



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Nine - Monday 24th - Thursday 27th June 2024



HOSTEL CLOSING CEREMONY

On Saturday we gathered to mark the closing of a chapter that has spanned nearly fifty years. A chapter rich with stories of growth, learning and community. We stood to honour the legacy of Kainga Rua - Falloon House, the boarding Hostel at Ōtorohanga College, which has been a home away from home for so many.

For almost half a century, Kāinga Rua has been more than just a place to stay; it has been a sanctuary for coastal whānau seeking educational opportunities. It has been a place where students from diverse backgrounds came together, forming bonds that transcended the walls of this Hostel and the boundaries of the classroom. Here, young minds were nurtured, dreams were ignited and lifelong friendships were forged.

As we reflect on the history of this remarkable institution, we remember the countless lives it has touched. We think of the students who arrived here, full of potential and ambition and who left as confident, capable individuals ready to make their mark on the world. We celebrate all the dedicated staff who have worked here tirelessly, creating an environment where every student felt valued, supported and inspired.

Let us take this moment now to look forward, with hope and optimism. The spirit of Kāinga Rua will live on in the hearts and minds of all who were touched by it. The values of community, support and opportunity that were nurtured here, will continue to inspire and guide us.

Kim Ingham
Presiding Member

Past Hostel Managers John and Maria Paitai shared stories of the antics students used to get up to during their time in the Hostel. Roy and Caroline Willison the last Hostel Managers had similar stories.

Kia kaha, kia māia, kia manawanui.



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SCIENCE

Dissections at Otorohanga South School.

On Tuesday 25th June 8 senior students travelled to Otorohanga South School to dissect sheep hearts, lungs, tongues, kidneys and livers with the Year 5 & 6 students as part of their Body unit.

WAIKATO YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Wednesday, nine future leaders of Ōtorohanga College attended the Waikato Young Leaders Day at Waikato University. Students spent the morning listening to guest speakers who shared their leadership journeys. They were lucky to listen to Maioro Barton who is a para-athlete and has represented New Zealand in athletics and wheelchair basketball. He spoke about the challenges of having a disability and not letting it slow him down.

Jess Crowe shared her story about being one of a few females in the Armed Offenders Squad and the barriers she overcame to be highly regarded in her field. Both emphasised the importance of resilience, commitment and perseverance when it comes to pursuing your passion. Students also listened to various head students from around the Waikato including our very own Cullen Fagan who spoke eloquently about his leadership journey so far.

In the afternoon Ōtorohanga College worked alongside Hamilton Boys High School and Taupo-nui-a-Tia College on strategies to implement leadership into our kura in their own ways, focusing on their strengths.

A goal the boys in the group came up with was a fundraiser to get more basketball equipment for the school grounds to accommodate our College's love of basketball.



PUHORO

Pūhoro is a programme with a mission to grow a leading Māori STEM community guided by their unique Māori worldview. Ōtorohanga College is privileged to be a part of this kaupapa. Each term a Wānanga is held at The University of Waikato that builds upon the weekly in College sessions. On Tuesday our rangitahi got to experience making catapults, learning waiata, exploring the many careers associated with heart health, planning for the future, engineering and business development. They were able to experience being in an academic setting and learning from Māori who have had success in a variety of STEM fields.

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MATARIKI

During the week a group of junior students gave a masterclass on the art of boil-up. They generously harvested the watercress and supplied the bacon bones and together learned the traditions. It was a special time of sharing knowledge and skills.

Yesterday our College celebrated Matariki with a speech competition in the morning where all participants shared what Matariki means to them. The judges were impressed with the calibre of entrants and one memorable message they shared is “Matariki is not just a time it is a feeling”.

Junior Oratory Winner: Maz Wanden

Senior Oratory Winner: George Kopa

Houses have been preparing to present a haka and waiata to a packed crowd of Hopscotch students, College students, parents, kuia and kaumatua for weeks.

Our students were treated to an impromptu performance from the Māori Women’s Welfare League. We were very grateful to have their support onsite.

We are also very thankful to all of the students, staff and judges for making this day an enjoyable one.

Videos of the presentations and the final prizegiving where stand out performers and winners were announced are available for viewing on our College Facebook page.

Performance Winners

- 1st - Hotson
- 2nd equal - Brown and Kedgley
- 3rd - Eveleigh

We hope you all have an enjoyable long weekend with your friends and whānau.

Mānawatia a Matariki



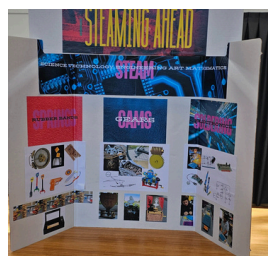
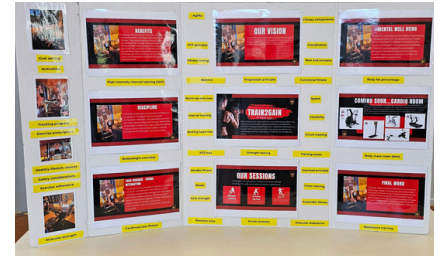
2024 Champions

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PARENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER CONFERENCES

Today the Hall showcased our amazing Junior Modules and everything we offer to students to support their Hauora. Parents and students could vote for their favourite Module and go into the draw for a winter wellbeing pack.

Whānau could also complete a wellbeing survey to go into the draw to win a family pass for black water rafting at Waitomo Caves. All winners will be posted on our College Facebook page.



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STUDENT SPORT ACHIEVEMENT

Jared Paterson is continuing with his commitment and success in his chosen sport. Last weekend he competed and took the win in the Ōtorohanga Fight Night in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Jared graded on Monday night and moved to a grey black belt. Congratulations Jared.

ARTS FACULTY

Many students from within the Arts Faculty senior classes have been spending hours rehearsing for this year's Production of "Popstars".

The Production involves dance, music and drama, and lead students will complete NCEA assessments to gain credits as part of these performances. Students have also been involved in painting the two backdrops and working in lighting and backstage.

Support for musical performances has been given by our vocal tutor, Beth Dalton and guitar tutor Nathan Aish as well as Melissa O'Brien from the Otorohanga Dance Company who is working with students on the choreography for the many dances.

As this round of Junior Modules comes to an end students in Art and Photography have been completing their projects, which have included paintings on canvas, framing edited photographs as well as other mediums.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 28th June Matariki Holiday

Monday 1st July Production Full Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th Production Evening Performances

Friday 5th July Term Two Ends

Monday 22nd July Term Three Begins

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