

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester One, Week Eighteen - Monday 12th June- Friday 16th June 2023

### MĀORI DEPARTMENT

#### Senior Te Reo Māori

In Māori, senior students across different year levels have been busy learning and preparing speeches on various topics. Year 11 students are focusing on talking about their childhood, sharing personal experiences and memories that have shaped their lives. Meanwhile, Year 12 students are discussing an important decision, reflecting on the thought process and outcomes of their choices. Year 13 students are working on persuasive speeches, expressing their point of view on language revitalisation.

All students are working hard, practising their speeches and giving feedback to one another in preparation for assessment. The Department is proud of the dedication and effort of the students, who are not only improving their language skills, but also developing their critical thinking and communication abilities in Te Reo.

#### Junior Te Ao Māori

In the Junior Te Ao Māori programme students have been busy preparing for the upcoming Matariki House competition. The competition requires each House to create a display that informs others about the significance of Matariki.

Students have been working hard to research and gather information about Matariki, and are using their creativity to design eye-catching displays. The competition is set to take place in Week 10 and the winning House will be chosen based on their display's creativity, accuracy and relevance to the theme.



**Empowering learners to succeed**



## Kapa Haka

Students at our kura have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming Tainui Waka Regional Kapa Haka Competition, which is set to take place on the 14th of July at the Claudelands Event Centre. At the weekend, the College's kapa haka team attended a wananga at Te Tokanganui-a-noho, where they were able to learn and sharpen up material for the competition.

The College has joined forces with Te Kuiti High School, Piopio College and Te Wharekura o Maniapoto to form a united team that will represent our Kura, our Rohe and our Iwi. The students are excited to showcase their skills and talents, and to compete against other talented kapa haka groups from across the Tainui region.

The competition promises to be a showcase of Māori culture and tradition and the students are looking forward to the opportunity to share their love of kapa haka with a wider audience.



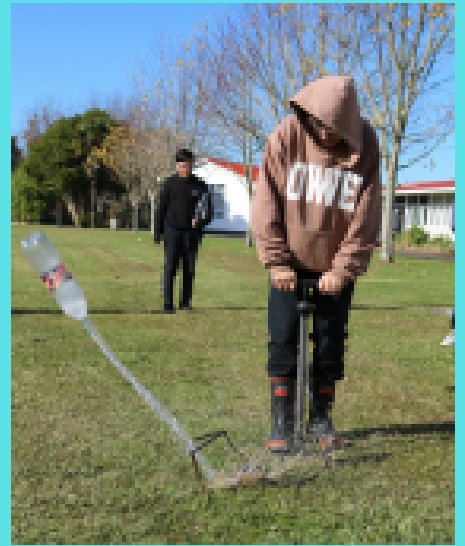
## YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 EXPERIENCE DAY

It was with great pleasure that the College opened its doors on Thursday to welcome Year 7 and Year 8 students to our Experience Day. This inaugural event enabled the Year 7s and Year 8s to make sushi, design cartoon creations, make rockets, play multisport and participate in team building activities all while making new friends, meeting staff and getting to know the layout of the College.



We are looking forward to a Whakawhanaungatanga Day later in the year for the Year 8 students who will be attending the College in 2024.

**Empowering learners to succeed**



YEAR 7 & 8  
EXPERIENCE  
DAY  
2023

