



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Four, Week Three – Monday 20th October – Friday 24th October 2025

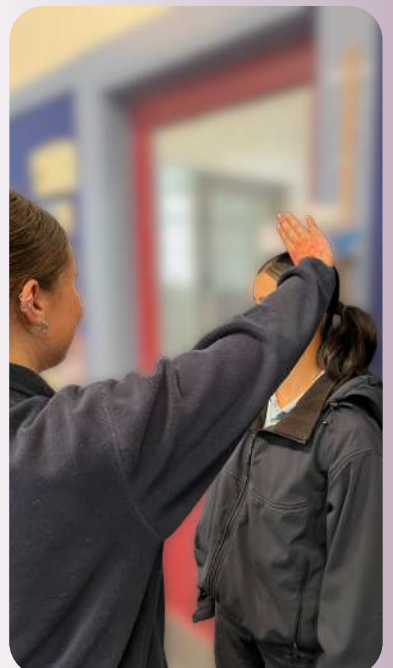
MATHEMATICS FACULTY

We started this week with the much-awaited release of our Numeracy CAA results, there were some wonderful results and many relieved students as they saw their hard work pay off.

This term the Year 9s are completing Statistical Investigations, they have been looking at interpreting and drawing different graphs, calculating a range of statistics and looking at the PPDAC cycle as they piece it all together. 9 Ngahere have been analysing their heart rates, data that they have collected in Science. They will focus on Geometry for the rest of the term.

SOH CAH TOA is the phrase of the month for our Year 10 students as they work on Trigonometry and its practical application before finishing the year off with Statistical and Probability experiments.

Some of our Year 11s have been working on financial literacy, looking at putting together budgets. Many of our senior classes are busy finishing off their last assessments and studying hard for the upcoming exams - we wish them all the best.



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YEAR 13 SPIRIT WEEK

Our second annual Year 13 Spirit week kicked off on Monday with Pyjama and "anything but a bag" day. Milk crates, tyres, younger siblings, vacuum cleaners and baby carriers were amongst the items pressed into service to carry equipment for the day.

Tuesday saw everyone launch themselves 60 years into the future and dress up as Senior Citizens. The dedication to the authenticity of the outfits was something to be admired.

Wednesday saw the greatest amount of creativity and individuality as staff and Year 13 students dressed as the first letter of their first name. There were a variety of occupations, celebrities and animals on display.

Given that Friday was gumboot day for the whole College, the Year 13 students and the staff took the theme a step further by dressing up as cowboys. Hats, flannel and gold buckles were proudly on display.



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HOUSE COMPETITION 2025

OVERALL CHAMPIONS : Kedgley House

House Chant Winners: Brown House

Attendance Term 4 Winners: Hotson House

Student Recognitions Top House: Hotson House

**Attendance Term 4 Winners :
Kedgley House and Eveleigh House 1st =**

Tik Tok Winners: Eveleigh House

**Newspaper Hunt Winners:
Hotson House and Brown House 1st =**

Chess Tournament Winners: Kedgley House

Matariki Champions: Kedgley House

Ō Factor Talent Quest: Kedgley House

Pink Shirt Day: Eveleigh House

Cross Country: Kedgley House

Athletics Day: Hotson

Swimming Sports: Brown House

PI Day: Eveleigh House

ANZAC Day: Brown House

Today, we farewelled our Year 13 students as a whole school. Jess Buckley spoke on behalf of the student body, and we had our annual House Chant, named our new Junior House Leaders for 2025 and announced our overall House winners. A big thank you to our guest judges: the amazing Principal Deidre Edwards; Hana, visiting from Japan and no stranger to our College stage, ex-Head Girl, Olivia Kurth.



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PŪHORO GRADUATION

On Friday 17 October Nicole Hemara and Grace Putaranui -Todd attended the Pūhoro Graduation. Pūhoro is a charitable organisation that supports students who whakapapa Māori with STEM subjects while in secondary education with the aim of guiding them into STEM tertiary study and then onto the STEM workforce. Nicole and Grace have been attending sessions in College each week and Wānanga in Hamilton each term for three years. It was a lovely evening with whānau, friends and good food celebrating the dedication and hard work of the future of STEM in Aotearoa.



RA THE SUPERSTAR

Year 10 student Raniera (Ra) Wharepouri has been invited to take part in the Polynesian Basketball USA Tour, set for July 2026. The tour will take young athletes from across Aotearoa to Las Vegas and California, where they will train, compete and experience the American basketball system firsthand.

Ra has been playing basketball at a representative level for the past five years, competing at both regional and national tournaments. Over that time, he has shown strong commitment to improving his game and supporting his teammates. Known for his work ethic and calm leadership on court, Ra continues to grow as both a player and a role model for younger athletes in our community.

The upcoming USA tour includes competitive tournaments and training sessions in Las Vegas and California, where players will gain international experience and exposure. They will train with experienced coaches at leading facilities in Las Vegas and Open Gym Premier Anaheim and visit major universities including UCLA and UNLV.

Before the tour, Ra and other players will attend local training camps in New Zealand to prepare for the intensity of American basketball. He is also set to compete this weekend at the SAS Slam competition, joining other talented Ōtorohanga College students who continue to put the College on the basketball map.

"Ra has been putting in years of steady work to reach this level. This tour is about more than basketball – it is about representing Ōtorohanga, his culture and showing what dedication can achieve."

The team departs Auckland on 14 July 2026 and returns 30 July 2026. The experience will expose players to new challenges and create pathways into higher levels of the sport.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Labour Day - Monday 27th October

Pasifika Performance Evening - Wednesday 29th October

Senior Prizegiving at 6pm - Thursday 30th October

Strategic Plan Community Consultation - Thursday 6th November

The Fade Up Premiere - Wednesday 19th November

Business Breakfast - Friday 28th November

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