



# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Five - Tuesday 4th - Friday 7th June 2024

## SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Jahrei Whata, Te Atatu Tapara and James Watson represented Maniapoto in the U/17s Development team and Takarei Bidois and Webcke Koroheke-Clune in the Maniapoto U/17s Ihi team at the National NZ Māori Rugby League Tournament in Rotorua last weekend. For the Development boys it was a good introduction to rugby league as it was many of these players first time playing the game. They had one win out of 4. The Maniapoto Ihi was the team with more experienced players and they won 2 games out of 4.



Te Rangi and Newton played for Waikato Māori League U17s at the Aotearoa New Zealand Maori Rugby League - Rangatahi Tama Tournament 2024 in Rotorua. The boys travelled for training after College to Ngaruawahia and back home to Kawhia during the week.



The team placed 6th in the U17 grade. Both boys' hopes are to move to Australia to play in the NRL, to play against each other for Queensland Maroons (Te Rangi) and NSW Blues (Newton).



### BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Over the King's Birthday weekend, Wiremu Blackman, Raniera Wharepouri and Lana Roach travelled with their teams to Tauranga, in an effort to qualify for the NZ Nationals. Wiremu's team put in a strong effort and finished 5th overall in their division, a testament to their hard work. Raniera had an impressive showing, averaging 10 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists in each game, helping his team clinch 3rd place in the premier division in a tough and competitive field.



Lana Roach played for the Under 16s Waikato Women's team and she helped her team to an outstanding 1st place finish in their competition. Her dedication and skill were clear to see. Both Raniera and Lana's teams did so well that they qualified for the NZ Nationals, set to take place in Auckland from the 16th to the 20th of July.



Congratulations Jahrei, Te Atatu, James, TeRangi, Newton, Wiremu, Raniera and Lana. Your achievements are an inspiration to your fellow students and the local community.

## WAIBOP CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday morning 7 athletes attended the WAIBOP Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships at the Kihikihi Domain. Congratulations to Mya Needham who placed in the top 12, qualifying for the NZ Secondary Schools Cross Country to be held in Christchurch.



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## SCIENCE FACULTY

### STEAMing Ahead

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Students have been learning about many of the mechanisms behind the operation of many of the machines equipment and even toys that we encounter in our daily lives. They have had the chance to experiment with small models and experience for themselves their workings. A key part of the learning is understanding that these machines are deliberately designed and carefully calculated.



Students have just finished making an automaton toy, a toy where an object rotates as a handle is turned. In order to do this, they had to learn how to design the individual parts using a computer programme that was new to them and these were then cut out by laser cutter. Some students also chose to utilise the 3D printer to create their moving object. Their final task was to take a creative photograph of their completed toy.



In the Let It Grow Module students have been learning , making and using rongoā, a traditional Māori healing system. It involves the use of native plant-based remedies (rongoā rākau), massage (mirimiri) and spiritual healing through prayer (karakia).

Students have created kawakawa balm, honey lip balm, manukau oil and used Harakeke (flax). Below is the recipe used by the students.



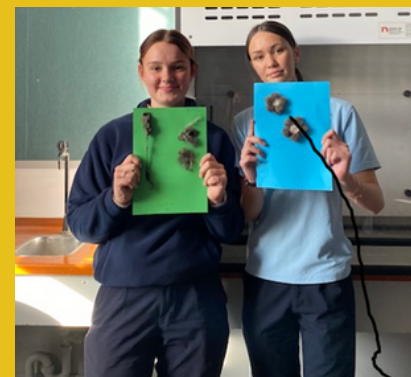
#### Method

1. Add 1 tablespoon of kawakawa oil
2. Add 1 tablespoon of beeswax
3. Add 1 tablespoon of shae butter
4. Melt over double boiler



Kawakawa balm treats chapped lips, soothes acne and relieves a range of skin irritations.

Most recently in the AgVenture Module students have taken a dirty fleece (kindly supplied by Blair Edwards) and scoured (washed), dried and carded the wool. Some students then spun the wool using a drop spindle and finger knitted the yarn. Other students felted the carded wool into felt flowers.



## KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 11st June Inglewood Exchange (Away)

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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