



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week Eight – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd March 2024

ART TRIP - THE UNEARTHED WAKA

Year 11 Visual Art students had the privilege of visiting our local museum to see the Unearthed Waka. As well as the Waka, there were displays that gave information regarding the history of how it was found, preserved and readied for its specially made home. Students were engaged and took time to learn the significance of the find for our local area. All instruction gained goes toward the completion of the Year 11 Research Achievement Standard.

Liz Cowan opened the museum for the students and provided information for them to use for their Achievement Standard.

Thank you to all involved in providing our students with this opportunity.



POLYFEST

On Thursday 21st March our Pasifika OC group and Student Leaders had the privilege to attend the ASB Polyfest Festival in Auckland. This is an annual event for the Polynesian students to share, express and perform their culture and compete for the winning title. Each Island has a stage to compete against other schools on. We were able to watch speeches as they spoke in their native tongue and some performances from each Island.

We were also able to taste the different cuisines from the Islands and the boys got their hair cuts. The weather was amazing, the crowd was huge and the ride back to our small town was hot. Even our music DJ Santana made us fall asleep with his sounds of sleep time music. Thank you to the staff that took us to Auckland. We cannot wait for next year as the Polyfest celebrates 50 years.

Quincey-Lee Marsters
Mana Tutuila
Tenanoa Tiimi
Pasifika OC Leaders



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ROBERT BATEMAN TOURING RUGBY TEAM

This week Ōtorohanga College played host to Robert Bateman Secondary School from Vancouver, Canada. Robert Bateman Secondary is currently embarking on a four week rugby tour of New Zealand and Australia and selected Ōtorohanga as their inaugural destination. Following their arrival in New Zealand and a delightful day at Kawhia Beach, Tuesday marked the eagerly awaited match against our 1st XV.

The game proved to be an intense physical encounter. Despite some preseason handling errors from the locals, it provided a thrilling spectacle for the numerous spectators who soaked up the King Country sunshine. Ōtorohanga College capitalised on an early mistake by our overseas visitors, resulting in an early try. Although the conversion was missed, the game then ebbed and flowed with Robert Bateman utilising their pace and exploiting gaps in the defense. With Ōtorohanga College's line speed showing signs of fatigue, it appeared that Robert Bateman would pull away with the victory, however, late tries from Webcke Koroheke-Clune and Zeppelin Mogford brought the game back into contention, yet Robert Bateman emerged as eventual winners with a scoreline of 33-26.

During the post-match ceremony, Ōtorohanga College was honoured with a memorial plaque commemorating the occasion. Additionally, Luke Coles and Webcke Koroheke-Clune were recognised as our Men of the Match by our visitors. We extend our best wishes to Robert Bateman for the remainder of their tour. Hosting international visitors has been an immensely gratifying experience. We extend heartfelt appreciation to Dan Tasker, Karen Flay, Lyndsay Kurth, Cullen Fagan, Hohepa Hemara, Miriama Pere, Fiona Parsons, Takarei Bidois, Otorohanga Sports Club, Gwen and James Buckley, as well as the College A Netball Squad for their exceptional support in welcoming our guests.



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SCIENCE FACULTY

Level 1 Science - Baking Bread

This week and last week all Year 11 Science students had the opportunity to put their learning about how yeasts live and reproduce into a real world context by baking bread. The cooking room was a hive of activity getting dried yeasts fed, watered and warmed and then baked before being rapidly consumed!



Level 3 Biology - Kaniwhaniwha

On 11 March, Year 13 Biology students went to Kaniwhaniwha Stream in the Pirongia area to investigate the numbers of little critters, macroinvertebrates, in the stream. Students then processed and interpreted their results and incorporated them into a final report for NCEA credits. Students enjoyed the day at the stream playing at being would be ecologists, despite the cool and breezy weather!



Level 3 Chemistry - The Level 3 Chemistry students have been sampling the Waipa River at Te Keeti Marae to determine the oxygen content and thus the effectiveness of the weir and river side planting in increasing the oxygen content of the river.



Level 1 Agriculture - 2024 has seen the introduction of NCEA Level 1 Agriculture. In Term 1 students have been making use of the College gardens to grow potted plants from seed and looking at how farm management practices affect beef production.

Year 9 Science - The Year 9 Science students continue to familiarise themselves with scientific equipment while separating mixtures. For example evaporating a solution to create copper sulfate crystals.

FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 26th March Waikato Bay of Plenty Athletics

Wednesday 27th March Business Breakfast

Easter Break Good Friday 29th March - Return to College

Wednesday 3rd April

Friday 5th April Cultural visit from a group called A Nui Taputapuata, Tahiti

Friday 12th April End of Term One

Monday 29th April Term Two begins

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