



Term Two, Week Four - Monday 20th - Friday 24th May 2024



GATEWAY FENCING COURSE

An enthusiastic group of Year 11 and 12 students spent Monday and Tuesday completing the theoretical and practical components of a Fencing Gateway Course here at the College. Geoff, the trainer from Cantrain, taught them how to install and repair wire fencing, replace wooden posts and everything they needed to know about the tools involved.



Furthermore, students installed and dismantled temporary electric fences and were educated on their correct storing methods.

Our students worked hard and were not deterred by the wet weather. They persevered and will be rewarded with more than 20 Level 2 and Level 3 NCEA credits.

HER MOVE CLUB

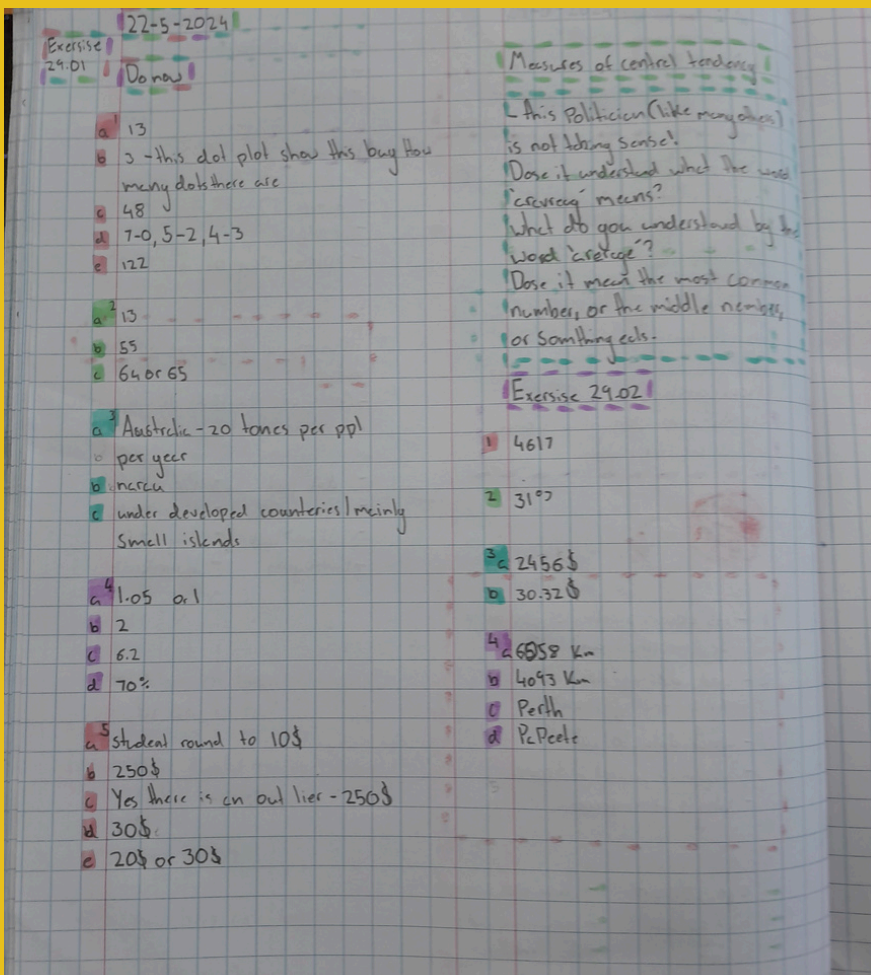
Her Move Activities Club is a programme designed to connect young females with physical activity and movement. The goal of the Club is to see its members feel confident enough to engage with activities outside the programme. The Youthtown team creates a safe space to explore local active experiences after-school, on weekends and during the holidays.

Her Move Activities Club involves a range of engaging physical activities, giving young females the opportunity to stay active in a non-competitive environment. Through a strengths-based lens, they have the ability to make changes to empower themselves, learn important life skills, gain confidence, unlock potential and break down barriers. Young females are encouraged to incorporate their voice and have a direct say in what they would like to give a go.

Our first Her Move Activity on Monday afternoon was Yoga. This was new learning for most of the participants and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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MATHEMATICS FACULTY

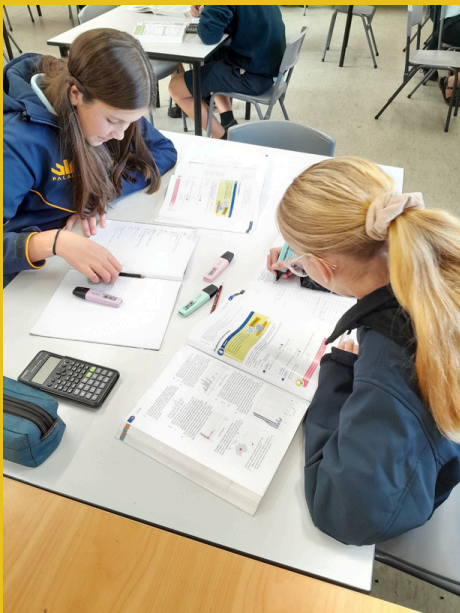
The Mathematics Faculty is eagerly anticipating next Monday when our new Head of Faculty (HOF), Ms. Wards, joins us.

Year 10 and 11 students have been diligently working on Assessment Master to complete their digital assessments in Numeracy. This is a one-hour assessment specifically designed for Year 10 students and those in Year 11 who still need to achieve their 10 Numeracy credits for NCEA Level 1. Some Year 11 students sat this exam on Wednesday, while Year 10 students are scheduled to take it later in the year.

Year 9 students are currently focused on foundational skills to prepare them for future assessments and to ensure they have a strong grasp of essential mathematical concepts.

Senior students are engaged in advanced coursework, preparing for their assessments and aiming to achieve their best possible results in NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are also exploring various mathematical applications in real-world scenarios, further enhancing their problem-solving skills.

With the Olympics around the corner, we wish our athletes all the best as they push their personal limits and seek top placings and hopefully medals. All of this is possible because of Mathematics, of course, whether it's measuring time, distance or weights!



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PINK RIBBON BREAKFAST

Senior Hospitality Students have excelled this week by preparing and presenting their own Pink Ribbon Breakfast fundraiser for the staff at the College raising over \$200 for breast cancer research.

Students designed the menu, worked out quantities for all the ingredients and calculated costs all before the cooking even began. Students then set up the tables and prepared a delicious menu that included eggs benedict with homemade Hollandaise sauce and fresh barista coffee - DELICIOUS!!!

The students should be incredibly proud of their hard work that was all delivered hot, on time and was very tasty!!!



STUDENT CULTURAL CELEBRATION

A family with more than one generation performing in the band at the Te Kuiti and District Highland Pipe Band 75th Celebration Concert is Blair Hawkins a Year 9 student and his grandfather Evan Cowan.

Blair is the youngest piper in the band. He started learning the chanter nearly three years ago. Evan's Auntie May (Cowan) was a piper with the Otorohanga Pipe Band in the 1950's. Twenty years ago, she told Evan if he learnt to play the Bagpipes she would give him her set of pipes. Evan took up the challenge. Blair is following in his grandfather and great great Aunt May's footsteps.

STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Skylah Stafford has been selected in the Waikato Māori Under 15s Kootiro Rugby League Team 2024.

Newton Puke-Uerata and Te Rangi Uerata-Osborne-Puke have been selected in the Waikato Māori U17s Tama Rugby League Team 2024.

Congratulations Skylah, Newton and Te Rangi.



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COPS - COMBINED OTOROHANGA PRIMARY SCHOOLS

On Wednesday, 29 students, primarily juniors, stepped up as referees and umpires for the annual sports day for the Primary Schools. In perfect weather conditions, students umpired netball at the local courts, refereed football at South School and officiated rippa rugby at the Island Reserve.

Feedback from the participating schools was overwhelmingly positive. Our students not only had a fantastic day, but also gained invaluable experience in umpiring and refereeing the younger athletes.



JAPANESE VISIT

This afternoon we proudly hosted our Japanese Sister School, Kyoai Gakuen High School. This particular school has been visiting our College for 30 plus years and they were once again not short of positive praise for our wonderful school community.

The afternoon's agenda began with a vocally strong pōwhiri performed by some of our juniors.

The visiting group of 69, 55 girls, 10 boys and 4 staff members joined us for lunch. During this time they had the opportunity to mix and mingle with our students. At the end of lunchtime everyone re-assembled in the Hall for a sharing of talent. The afternoon began with two of our students singing, our visitors performing a dance and a song and ending with a haka performed by our students.

The afternoon was an impressive display of mana (pride), manaakitanga (hospitality) kaitiakitanga (caring) and whanaungatanga (friendliness). How rewarding it was to see the demonstration of exactly what our name resembles Ōtorohanga, 'The Welcoming'.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 31st May Accord Teacher Only Day

Monday 3rd June King's Birthday

Wednesday 5th June WAIBOP Cross Country

Tuesday 11st June Inglewood Exchange (Away)

Friday 21st June Tough Guy Gal Challenge

Wednesday 26th June Business Breakfast

Wednesday 26th June College Matariki Celebration

Wednesday 26th June WYLD - Waikato Young Leaders Day

Thursday 27th June Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences

Friday 28th June Matariki Holiday

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