

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term One, Week One - Wednesday 31st January - Friday 2nd February 2024

WELCOME TO 2024

Wednesday morning saw 93 excited and nervous Year 9 students ready to embark on the next step of their learning journey.

A Mihi Whakatau was led by Matua Roy Willison and Whaea Miriama Pere to welcome students and their supporters.

At the conclusion students received their timetables and headed to their Empower Whakamana class to learn about what a day at College looks like.



ASSEMBLY

With the return of all year levels today a whole College assembly was held to bring everyone together, set the tone for the academic year and reinforce important values and expectations.

It was impressive to see the hall bursting at the seams with approximately 330 students from Year 9 to Year 13.

The assembly was led by the Student Leadership Team along with Principal Mrs Kurth. Whole College assemblies set a positive tone and establish a foundation for a successful and cohesive learning environment.



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TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Staff returned on Wednesday and Thursday last week to participate in Professional Learning and prepare for the beginning of 2024. Thursday began with an inspiring session with Sacha Coburn who has a unique ability to challenge and inspire through wisdom learned and earned from decades of experience as an entrepreneur, leader and motivational expert.



At the conclusion of this session Ōtorohanga College staff witnessed a spectacular display of camaraderie and competitiveness as all Faculties plunged into the exhilarating adventure of the Amazing Race. The atmosphere crackled with energy as teams from all Faculties raced through our town, unravelling clues and conquering an array of physical challenges in their quest for Faculty supremacy. From rock climbing and singing to shooting hoops and mastering hole-in-one putts, the teachers' competitive spirits surged through every facet of the race. In a climactic finale at The Big Apple, the Health and PE Faculty emerged as the triumphant victors, showcasing not only their physical prowess, but also their strategic acumen.



While their win showed the power of teamwork and unwavering determination in this spirited and memorable competition, all Faculties can be commended for their awesome efforts and participation.

KĀHUI AKO TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tuesday 30th January approx 82 staff from all schools in our area attend a presentation by Poutama Pounamu - this is based on understanding our past to enable us to move towards the future.

Robust discussions were held from prompts and facts presented about the History of New Zealand. This kaupapa will be ongoing at future Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Days.



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