



Term Two, Week Ten – Monday 1st July – Friday 5th July 2024

MATARIKI AT TĀREWANGA MARAE

On Saturday 29th June I attended the Matariki celebrations at Tārewanga Marae. The air was crisp and biting while the fog hung thick and low. The warmth of the fire in the forecourt created a cozy haven against the chill while its flames took the names of loved ones who had passed to the sky and turned them into stars.

A hearty breakfast nourished the soul while the sharing of stories created memories. We then gathered to unveil the Matariki Plinthe which embodies the essence of Matariki and the renewal, reflection and connections that it represents. It was with honour that I read aloud the script on the Ōtorohanga College side of the plinthe, a plinthe that stands proudly to inspire generations to come.

Lyndsay Kurth
Principal



PRINCIPAL'S LUNCH

On Thursday a number of students attended a Principal's lunch. The Junior attendees were recognised for 90%+ attendance, 130+ Recognition Credits and a 4.5+ Report Grade Average while the Senior attendees were recognised for 90%+ attendance, Excellence Credits in two or more Achievement Standards and a 4.8+ Report Grade Average.

Congratulations go to Katie Neilson, Maz Wanden, Sonni Anderson-Sturt, Jasmine Downs-Bryant, Madison Gorrie, Dinuk Jayatilaka, Kennedy Cruickshank, Callum Raine, Marian Vibar, Kiera Mansell, Katie Raine, Kate Murchie, Luke Coles, Rhys Berntsen-Maniapoto, Lindsay Millar, Myah Waugh, Samuel Connolly and Samiah Grey.



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WINTER CULINARY FARE

The Kai Tahi Catering Crew set off for the Wintec Rotokauri campus early on Thursday morning to take stock of the competition at the Annual Waikato Culinary Fare.



The static presentations of cakes, cupcakes, pies and desserts were all of an extremely high standard and gave us much to consider for our entries next year. We were then able to watch the Gourmet Burger cook off where students from schools around the Waikato compete under time pressure to create the best burger. This is something we are definitely keen to participate in next year.

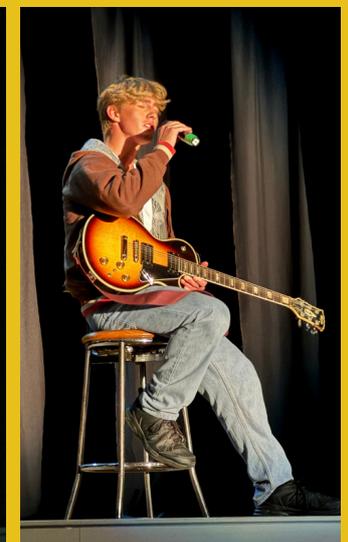


We then headed to a new bakery in town to La Promesse to sample and watch as they crafted their artisan pastries.

PRODUCTION

The cast and crew of the Production "Popstars" have been thrilled to have audiences join them this week for an evening filled with nostalgia, excitement and incredible music. The cast has worked tirelessly to bring this vibrant and dynamic Production to life, while celebrating the unforgettable era of the 90s.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported this Production and congratulate the amazing talented students who gave their all, in shows which were filled with musical talent, sharp choreography and convincing dramatic performances. We hope you have enjoyed the shows as much as we have enjoyed creating it for you.



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ENGLISH FACULTY

Term 3 has been a very busy one for the English Faculty. Our junior students have been focusing on writing and in particular perfecting the use of PEEL paragraphs. Through the use of PEEL, students are learning how to give evidence from a text and then support or justify that evidence with a comprehensive explanation. All our Year 10 cohort have continued to prepare for the CAA Literacy exam in October in particular the writing requirements.

Mrs Allison's Year 10 class have been viewing and responding to the film, 'Freedom Writers'. This class has been working towards writing an essay using the correct essay structure. Writing a response to a visual text essay, which is created through the use of the PEEL paragraph structure has been their focus. Thinking critically about a text enables our students to respond with thoughtful insight about the meaning the author or director is trying to convey.

Mr Manuel has also been teaching the correct paragraph structure through student responses to the film, 'The Book Thief'.

Mrs Flay has been focusing on research with her classes and these students have written articles and emails which align with the CAA Literacy requirements.

Mrs Wallace has introduced the gothic Fairytale, 'Edward Scissorhands' to our students. This class has been concentrating on writing short responses in the PEEL format using various reading comprehension tasks to guide the learning.

The English resource room is now looking complete and ready for Term 3 with several new sets of novels for our novel study units. Term 3 will also see Mrs Louise Sheeran step into Mrs Allison's classes while she is away on medical leave and Mrs Flay take on the duties of Head of Faculty.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 5th July Term Two Ends

Monday 22nd July Term Three Begins

Tuesday 30th July EOTC 1st XV Hauraki College Sports Exchange

Monday 12th August Photolife Team Photos

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th September Secondary School Tournament Week

Thursday 12th September - Wednesday 18th September Derived Grade Examinations

Friday 20th September College Ball

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