

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester Two, Week Eight - Monday 4th - Friday 8th September 2023

PATHWAYS PRE TRADES TASTER

On Monday, 4 September, some of our Year 11 students went to Wintec's Ōtorohanga Trade Centre for a Pre Trades Taster. These 20 students were shown what to expect should they enrol in a Building And Construction or Manufacturing And Technology course in 2024. They were engaged in fun, practical activities, including making a durable dustpan in a matter of minutes. Moreover, time was set aside to get to know the tutors, socialise by playing some basketball and enjoy a barbeque lunch. At the end of the day our students left the Trades Centre excited and motivated to explore the trades sector.



DAVID LATELE AKA BUTTABEAN MOTIVATION

On Wednesday our junior students, along with student leaders and staff were privileged to host David 'Brown Buttabeen' Letele, Founder of Buttabeen Motivation.

David shared his story of the struggles and hardships that led him to his work today. He shared with us some valuable lessons on breaking the cycle, having empathy and helping others, as well as the four pillars within his motivation programme.

David's main messages were: find your why, greatness comes from struggle, no excuses and most importantly, if your why is strong enough you can overcome anything.

Overall, his empowering story and strong messages made him a positive and excellent role model for our rangitahi.



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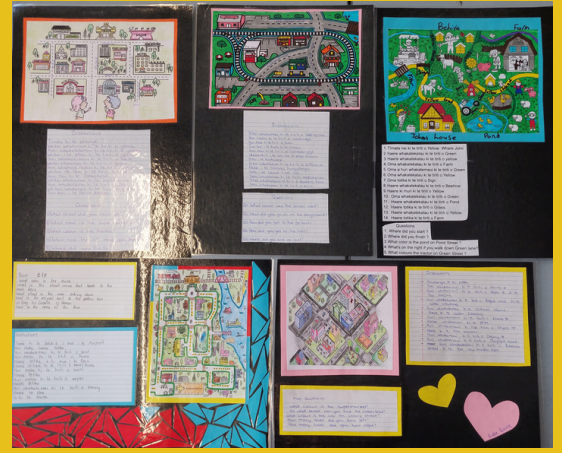
Junior Te Ao Māori

In Te Ao Māori classes, the junior students are engaging in various activities to enhance their understanding and communication skills in Te Reo Māori.

The Year 9 students are currently focusing on learning how to communicate in Te Reo Māori, introducing specific information about their teachers and the subjects they teach. Additionally, they are also learning how to discuss various locations and times when activities occur within the College. This knowledge will be applied in creating profiles in Te Reo Māori, where students will explain their daily routines using the language.

The Year 10s have recently completed assessments that required them to utilise the Reo Māori they have learned. Students were tasked with creating and designing town maps. They had to write instructions in Te Reo Māori, guiding others on how to navigate their town. This exercise not only tested their language skills, but also encouraged their creativity.

Overall, the junior students in the Te Ao Māori classes are making significant progress in their language learning journey. The curriculum focuses on practical applications, enabling students to communicate effectively in Te Reo Māori and fostering a genuine appreciation for Māori language and culture.



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Rangiriri Haerenga

On Thursday, a group of Learning Hub and senior Te Reo students embarked on a field trip to Rangiriri. The purpose of the trip was to provide students with an opportunity to explore the historical significance of Rangiriri and learn from the local hapu of Ngaati Naho.

Throughout the visit, the students were able to immerse themselves in the rich history of Rangiriri. They had the opportunity to explore the site, taking in the strategic layout of the defensive positions and the remnants of the stockade that once stood tall during the battle. The physical presence at Rangiriri evoked a sense of awe and reverence among the students, as they felt connected to the location and its history.

The visit to Rangiriri left a profound impact on the students who now have a greater appreciation for the significance of Rangiriri in shaping Aotearoa New Zealand's history.



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