

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester One, Week Nine - Monday 27th March - Friday 31st March 2023

### YEAR 13 BIOLOGY

On Tuesday this week, Year 13 Biology students put on their wellies and other wet gear and headed off to the Kaniwhaniwha Stream in the northern environs of Mount Pirongia. Ms Rymer and Ms McCann were along as support crew doing the driving and offering guidance. The weather was perfect; a cool day with cloud cover, so no rain or beating sun to contend with. The biologists' mission was to gather data for their current NCEA Standard and use it to report on the number and distribution of a chosen species of small, stream dwelling creature without a spine. These creatures have favourite spots to live, for instance where there's fast flowing water and/or the water is very clear. The pictures show students using equipment to collect and look at the creatures, and equipment to measure water speed and water clarity. No-one was afraid of getting wet, no matter what it took to get that data! Students had a great day out and got a glimpse of what being an ecologist out in the field might be like, which helps to make connections between classroom theory and real world biology.



### WINTEC TASTER COURSE

On Wednesday

### KING COUNTRY SEVENS

Today the Boys U16 and Girls U15 headed to Te Kuiti Rugby Park to compete in the annual KC Sevens tournament against other Schools in the King Country. They have put in some hard yards at training over the last 3 weeks.

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## MĀORI FACULTY

The Māori Department has been a hub of activity this term, with senior students exploring different kaupapa in preparation for their kōrero assessments.

Level 1 have learnt language specific to giving instructions and directions, as they navigate classmates around their created town.

Level 2 have been reviewing events attended, giving suggestions, opinions and ideas of improvements to engage rangatahi.

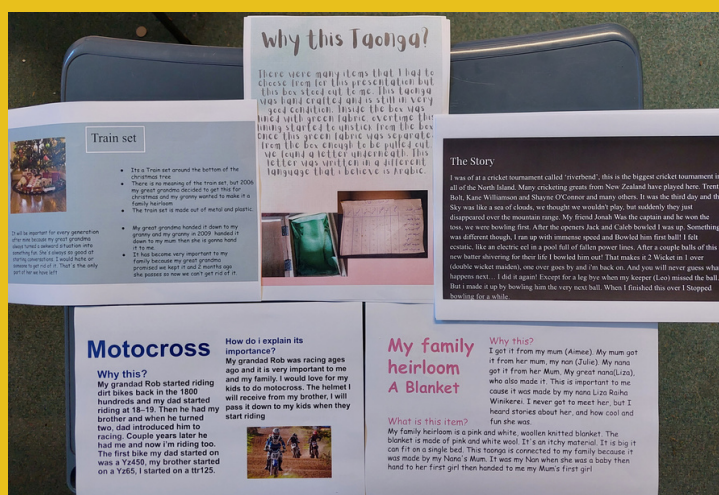
Level 3 have been exploring current social issues and how these impact rangatahi today and in the future.

## Te Ao Māori

In Te ao Māori this term junior students have learnt about whakapapa and the many ways it can be held and transferred within whānau.

Year 9s learnt about our whakapapa connections and pūrākau about the whenua our kura stands on. Then they explored their whānau whakapapa and created books depicting who they are, where they belong in their whānau. They had the pleasure of learning what their whānau likes and dislikes are.

Year 10s have spent time working with whānau on an heirloom and have created books to document the whakapapa of these heirlooms and the importance of these precious taonga to their whānau.



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