

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester One, Week Two - Tuesday 7th February - Friday 10th February 2023

### TĀREWĀNGA WHARE OPENING

It was an honour to be in attendance as the Principal of Ōtorohanga College, alongside staff and members of the Board, at the opening of the new whare at Tārewānga Marae on Saturday 4th February - it was a historical occasion for Ngāti Hinewai and Ngāti Maniapoto

It was also a privilege to plant a tree in the grounds of the marae - a tree that will grow strong as will the friendships, relationships and partnership between Ōtorohanga College and Tārewānga Marae.



### ENGLISH FACULTY

Our Year 9 and 10 students are getting to know their teacher and build relationships with them and their peers. It is pleasing to see them settling in and being introduced to different aspects of English. They are participating in some engaging learning activities such as short stories or novels, quizzes, alphabet crosswords, entertaining creative writing topics and many more activities. We look forward to sharing more snippets of the written work our students produce.

### CREATIVE WRITING

Topic - I was cooking pancakes, and while flipping one, it flew out the window...

*The other morning I was making pancakes for breakfast. I got to the 7th pancake and I was flipping and it flew out the window!! OMG!! What in the living daylights just happened? My pancake is gone. The worst bit is it landed in my neighbour's yard and they have two food aggressive dogs. "Well that pancake a goner" I said to no one in particular. I peered over the fence, I saw the pancake just lying in the middle of the lawn and no dogs in sight. I bravely climbed the fence in an attempt to save the pancake from a horrible death.*

*As I'm approaching the pancake a low rumbling sound comes from the side of the house. All of a sudden I am face to face with two massive black and tan dobermans. Their fangs were so white that if it was pitch black, all you would see is their fangs. Both dogs are crouched low to the ground, creeping over ever so slowly. My heart is pounding one hundred miles an hour. As the dogs get nearer I freeze on the spot. The dogs launch themselves at me and we start playing!! I couldn't believe it, these dogs were massive goofballs. Half an hour later I picked up my pancake and went home.*

*By Hayley*

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## HOSPITALITY

Hospitality classes across all year levels were focusing on Health and Safety in the kitchen this week. Students learnt their way around the kitchen, finding where different utensils are kept. A donation of baked beans meant students were able to make breakfast pizzas.

Senior students in Hospitality are learning about safely handling high risk ingredients to minimise the risk of cross contamination. Today they made a delicious butter chicken.



Te Wainu Wanakore

## SCIENCE

In Science our Year 10 students are straight back into their learning. They have started learning about the difference between physical and chemical changes. Burning is a chemical change and a great practical experience of this is to burn magnesium which burns giving off a very bright white light. Students always enjoy learning through practical experiments.



## TE AO MĀORI

Junior Te Ao Māori students along with Whaea Mirama went on a field trip on College grounds to take photographs of our Maunga (Mountain) Mātaiata, Awa (river) Waipa and our Marae Tārengāwanga. They will be producing a video of our School Pepeha for future use in a range of settings.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PE classes are taking advantage of the fine weather to learn, revise and practise their skills in shotput, discus, javelin, long jump and hop skip and jump in preparation for Athletics Day in Week 5. The track is also ready for students to train for the track events.

## LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

While the weather is fine students are enjoying participating at interval and lunchtime in a range of activities. Gutterboard and Four Square are popular. It is also pleasing to see students getting together out on the field playing touch.



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