

ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE



Term One, Week Three - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

CONGRATULATIONS

RUGBY

On Monday night Takarei Bidois and Corey Hobbs kicked off their first training session for 2024 with the McFall Fuel Ltd KC Junior Rugby Academy. Back row: 2nd and 3rd from right.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Webcke Koroheke - Clune has been selected in the 2024 Waikato U18s Tama Dean Bell Cup Squad.



BASKETBALL

Kobe Walters-Koroheke, Wiremu Blackman, Raniera Wharepouri and Khyem Reed have been selected to play in the Waikato Country 2024 Easter U16 Tama Squad.



CRICKET NEWS

The T20 cricket competition started this week with the girls playing St Peter's on Tuesday afternoon and the boys playing Cambridge on Wednesday. In the heat of the summer sun, the girls batted first with Holly Church putting on a strong display with both bat and ball. Angel Oakley-Smith continued to improve with her batting and Moana Oakley-Tupou also bowled consistently.



The boys' team made up of Ōtorohanga College and Piopio College students remained competitive against a strong senior team. Our junior players making their debut gained valuable game experience. Callum Raine was the highest scoring Ōtorohanga player and Callum and Henry Murchie our strongest bowlers.

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ENGLISH FACULTY

It has been a busy start to the year for the English Faculty. We welcomed a large cohort of Year 9s into our classrooms and have been focusing on building relationships with them while they settle into their routines. Junior students have been participating in the first round of e-asTTle testing this week which will determine the learning needs of our students in both reading and writing.

Year 10s are preparing for the Literacy co-requisite exam which from 2024 is to be awarded as an NCEA qualification worth 5 reading credits and 5 writing credits. Our focus this term with Juniors is reading. We are immersing our students in many different genres of text including short stories, extended texts, poems and songs. The emphasis will be on understanding the author's purpose and intention, examining how language features contribute to the text's purpose and understanding our own responses to the text. A very busy term ahead for our Juniors who are expected to participate in Sustained Silent Reading every day.

Our Seniors have hit the ground running. The Year 11s started their NCEA learning journey with the introduction of the new Level 1 Achievement Standards. Some intense analysis of films, short stories and poems will no doubt produce some excellent written responses and their teachers are very impressed with their efforts so far. Across three other senior classes we have students working on a range of Unit Standards as well as work based Literacy Standards to prepare them for employment after College.

Level 2 and 3 students are well into their academic programme beginning with visual text study, research on the language of conspiracy theories and a range of written texts preparing them for their first assessment.



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