who fought and died during the conflict.

Our heartfelt thanks to Matua Piripi Curtis (Producer) for giving us the opportunity to attend this inspiring event and for personally farewelling our group. We encourage everyone to view this film - you will leave the cinema having felt every emotion and be proud to be living and learning in Te Rohe Pōtae.

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua

I walk backwards into the future
with my eyes fixed on my past



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CACTUS LONGEST DAY

This year was the fourth year of running CACTUS at Ōtorohanga College and after 8 weeks of hard work, the 15 strong CACTUS team headed out to Finlay Park Adventure Camp to participate in the Longest Day.

This year was a little bit different to past years and after the initial fitness testing, participants got to learn bush survival skills, including how to make a stretcher out of a tarp or hooded sweatshirt and carry a team member uphill, how to make a shelter for their group to fit in and the art of old school fire making where they cooked damper for morning tea. Then it was time to increase the heart rate once again with running up the steep driveway hill and running through the adventure trail. The day ended with a couple of games of slingshot paintball.

All students participated positively and enjoyed the challenges put to them.

TOUGH GUY/GAL

Fifty of our students were on the road early this morning, eager to take on the 6km Secondary Schools Tough Guy Tough Gal challenge in Ngaruawahia.

This event tests students from all over the country both mentally and physically, while also providing a fun-filled day for our participants to enjoy and earn some credits along the way. The sun was shining and the energy was high as the students set off on their mud run.

The day saw some massive successes among our small College with Mya Needham coming in 1st place, shortly followed by Aviva Mudge coming in at a strong 2nd place for the junior girls race. More was soon to be celebrated when Ōtorohanga College was then announced 1st place as the toughest boys school in the Waikato competition with Henry Murchie (placed 4th), Luke Coles (placed 5th) and Samuel Connolly (placed 8th) coming in with the fastest combined times of the entire day.

There were also a few spot prizes that were handed out. Congratulations to Max Medrano for winning a spot prize for his efforts in today's mud run. All students represented Ōtorohanga College with pride and should all be very proud of their outstanding accomplishments.



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PAPER FOR TREES

Paper4trees is a waste minimisation and tree planting programme for New Zealand schools and preschools. As an incentive to divert as much paper and cardboard from landfill as possible, they reward each school with one native tree/plant for every two cubic metres of paper and cardboard recycled.

This year to date we have been rewarded with 15 kowhai trees that were kindly supplied by Smart Plants. The Let It Grow Module planted the kowhai trees this week.

TECHNOLOGY FACULTY

Senior Hospitality

This winter season, Senior Hospitality students are honing their baking skills with a focus on classical techniques. From handmade pasta and ravioli to fluffy sponges and flaky pastries, they are mastering the art behind each dish. Their confidence is growing as they produce high-quality creations, blending tradition with innovation in the kitchen.



Junior Modules

Kai Passport have completed a Research Project on a country and made a variety of different meals from around the world. In Whānau to Whenua students made churros on Wednesday. These were an absolute hit, with students taking the recipe home to cook for their families. Students in both Modules enjoy eating the fruits of their labour.



Wood Technology

Senior students have designed and created a piece of furniture of their choosing. They had to meet the brief for this assessment. The Woodsy Wonders Junior Module students were able to experience using a range of different wood working tools and machines to produce their final product.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 26th June College Matariki Celebration

Wednesday 26th June WYLD - Waikato Young Leaders Day

Thursday 27th June Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences 10am - 6.00pm

Friday 28th June Matariki Holiday

Monday 1st July Production Full Rehearsal

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th Production Evening Performances

Friday 5th July Term Two Ends

Monday 22nd July Term Three Begins

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