

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester Two, Week Nineteen - Monday 4th - Friday 1st December 2023

TAKU WAIRUA

This programme is based on four pillars of well being - Belonging, Self Discovery, Goal Setting and Citizenship. The last session of this six week programme involved the students giving their time and skills to make a positive difference in their community, which links back to the Citizenship pillar.

Year 10s visited a range of parks and reserves in our community to give feedback to the Parks and Reserves Development Project through the Otorohanga District Council. Feedback from the instructors was " You should be very proud of your Year 10 students. They represented the school with pride and mana showing the community all the great things about Ōtorohanga College."

Year 9s focused on Economic Well Being, what it is and why it's important for them as well as designing a multi purpose facility that would enhance our community.



RAINBOW'S END

This week as part of students education outside the classroom, over two days Year 9 and 10 students went to Rainbow's End.

For many students this was their first ever Rainbow's End experience. Both days saw most students and staff conquering their fears and stepping outside of their comfort zones. They shared stories, laughter and some extreme fear facials.

They learnt the art of being patient when queuing in lines for the rides and paying tourist prices for food and drinks.

Some of the students said that it was an experience they will not forget.



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ENGLISH FACULTY

Junior English: Zombies!

Throughout the last term, our junior students delved into a zombie-themed project. This included worksheets exploring the history of zombies and the impact of this genre on our society today. The students actively participated in research, creative writing, language tasks, poster design, spelling and film analysis. Overall, the students really enjoyed the experience and hopefully gained new insights into the origins and significance of zombies in our culture.

Excerpts from creative writing:

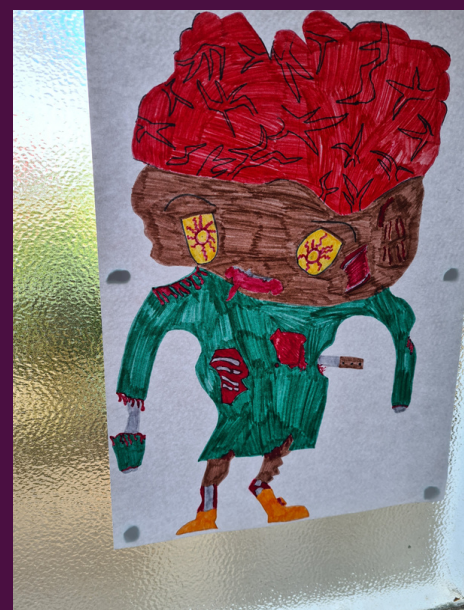
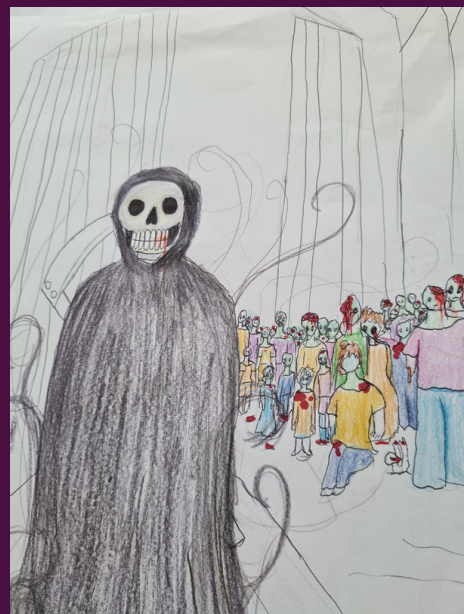
The most blood curdling scream I had ever heard woke me abruptly from my slumber. Chills rushed through my frozen body. The screams slowly became more and more faint. A door in the hallway slammed so loud it made my ears ring. Something was seriously wrong.

(Amelia Fare)

4 days ago the zombies arrived... over the past four days I have been sitting here closely observing, monitoring the city through my window, I am a camera witnessing destruction.

(Harmony Sandison)

The zombie flopped onto the ground. As the zombie's mouth was foaming, they both noticed that the zombie had the same features as Birsha. "Oh no..." They said quietly to each other. Ezra's eyes start to form tears as he sees his little sister, a zombie, on the ground, dead. (Bella Sharpe)



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Leighton Parsons on being selected in the 16-man New Zealand Over-40s cricket team for the IMC Over-40s World Cup, to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from February 17 - March 1, 2024.

The team was chosen at the conclusion of the Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT) held recently in Christchurch which included all the major cricket associations in New Zealand. On returning, Leighton was overwhelmed with the well wishes from his kura and community. "It has been humbling to receive so many lovely messages of encouragement and support. I look forward to representing my whānau, my kura, my community and of course my country when I step out onto the pitch in Cape Town. To be selected was an amazing experience and one that I will cherish forever. When I was a boy I would always dream of representing my country and looking down and seeing the Silver Fern. I can't wait until I live that exact moment and live my dream.

Bring on the World Cup!"



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YEAR 8 WHAKAWHANAUNGATANGA DAY

It was with great pleasure that the College opened its doors on Wednesday to welcome Year 8 students to our Whakawhanaungatanga Day.

This event enabled the Year 8s to complete a College activity book, participate in a quiz, use their strength to compete in a tug of war and participate in team building activities all while making new friends, meeting staff and getting to know the layout of the College.

We look forward to the Year 8s starting at the College on Wednesday, 31st January.



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