



Term Four, Week Five – Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November 2024

LOVES-ME-NOT

This week, all Year 9 and 10 students at Ōtorohanga College participated in the **Loves-Me-Not** programme, a powerful workshop focused on fostering safe, respectful relationships. Key topics included understanding consent, recognising signs of unhealthy relationships and exploring ways to build positive connections with others. Students also practised strategies for "stepping in" to support friends and peers, learning how to make a difference by promoting a safe and supportive environment.

The workshop encouraged open discussions, empowering students to make informed choices and prioritise well-being in their relationships. Thank you to the police, local counsellors and Ōtorohanga College Health teaching staff who worked together to present these workshops.



SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY

Tauira have been learning about ancient civilisations in Social Studies. Our learning takes a look into life in ancient Egypt, Greece and the Romans. Our learning encourages our tauira to analyse and make connections between different cultures and also to understand the complexities of historical events.

The Events Planner Module will run various activities during lunchtime over the next two weeks. They have organised a fashion show for Tuesday 19th. The staff have been challenged to enter a team. The following Tuesday 26th, a team will run a squash challenge in the Gym and on Thursday 28th there will be a new activity called Wall Ball. We encourage tauira to get involved and have fun.

Ten tauira have now completed Cook Island drumming classes with Walter and Tiare Tuakana. They were lucky to learn Cook Island beats over six weeks. We thank Walter and Tiare for their time.

Our seniors have sat most of their exams now and we wish them well with their results.



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MINECRAFT SURVIVAL CHALLENGE

The Minecraft class competition began this morning and finishes Monday next week. How the competition works: The topic for Term 4 this year in English is SURVIVAL. Each class is given a set of survival tasks to accomplish together as a team.

Each class has been assigned their own Minecraft Survival world and the list of survival tasks they aim to achieve are:

- Create a home base and basic shelter
- Build and light a fire
- Create and use essential survival tools
- Collect water
- Hunt and fish
- Start a farm
- Create somewhere safe to sleep
- Fence off their home base
- Tame a wild animal

They also earn points for teamwork, ingenuity and problem solving.

Students were given time to practise, learn and teach each other how to use Minecraft and work out how some of these tasks were possible. Lunch time practises in Week 4 were full of students keen to win! Teachers of Year 9 students have thoroughly enjoyed watching their collaboration, energy and excitement towards this challenge! The winning team will be celebrating with a pizza lunch sometime in the near future.



SCIENCE FACULTY

Friday 8th November Lexi Neuhoﬀ and Maggie Wilson visited St Mary's school to help the students with a cow's eye dissection. The St Mary's students appreciated our students' enthusiasm for the dissection.



The Year 7 and 8 classes from Otorohanga South School accompanied by Mr Follas, are visiting our Science Department this week to complete some intricate science experiments.

KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Thursday 21st November King Country Sports Day

Wednesday 27th November Yr 13 Leavers' Dinner

Thursday 28th November Pasifika Market Day

Friday 29th November Science Roadshow

Friday 13th December Junior Prizegiving

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