

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester One, Week Six – Monday 6th March – Friday 10th March 2023

RYDA: ROAD AND SAFETY EDUCATION WORKSHOP.

On Monday, 52 of our Year 12 and 13 taura travelled to Te Kūiti for a one-day workshop in road safety. Through interactive workshops and real life experiments, Road Safety Education (RSE) challenged our students to view driving as a social responsibility. The Ōtorohanga College group spent the day identifying risk factors and developing strategies to adapt their driving behaviour accordingly. This included learning about vehicle safety ratings, the impacts of speeding, distractions behind the wheel, peer pressure and vulnerable road users. Most memorably for many of our students, they were given the chance to interview a crash survivor in order to investigate the factors leading to the crash.



YEAR 10 GIRLS SELF DEFENCE

This week the Year 10 girls were lucky enough to be invited to attend a Girls' Self Defence Project course run by Kia Haumarū – Personal Safety Education. The kaiako, our amazing former Te Reo Māori teacher, Mel Goodin, supported the girls in learning ways of dealing with unsafe people, situations, and threats to their safety. The Girls' looked at how to give clear boundaries and messages to those both known and unknown to us when feeling unsafe, the importance of trusting our feelings, and listening to our instincts. The girls' identified the difference between healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships and the importance of telling a trusted adult when things are not right. This learning was reinforced through discussion and development of both verbal and physical skills to help the girls' keep themselves and others safe. A worthwhile experience with loads of learning!

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SWIMMING SPORTS

The 2023 Ōtorohanga College Swimming Sports took place on Tuesday in near perfect conditions at The Otorohanga Pools. It is the first year we have had the full College up at the Swimming Sports for a number of years and students must be commended for their superb participation and support of their Houses. The morning began with the competitive races before we moved into the novelty events in the afternoon. Eveleigh started with the early lead, but as the day went on Brown overtook them in points to claim the 2023 title. The final standings were Brown 1st, Eveleigh 2nd, Kedgley 3rd and Hotson 4th. The relays in particular were one of the highlights of a fantastic day of competition, but the bomb comp was also a sight to behold. It was brilliant to see the Staff All Stars make an appearance in the width relay races. Thank you to all those amazing people who helped make Swimming Sports a day we will remember for a long time.



BADGING CEREMONY

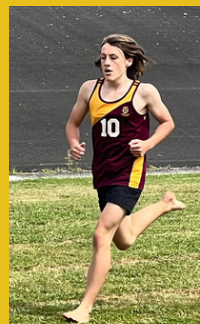
A formal assembly was held on Wednesday morning to present our Student Leadership Team with their badges and also celebrate and acknowledge last year's Level 1, 2 and 3 students who gained Excellence Endorsements in NCEA. Family members were invited on stage to pin the badges on. A rousing haka was performed by students.

Head Students are Sam Veart, Laura Hunt, Falloon House Hostel Leaders Pihopa Waata-Parnell, Nique Te Uira, Brown House Leader Sian Hobbs, Eveleigh House Leader Angel Greener, Hotson House Leader Tui Roach and Kedgley House Leader Te Wainu Wanakore.

KING COUNTRY ATHLETICS

Thursday saw 26 of our top athletics competitors head to Te Awamutu to compete in the annual North West, South Waikato and King Country Athletics Competition. This massive inter school event saw an amazing amount of talent on display.

Competing against schools who have robust athletics extra-curricular training opportunities, Ōtorohanga College held their own with many of our students placing in their age group events. We are waiting for official results and these will be published when they are released. Both Miss Hayward and Whaea Peata wish to congratulate every competitor on outstanding sportspersonship, mana, support and effort over the day. We also acknowledge our amazing Year 13 leaders for stepping up to run the discus event for the day.



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PATHWAYS

What an exciting and busy start of Term 1 for the Pathways Department.

Wintec Trades Academy 2023:

In 2023 the number of students we were able to place at Wintec Trades Academy increased, which means our students have even more opportunities to follow their desired pathways. A total of 35 Year 12 and 13 students have started their WTA journey, enrolled in a number of different courses. Here, at the Ōtorohanga Trades Academy campus, we have the Construction and Infrastructure Level 2 Course as well as the Manufacturing and Technology Level 2 Course. Many of our students travel to the Wintec Rotokauri Hamilton Campus where they attend either Café Skills Level 2, Hair and Beauty Therapy Level 2, Introduction to Professional Cookery Level 3 or Building and Construction Level 3 courses.



Gateway Programmes:

This year, the Pathways Department is focusing on individual Gateway programmes for our students, aiming to customise courses according to specific students' needs. In our first Gateway programme for the year one of our students was given the opportunity to work at New Zealand Riding for the Disabled, locally, while completing a Level 2 Equine Unit Standard.

We have also had interest in numerous other Gateway opportunities such as the SEEDS Retail Countdown programme, Automotive pathway, Barista / Hospitality, Agriculture and Tourism (Māori Waitomo Cultural Camp). This will continue throughout Term 2 and 3.

Other exciting news:

Number Twelve is assisting our students with their licences. Some of our students have already completed their Learner's Licence. This is arranged on a weekly basis. Number Twelve is also arranging driving lessons and assisting students with their Restricted, Full and Defensive Licences.

Wintec STAR Taster Courses will be running throughout the year. Our first Taster course takes place on 29 March 2023, during which 7 Students will visit the Wintec Hamilton campus for a Hair and Beauty Therapy Taster Course.





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