

# ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE

## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Semester Two, Week Seventeen - Monday 20th - Friday 25th November 2023

### RUGBY NEWS

This week we attended the two day King Country Wahine Toa 10's Rugby Carnival at Owen Delany Park, Taupō, with a combined Te Kuiti High School/Ōtorohanga College team.

The tournament fielded teams from as far afield as New Plymouth and Te Arawa. The growth and development of girls rugby was evident with great rugby on display. Our girls played hard and enjoyed the competition. A highlight was winning the Tik Tok competition with a solid Tik Tok followed by haka. Many thanks to Abby Keech and King Country Rugby for giving our girls the opportunity to grow and enjoy their sport.



### YEAR 13 LEAVERS' DINNER

Last night a celebration dinner was held at The Fat Kiwi to farewell our Year 13s.

A sumptuous meal was enjoyed along with the sharing of memories, heartfelt tributes and lots of laughter. Students were given a small bag of goodies and wished well on their next adventure.

Year 13s took the opportunity to present their Dean Mrs Joyce with a creative gift for the next exciting part of her journey - motherhood.



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## CLASS OF 2023...



IN OUR COLLEGE HALLS YOU WALKED, SIDE BY SIDE,  
 THROUGH LAUGHTER AND TEARS, YOU FOUND YOUR STRIDE,  
 YOU'VE GROWN AND LEARNED, AND TOGETHER HAVE THRIVED,  
 THE LAST FIVE YEARS HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL TUMULTUOUS RIDE,  
 FROM YEAR 9 AND 10 CLASSES IN THE JLP,  
 TO 90-MINUTE LEARNING BLOCKS WHICH SEEMED SO CRAZY,  
 TO BARISTA LESSONS AND COOKING WONDERS,  
 TO WONKY TABLES AND WOODEN BLUNDERS,  
 TO THE TRIES AND GOALS AND SPORTS MOMENTS YOU HOLD,  
 TO TIMES WHEN WATER BALLOONS WERE THROWN BY A STUDENT SO BOLD,  
 FROM FIRST LOVES AND CRUSHES AND MOMENTS OF HEART PAIN,  
 TO PARTAKING IN TOUGH GUY OR HITTING THE GYM FOR THOSE GAINS,  
 TO GETTING TACKLED TO THE GROUND ON THE CROSS-COUNTRY TRACK,  
 TO THE MANUS IN THE POOL SLAPPING YOUR BACK,  
 TO THE HOSTEL MEALS THAT ARE LIKE NO OTHER, LIVING TOGETHER LIKE SISTER AND BROTHER,  
 TO THE HAKA YOU ALL STAND AND SHARE WITH PRIDE,  
 TO THE NOW SHUT DOWN COMMON ROOM WHERE SOME TRIED TO HIDE,  
 TO THE HOUSE COMPS AND BALL THAT BROUGHT SO MUCH CHEER,  
 TO MEMORIES OF THOSE THAT HAVE LEFT OR ARE NO LONGER HERE,  
 YOU HAVE MADE YOUR MOMENTS AS OUR HIGHLIGHTS HAVE SHOWN,  
 BUT THIS JOURNEY YOU HAVE TAKEN HAS NOT BEEN ALONE,  
 TEACHERS, STAFF, AND YOUR DEANS HAVE GUIDED WITH CARE,  
 THEY TOO HAVE STRENGTHENED WITH YOU EACH YEAR,  
 THE LESSONS YOU HAVE LEARNED, INCLUDE THOSE FROM EACH OTHER,  
 YOU SUPPORTED AND CARED AND LOOKED OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER,  
 YOUR WHANAU AND LOVED ONES, HOW PROUD THEY MUST BE,  
 TO SEE YOU IN THIS MOMENT A ROLE MODEL FOR YOUR FAMILY,  
 THEY HAVE SUPPORTED YOUR DREAMS AND BEEN THERE EVERY HOUR,  
 AND STOOD BY US AS A COLLEGE AND BELIEVED WE COULD EMPOWER,  
 ITS NOW TIME TO PART OUR SEPARATE WAYS,  
 AND I SHARE A HEARTFELT THANK YOU, FOR EACH AND EVERY DAY,  
 WE ARE BETTER EDUCATORS, YOU PUT US TO THE TEST,  
 MANA ŌTOROHANGA FROM OUR AWA TO THE MOANA IN THE WEST,  
 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL, OUR LEAVERS OF 2023,  
 MAY YOUR NEXT CHAPTER SHAPE YOU TO BE ALL THAT YOU CAN BE.

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## MĀORI FACULTY

### Tau iwa- Te Aō Māori

This term, Year 9 students have been actively engaged in learning about local history and stories in Te Reo Māori. The focus of their studies has been on exploring ways to share and display pūrākau (stories) around our kura (College) through the use of imagery and proposals of possible mural locations.

To begin their project, students started by creating storyboards of common Maui stories. They carefully considered the order in which to display their pictures, ensuring a coherent and engaging narrative. This mahi allowed them to exercise their creativity and develop their storytelling skills without kupu (words).

Students have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be creative and explore how they can preserve and celebrate local history through imagery.

By engaging in this project, students are not only deepening their understanding of Te Reo Māori and local history, but also developing their artistic and collaborative skills.

### Tau Tekau

This term our Year 10 students have been learning new skills to play Poitōa. They have been actively engaged in practising these skills and expanding their knowledge of the game.

To provide an opportunity for the students to showcase their newly acquired skills, we have organised a mini Year 10 Poitōa tournament. Each class will compete against one another allowing the students to apply their skills in a friendly and competitive environment.

Students have shown great enthusiasm and dedication, constantly encouraging and supporting each other throughout the process. Their positive attitude and teamwork have been exemplary.



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