



ŌTOROHANGA COLLEGE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Term Two, Week Four– Monday 19th May – Friday 23rd May 2025

MATHEMATICS FACULTY

CAA, CAA, CAA ... and we are there! It does feel like it is all we have spoken about over the last few weeks. Congratulations to all the students who sat the Numeracy CAA yesterday. The students have all worked hard and put in a lot of effort towards this assessment.

This term the focus for our Year 10 and many of the Year 11s has been the Numeracy CAA, a co-requisite for students NCEA Level 1 Qualification. This assessment has looked at a range of concepts and students have worked steadily on these, completing lots of practice papers over the last few weeks.

In the lead up to the CAA extra help was on offer during lunchtime and after College. It was wonderful to see the large number of students take part in this.

This is a question from a previous year's Numeracy CAA paper ... how would you go?

On average, a dairy cow walks about 12,000 steps per day. Each step measures about 1.6 metres.

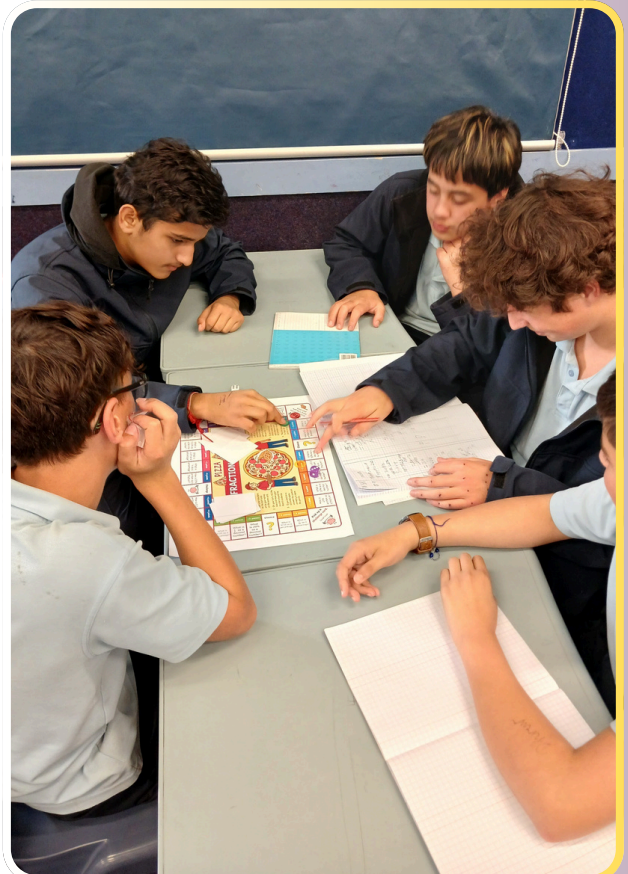
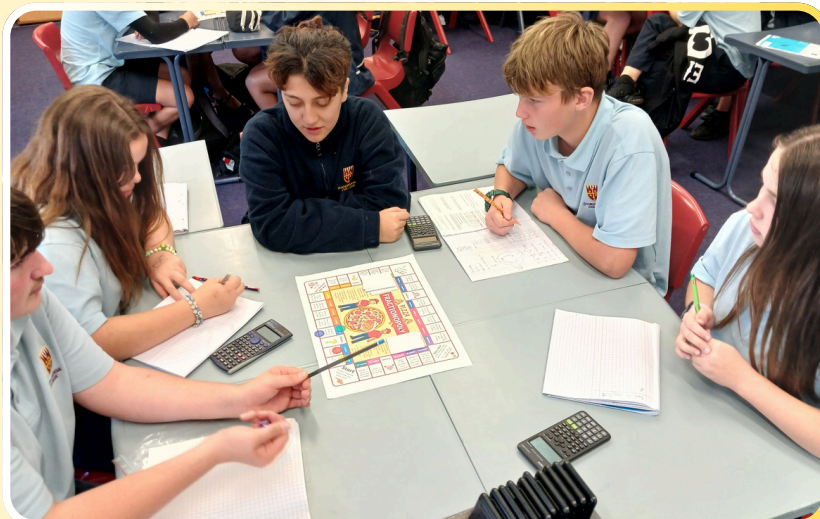
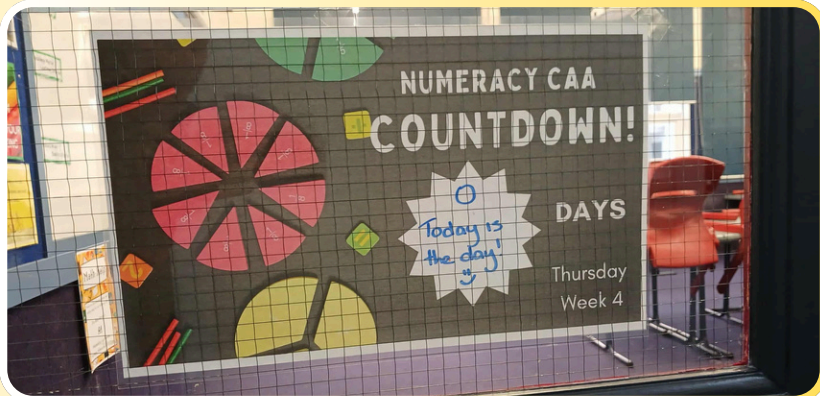
A farmer claims that each of her dairy cows walks 20 km per day.



(c) Is her claim reasonable? Write a calculation that supports your answer.

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The Year 9s are currently finishing off their Number topic and next week our Juniors will move into the world of Algebra, where letters meet numbers.



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CAA

This week, our College was abuzz with Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) as over 120 students demonstrated their literacy and numeracy skills. These assessments are crucial co-requisites for NCEA certificates, making their successful completion a key step in our students' academic journeys.

The week kicked off on Tuesday with the writing CAA, followed by reading on Wednesday and numeracy on Thursday. Today, Friday, was dedicated to a catch-up session for students who had valid reasons for missing their scheduled assessments earlier in the week.

Despite encountering some technical difficulties with the online assessment platform, our students showcased remarkable resilience and maintained incredibly positive attitudes throughout. Their ability to adapt and persevere in the face of unexpected challenges is truly commendable.

A huge congratulations goes to all students who participated this week. Your hard work and dedication are evident. For those who will be sitting their CAAs in the next round, mark your calendars for September!



UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY

An enthusiastic troupe of Year 13 Ōtorohanga College ākonga are currently making their way back from the University of Waikato Open Day. Whether our uni-aspiring rangatahi are considering Waikato or other institutions, this day offers unique insight into both tertiary studies and wider university life.

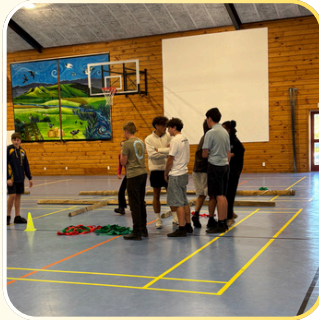
We have had fun widening our intellectual horizons in lectures ranging from performing arts and sociology to software engineering and nursing studies. At the same time, our students now have a greater understanding of practicalities like accommodation, student services and scholarships.



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ACTIVE AS

On Wednesday, Miss Slade took our Active As Ambassadors to Piopio College for a collaborative day of team building, initiative sharing and learning alongside students from other schools in our cluster. Our students represented the College with pride; showing excellent manners, enthusiasm and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones. It was fantastic to see our new ambassadors building strong connections and fully embracing the opportunity to grow and lead.



COPS Winter Sports

Ōtorohanga Primary Schools Winter Sports Day was a huge success thanks to student volunteers!

A massive shout-out to the 30 student volunteers who did an incredible job refereeing at the recent Combined Ōtorohanga Primary Schools Winter Sports Day! Their vibrant enthusiasm across football, netball and rippa rugby was truly inspiring.

It was fantastic to witness them demonstrating such wonderful manaaki within our community. It was an outstanding team effort!



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Kyoai Gakuen High School

Kyoai Gakuen High School Visits The College

We were delighted to welcome Kyoai Gakuen High School from Japan to the College on Friday afternoon. The visit included 77 students and 5 accompanying teachers, who spent time experiencing life at our College and engaging with our students.

The visit began with a warm pōwhiri, beautifully led by our Year 9 students. Their leadership and respect helped set the tone for a meaningful and welcoming visit. It was a proud moment for our College and a lovely example of manaakitanga in action.

It was a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange and international friendship. Our students enjoyed connecting with their Japanese peers through shared experiences.

We thank Kyoai Gakuen High School for visiting and look forward to future opportunities to build on this special connection.



KEY DATES AND FUTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Ō Factor - Friday 6th June

Inglewood High School Exchange - Tuesday 10th June

Matariki Celebrations and the Term Two Report emailed home - Thursday 19th June

Parent, Student and Teacher Conferences - 25th June

Term Two ends - Friday 27th June

Term Three begins - Monday 14th July

Teacher Only Day - Wednesday 23rd July

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