

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester Two, Week Fifteen – Monday 6th – Friday 10th November 2023

LOVES-ME-NOT PROGRAMME

Students from Year 9 and Year 10 had the opportunity to participate in the life-changing Loves-Me-Not workshop. Facilitated by a passionate teacher, a caring police officer and an empathetic counsellor they provided a well-rounded perspective on relationship dynamics and the importance of respect and empathy. The Loves-Me-Not workshop brought an inspiring and positive change to the lives of our young learners. Loves-Me-Not is a whole-school approach to fostering positive relationships and tackling the complex topic of relationship abuse. It was heartwarming to see how this workshop successfully engaged our young students in understanding the qualities of positive relationships and addressing the crucial subject of relationship abuse.



The workshop provided students with real-life skills that are invaluable in today's world. They learned about the importance of consent, the power of being an active bystander and the art of building positive relationships. These skills are not only vital for their personal growth, but also for creating a safer and more compassionate community. The Loves-Me-Not workshop was an eye-opener for young minds, it instilled in them a sense of responsibility and awareness that will undoubtedly have a positive ripple effect throughout our school and beyond. Students left the workshop feeling more confident and empowered, equipped with the knowledge and tools to foster healthy relationships in their lives.

Through interactive activities, group discussions and thought-provoking scenarios, students not only gained a deeper understanding of the issues surrounding relationships, but also developed strong connections with their peers and the adult facilitators. The atmosphere in E Block was filled with positivity and support and students left the workshop with a newfound sense of community.

Reflecting on the success of the Loves-Me-Not workshop, we cannot help but celebrate the dedication and commitment of the adults who made this event possible. Their passion for nurturing the next generation and guiding them towards healthier relationships is truly commendable. This workshop exemplifies the incredible potential for change that can be achieved when a community comes together to educate and empower its youth. Our Year 9 and Year 10 students are now better equipped to create a safer, more caring, and respectful environment for themselves and their peers. This event has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on the hearts and minds of our students, reminding us all of the incredible potential that young people hold and the power of positive relationships.

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TECHNOLOGY FACULTY - JUNIOR MODULES HOSPITALITY

For the next few weeks the Kai Passport Module is focusing on their country inquiry assessment in groups. The students must research and create a presentation about their chosen country and then cook a dish from that country. We have students making Jamaican beef patties, mango sticky rice, ANZAC biscuits, hamburgers, karekare stew, cheesecake, churros and banoffee pie.

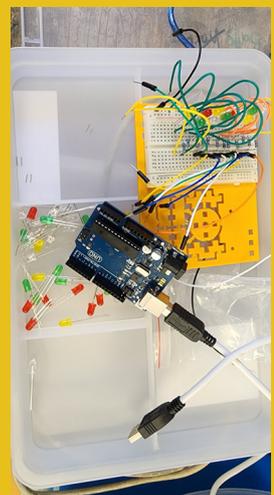


The Whenua to Whānau Module has just finished a fruit and vegetable unit, learning about the importance of Vitamin C and fibre and how consuming these important nutrients can prevent us from getting scurvy and constipation. During this unit students made sushi, burgers and banana fritters.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Coding Languages students have progressed from Scratch Programming and have been learning how to build and code Arduino Boards, using simple Python Language commands. They have begun to master coding lights in sequences and are enjoying using the coloured LEDs to brighten up their circuit boards.



Our Digi Design students are enjoying learning to use Blender to create and texture 3D objects. They are currently working on a waka scene and to the teacher's delight, their creativity and design ideas are very diverse among the range of personalities in this class. We hope to have progress towards learning how to animate our scenes before the end of the year.

PALLET PALACE MODULE

Pallet Palace students are making some good progress on their projects. It is nice to see our students develop their practical skills throughout their time in the Module.



Vincent Gibson is using the lathe to make some pegs for his game, Lochey Wanden is working on a mini cricket bat and Corey Hobbs starting to shape and sand a taiaha.

HOSTEL YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DINNER

Last night the Hostel held their Leavers' Dinner to farewell their three Year 13s. Congratulations for making it through these last five years and we look forward to seeing them venturing out into the wide world of opportunities.



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WINTEC TRADES AWARDS

Our College was very well represented at the Wintec Trades Academy Awards Ceremony on Thursday evening. Four of our students were recognised for the extraordinary efforts they made throughout the year during their Wintec courses. The following awards were received:

- Rico Masters - Building and Construction Level 3 - Distinction Award
- Samuel Connolly - Construction and Infrastructure Level 2 - Otorohanga - Excellence Award
- Zane Church - Manufacturing and Technology Level 2 - Otorohanga - Excellence Award
- Hailee Pihama-Karekare - Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Level 2 - Excellence Award

All four of these students were praised by their tutors for being hardworking, diligent, punctual, committed and generally delivering work of the highest standard. We would like to congratulate them for this amazing achievement.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

At the conclusion of the Loves-Me-Not Programme with the Year 10 classes Constable Tom had time for some half court basketball with a small number of keen basketballers.

As time passed it was pleasing to see more students join in and interact with Constable Tom in a relaxed and sporty activity.



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