



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

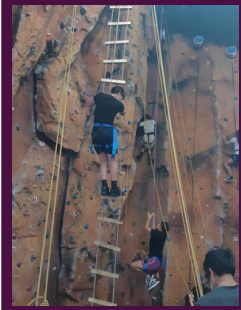
Term One, Week Seven - Monday 11th - Friday 15th March 2024



YEAR 9 ROCK CLIMBING LIONS REACH AWARD

On Monday a group of Year 9 students participated in rock climbing at Harvest Rock.

Our students loved having the morning with Julian Pope who guided and supported our students to challenge themselves and support their peers.



The Lions Reach Award is an incentive award that has been developed for all schools within the Otorohanga District. It is funded and supported by the Otorohanga Lions Club, the Thrive Otorohanga Youth Trust and the Harvest Rock Centre. We are so grateful for this opportunity.

POUKAI

This week students were helping with the Te Mania - Raakaunui paa, Waipapa Marae and Maketu Marae poukai. Te Rangi Uerata-Osborne and Newton Uerata-Puke had a pivotal role at Te Mania - Raakaunui paa, helping out with Marae mahi, raising and lowering the Kingitanga and poukai flags and participating in the paimarire karakia. We are very proud of all of those involved in this week's poukai.

(Photograph courtesy of Lisa Panapa)



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT - LEXI NEUHOFF

Hi. I'm Lexi and instead of sleeping in at the weekends I am up nice and early heading to the kart track. Almost all the tracks we go to are about 1 - 2 1/2 hours away. We travel all around the country and have met the most amazing people because of it. I race a 125cc Rotax Max Junior, kart number 25. My max speed is between 105 and 115 kilometres an hour depending on the track.



I race against 13 to 16 year old boys and a few other girls. I have raced go karts for 2 and a bit years now and I love it. I love how focused I have to be and how I have to get every corner just right to get good lap times. I have got a few podiums, a shelf full of trophies and I hope to keep improving in the future.

PI-DAY

International Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th. It is also the birthday of one of the best mathematicians and scientists in history, Albert Einstein.

Pi, or 3.14 rounded, is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and the number appears in many mathematical formulae. To make Mathematics a bit more fun and to recognise the importance of the subject in everyday life, we celebrated Pi Day in true Ōtorohanga College fashion.

Students participated in the following events to gain House points.

Pi Memorisation Competition:

Rob Ibay, Year 9, is the current Pi champion, memorising the first 100 digits of Pi.

Pie Eating Competition:

Junior

- 1st (Hotson) Tavion Cherrington
- 2nd (Brown) Wiremu Blackman
- 3rd (Kedgley) Marua Davis
- 4th (Eveleigh) Harkhush Sandhu

Intermediate:

- 1st (Eveleigh) Rhys Bernsten-Maniapoto
- 2nd (Brown) Harri Pikia
- 3rd (Hotson) Jackson Telfer
- 4th (Kedgley) James Tipene

Senior

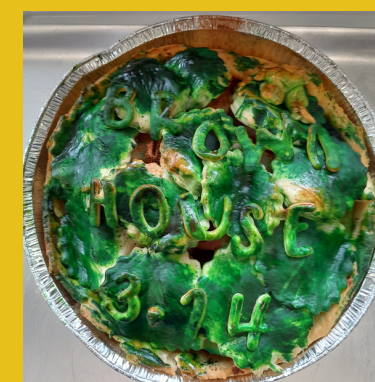
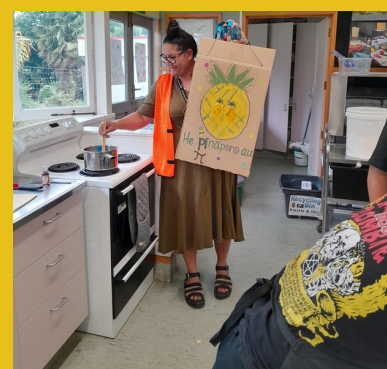
- 1st (Brown) Zeppelin Mogford
- 2nd (Hotson) Lee Ryan
- 3rd (Eveleigh) Blaze Te Kanawa
- 4th (Kedgley) Luke Coles

Pie Decorating Competition:

- 1st - Hotson
- 2nd -Eveleigh
- 3rd - Brown
- 4th - Kedgley

Colouring Competition Winner:

Angel Oakley-Smith.



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SWIMMING SPORTS

On Tuesday Ōtorohanga College students braved cooler weather this year for the much anticipated 2024 Swimming Sports.

Brown House dominated the field through their expert cohort of swimmers. Of particular note were Henry and Kate Murchie and Lindsay Millar who racked up the House points for Brown. Keira Mansell's strength in the pool kept Eveleigh second, Kedgley third and Hotson fourth.

Year 9 Elina Fenton competing in her first swimming sports reflected on her day. "Take your mark, get set, BANG!" The sound of Mr Drummond's clapper made me dive into the icy water. As I started to swim, I realised I'm coming fourth, so I kept swimming as hard as I could. Every time I took a breath, I could hear the loud cheering of people chanting for me. I could also hear Mr Parsons talking on the loudspeaker, announcing who was coming first, second and third. As I touched the wall with my two hands, I heard Mr Parsons say, "And a great finish from Elina Fenton." For my first swimming sports I had a fun day and I am already looking forward to next year and the next Inter House events!

The success of the Swimming Sports would not have been possible without the dedication and sportsmanship displayed by all participating students. Thanks to the organisers and volunteers whose efforts ensured the smooth execution of the event, contributing to a day filled with enjoyment and camaraderie despite the cooler temperature.



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XTREME HIP HOP

It's great to see our staff and students taking full advantage of Xtreme Hip Hop with Torz. These classes are free and open to anyone. If you want to experience something new, enjoy fitness, dancing, step and generally want to have some fun, you are welcome to join us every Wednesday at the College Gym from 6 to 7pm.

PATHWAYS

In the Pathways Faculty, we value every opportunity to widen our senior students' horizons when it comes to life beyond College. Therefore, we regularly host presentations by tertiary providers, other training organisations and employers.

This last week has been no different. Our Year 13 ākonga were first introduced to the degree options available at the University of Waikato, after which students of hospitality and tourism were visited by Pacific International Hotel Management School. To top it all off, a smaller group of Science students were then briefed on the 2024 Whakapiki Ake programme. This is a University of Auckland initiative to support rangatahi Māori to train as health professionals.



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Today a celebration assembly was held to recognise a number of students in both sporting achievements and a leadership position.

On 29 February we had our College Athletics and on 12 March our College Swimming Sports. More than 200 placings were awarded which is an amazing achievement for our College. Today we acknowledged the College Athletics and Swimming Sports Champions and Runners Up. A full list of recipients will be placed on Facebook.

The top photo is athletics - left to right - Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors. The 2nd photo is swimming - left to right - Juniors, Intermediate and Seniors. Far left - Intermediate Boys' Athletics Champion Left - Angel Oakley - Smith

Providing students with opportunities to show leadership is one way to enhance a sense of belonging and connectedness here at the College. It is because of this that we acknowledged Angel Oakley-Smith as co-leader of Kedgley House.

FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Tuesday 19th March Robert Bateman touring rugby team from Canada

Wednesday 20th March Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences
from 2.00pm-6.00pm

Friday 22nd March King Country Swimming

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

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