

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Seven - Monday 10th - Friday 14th June 2024

SENIOR LEADERSHIP DAY

On Monday our current Year 13 Leaders and Year 12 students who are our aspiring leaders gathered in the hall for a day of leadership training.

The purpose of the day was to learn about the importance of clear and appropriate communication, how to inspire all members of a group to participate, how to set goals and to grow in confidence.

The serious topics were taught by carrying out a variety of fun and interactive activities. The participation level was high and the laughs were many.

It was wonderful to see this fabulous group of rangitahi knitting themselves into a tightly bonded group of student leaders for the College.



TACKLE REFEREES

Thank you to our 10 students for taking up the challenge to referee the KCRU Tackle 5's tournament on Wednesday. With 34 Primary School teams and 90 games scheduled it was a massive day ahead.

It takes courage to pick up a whistle and officiate games. We are extremely proud of our students who are still learning the game and were brave enough to support in the wider community.

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INGLEWOOD EXCHANGE

Ōtorohanga College Battles Inglewood in Annual Sports Exchange.

On Tuesday, seven teams from Ōtorohanga College made their way down State Highway 3 to face off against Inglewood High School in their eagerly anticipated annual sports exchange. With the trophy in their possession, Ōtorohanga College was determined to bring it back. The day was filled with exciting and competitive matches.

Results:

Volleyball: Ōtorohanga College lost 3-0

Girls Football: Ōtorohanga College won 3-2

Boys Football: A thrilling match ended in a 3-3 tie

Junior Netball: Ōtorohanga College lost 40-16

College A Netball: Ōtorohanga College narrowly lost 24-23

Chess: Ōtorohanga College lost 3-1

1st XV Rugby: Ōtorohanga College triumphed with a 63-7 victory

Despite the spirited efforts and some impressive wins, Ōtorohanga College ultimately fell short, with Inglewood claiming the exchange 4.5 to 2.5.

Sadly, we just glimpsed a view above the clouds of a corner of the mountain.

For those wanting to relive the action, team photos, videos and more are available on the College Sports Facebook page.



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SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY

Our Junior Social Studies students have been actively learning about sustainability and kaitiakitanga. They have been conducting research into the various opportunities to be a good guardian of our environment. The Year 10 cohort has been inquiring about human rights focusing on the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

The Events Planner Module has had a focus on service to the community. Some of our students volunteered to help at the recent rail celebrations for the 100th birthday here in town. Our very own St John Cadets had a dual role, helping both the Events Planning volunteers and St Johns.

Next week, two of our teams from Events Planner will conduct their group activities at lunchtime on Wednesday. One team is running a blindfold challenge and the other is running a bowl of different challenges for students.

The Tiki Tour Module has been learning about Asia. They will hear about Ms McCann's life experience working in Korea. Next week this Module will be making kimpab as a delicious treat.

The Commerce and Accounting classes were lucky enough to visit the Origin Cafe to learn about coffee making. The team at Origin Cafe provided a rich learning environment. This experience helped students further increase their knowledge of pricing and marketing.

The Business classes are very close to launching their products for sale. We will keep you all updated.

Today our History students are offsite for a symposium about intergenerational learning. Our students will deep dive into history under the guidance of expert Historians from the US. We met Minnijean Brown-Trickey, who was one of the very first African Americans to integrate a white high school in the American South in the 1950s. She faced significant racist abuse, but persevered and became a symbol of the Civil Rights Movement. Now in her 80s, her kōrero with our taura was about the past and present of racism in the US and the wider world. This aligns with the students' current NCEA assessment.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Friday 21st June Tough Guy Gal Challenge

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

Tuesday 3rd - Friday 5th Production Evening Performances

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