

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester One, Week Eight - Monday 20th March - Friday 24th March 2023

### WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY ATHLETICS

On Tuesday the 21st of March, 10 students from Ōtorohanga College competed at the Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics which was held at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton. This was a great day, as athletes got to compete against other schools. Of the 10 athletes who competed, Malahkai Stacey-Campbell qualified for the North Island Secondary School Championships for shot put.



### PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

It was pleasing to see a large number of parents, caregivers and whānau attend the Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences on Wednesday afternoon/evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to connect, communicate and collaborate. Our Student Leaders looked sharp in their Number Ones as they guided parents, caregivers and whānau to the appropriate rooms.



### CALTEX SPORTS SPONSORSHIP

Together, Caltex and the New Zealand Sport Collective, aim to increase participation in the wide range of sports available to secondary school students. They know that the added cost of travelling to sport events can be a challenge. So, Caltex Otorohanga has teamed up with Ōtorohanga College and donated \$500 worth of Caltex Starcash cards to help us fuel our sporting pursuits. Thank you to Ryan Prescott and Anthea Tata for presenting the College with our Caltex Starcash cards.



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## YEAR 7 AND 8 TRANSITION VISITS

The Principal and Head Students, Laura Hunt and Sam Veart, began visiting Year 7 and Year 8 students at the College's contributing primary schools this week. Much information was shared about the College as well as questions asked and answered. The students were also given a booklet of the College's Weekly Highlights as well as a College Brochure to take home to whānau. The transition process from primary to secondary is a journey and to ease any angst, in Term Two there is a Year 7 and Year 8 Experience Day at the College, in Term Three the Deputy Principals and Year 9 Dean will visit each school again to distribute enrolment packs and in Term Four there is a second Experience Day for the Year 8 students attending the College in 2024.



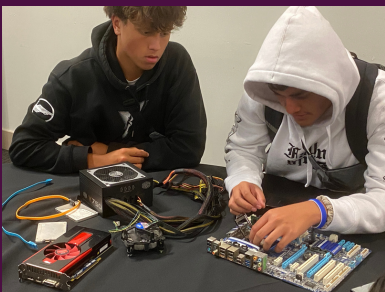
## SCIENCE FACULTY

The senior students in the Science Department have been busy this Term with a range of topics for their NCEA Assessments. Level 1 includes a range of research topics on salmonella and measles virus, written and practical experiments. Level 2 Chemistry students are mixing chemicals to record the reactions, Level 2 Physics students are doing acceleration and speed of an object and Level 3 students have done a titration experiment on water from the Waipa river. Level 3 Biology students are off to the Kaniwhaniwha stream to collect data for their practical investigation. Junior Science classes and Modules have done a range of activities including - making crystals, discovering acids and bases, growing kowhai seeds, separating blood from plasma and making butter, yoghurt and cheese.

## Pūhoro Wānanga

On Thursday 23 March our Pūhoro group travelled to Hamilton for the first Wānanga of the year. Pūhoro improves rangatahi engagement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Pūhoro helps rangatahi see the connection between mātauranga Māori in STEM, improves their academic achievement in STEM and through strategic partnerships provides pathways into high value careers.

Separate programmes were offered for Year 11, 12 and 13 students for the day. The students met and learned from Māori who are excelling in medicine, forensics, climate change, artificial intelligence, engineering, computer building, E-sports and the New Zealand Defence Force. Each of these sessions enabled the students to engage in hands-on activities. They also engaged in discussion sessions that were designed to empower and encourage these future Māori leaders and innovators. The outstanding conduct of our taura, the fabulous weather, wonderful kai and free gift all contributed to what was a fantastic day.



## KING COUNTRY SWIMMING

Seven swimmers headed off to the Trust Waikato Indoor Swimming pool in Taumarunui to represent the College at the King Country Swimming Meet. Sian Hobbs and Peata Kakau travelled as officials at this event. The swimmers' aims are to gain personal best times in their events as well as placings.



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