



Term Two, Week One - Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May 2024

ANZAC DAY

Up and down the country, at memorials big and small, New Zealanders gathered to remember the loved ones who served their country in times of war. Student Leaders remembered the soldiers along with other members of the community. Head Students Cullen Fagan and Luke Coles both spoke at the Service.

CULLEN FAGAN

Morena. I am Cullen Fagan, one of the Head Students at Ōtorohanga College for 2024.

We are gathered here today to honour the memory of the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our nation on this ANZAC day. It is a day that holds deep significance for all of us, reminding us of the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy today.

On this day we pause to reflect on the courage, resilience and selflessness displayed by our ANZACs in the face of unimaginable challenges. The sacrifices have left a permanent mark on our history and continue to shape our collective identity. As we pay tribute to the memory, let us also reaffirm the commitment to uphold the values they fought for: freedom, democracy and justice. Let us strive to be worthy protectors of the legacy they have entrusted to us.

On this ANZAC day let us remember the past, honour the present and commit to building a bright future guided by the spirit of solidarity that defines us as ANZACs. Lest we forget.



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LUKE COLES

Morena. I am Luke Coles, the other Head Student at Ōtorohanga College for 2024.

ANZAC Day has been one of the most important dates on New Zealand's calendar since 1916.

At first, it gave people a chance to honour the original ANZACs – the Australians and New Zealanders who fought on Gallipoli. Then it became a day for those who had served in the First World War. With New Zealand's Armed Forces deploying during the Second World War, and wars, conflicts and the many peacekeeping operations that have followed, ANZAC Day has become an occasion to honour all who have worn our country's uniform in service.

Today, we reflect on that service. We recognise all the New Zealand service men and women who have lost their lives in military operations carried out in our country's name. We honour those who returned, changed by what they have experienced and we honour those who are serving today in our Army, Navy and Air Force and we thank them for their service.

Today we remember the fallen and we acknowledge those who serve still. We honour the values of the original ANZACs – loyalty, selflessness, courage – and the ways in which later generations have measured their own achievements against those of the soldiers who fought on Gallipoli.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.



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STUDENT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

On Sunday 14 April Year 9 student Kanohi-Marama Martin competed in the first international Taekwon-Do Star Series Tournament for 2024 at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Tauranga. Kanohi-Marama returned with a silver medal in Pre-Junior/Junior 2nd-1st Gup patterns. Kanohi-Marama has been training for 7 years and is a red belt representing Te Awamutu Taekwon-Do. The Star Series is an awesome opportunity to test her skill and meet fellow competitors from throughout Aotearoa.



ENGLISH FACULTY

The English Faculty has begun Term Two with a strong focus on literacy and writing in our junior school. Students are learning how to respond to both written and visual texts (film study) in essay form as well as how to structure both formal and informal letters, emails and articles. In addition to this the juniors will be studying a novel and practising some creative writing. A major part of our programme this term is preparing for the CAA Literacy Exam in October. Our Year 10 students will be busy with preparation in all areas of reading and writing.

In the Senior classes, the Year 11 cohort have been working very hard on the new NCEA Achievement standards. They have been challenged to delve deeply into texts and understand how the context of texts shape the language that the author has used. Our Year 11 students have been focused, on task and dedicated to their work therefore, to their credit they have been achieving pleasing results. The Year 12 cohort are continuing to work on both NCEA UE Achievement Standards and also Unit Standards, they are also working hard and gaining good results as a consequence. Research and visual text study are forming the basis of their work this term.

The English Faculty will be hosting the slam poet Te Kahu Rolleston on May 8th as well as sending a group of students to the Auckland Writers Festival on May 15th. Ms Jacqui Wallace and Mr Romano Manuel are also running a creative writing group for keen writers. This group will be held on a regular basis and will focus on students creating their own original pieces of work. We appreciate their hard work and dedication in giving our students this opportunity.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

- Wednesday 8th May Kahu Rolleston Spoken Word
- Monday 13th May Year 9 Careers Speed Dating
- Tuesday 14th May College Cross Country
- Wednesday 15th May PPTA Union Meeting
- Wednesday 15th May Auckland Writers Festival
- Friday 17th May Pink Shirt Day
- Monday 20th May Photolife Class Photos
- Tuesday 21st May King Country Cross Country
- Friday 24th May Kyoai Gakuen High School Visit

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