

## Term 1 Reports and Parent / Teacher Interviews

All students were issued with their Term 1 Reports on Wednesday this week. It is important for parents and caregivers to be aware that a student's legal name is used on all formal documents (including Term 1, Mid-Year and End-of-Year Reports as well as all NZQA documentation). A student may choose to use a 'preferred' name (different to their legal name), and this 'preferred' name is used on almost all other documents and letters.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews are being held next Tuesday 14 March from 4.00pm - 6.00pm in the school hall. No appointments necessary, all welcome.**

## Rotary National Science Technology Youth Forum



Aimee and Sophie presenting to Kerikeri Rotary about the RNSTYF

On January 14-28 I went to a "Nerd Camp" for two weeks staying at Auckland University Hall. 168 students from all over New Zealand were there for the Rotary National Science Technology Youth Forum (RNSTYF).

It was an amazing experience. We went to AUT for lectures. Every day we had two modules. One day we had chemistry at Massey, the robotics in the afternoon at Auckland University. We saw Olympic athletes and looked at new inventions.

There were volleyball games every few days in which we all dressed up in our group colours. It was a once in a life time kind of trip. I made lifelong friends and would recommend it to anyone who can get into this national science forum.

Aimee Walden, Year 13

## TeenAg / AgriKids Northern Regional Competition

TeenAg Group students have all been given a notice about next week's Northern Regional Competition. At this stage we have seven teams entered to compete. EOTC Forms and money are due back to the Main Office no so that we can confirm our entries.

## Senior Curriculum Days

Thursday 16 March

Friday 7 April

On Curriculum days senior students will spend the whole day in one subject. This day is very often used for assessments so it is important for all senior students to attend. Some teachers will be using the opportunity to take field trips so that students will not need to miss out on other subjects on the day.

Thursday 16 March will be their Line 5 subject and Friday 7 April will be their Line 4 subject.

Line 5 subjects are listed below:

ILS110 / Core PE	
CHE220	DGT330
DGT220	DVC330
DRA220	GEO330
FDT220	MAT330
PCS220	PCS330
REO220	

### Year 11 RYDA Programme:

Year 11 students will complete the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme on Thursday 16 March. This programme is designed to equip young people with the tools and knowledge they need to stay safe on the road and includes sessions on speed and stopping, hazards and distractions, rights and responsibilities. Visit [www.rse.org.nz/ryda](http://www.rse.org.nz/ryda).

## Kapa Haka

The kapa haka roopu, Nga Wheinga a Rahiri, have been busy practicing for Te Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Festival at Bream Bay College on Tuesday 11 / Wednesday 12 April.

Lunchtime practices are being held regularly and after-school practices are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30pm - 6.00pm.

The students will also attend three noho at Whakarongorua, the school marae, in the build up to the festival. This first is on 17 - 19 March from 6.00pm on Friday until 10.00 am on Sunday. The second is on 24 - 26 March from 6.00pm on Friday until 10.00am on Sunday. The third is on 7 - 8 April, starting at 6.00pm on Friday and going until 6.00pm on Saturday.

We always need (and appreciate) more whanau support. Please let Whaea Ngawini know if you will be available to help with cooking, security and general helping.

## College Calendar

Tuesday 14 March

- Report Evening

Thursday 16 March

- Senior Curriculum Day Line 5

- Year 11 RYDA Programme

- NSS Track and Field

Wednesday 22 March

- University of Otago Liaison Visit

Thursday 23 March

- Year 8 HPV Vaccination 1

Monday 3 - 7 April

- Year 12 Gateways Week

Friday 7 April

- Senior Curriculum Day Line 4

Tuesday 11-12 April

- Tai Tokerau Festival

Wednesday 12 April

- Duffy Assembly

## Celebration of Excellence Assembly

We hold two Celebration of Excellence Assemblies each year, the first of which will be held later this term. If you have a student who you think needs recognition, please collect a nomination form from the Main Office.

## Wet Days and Buses

Sending buses home early is difficult. Our bus depot, and most of our drivers, are in Kaikohe. We would also need to gather up any primary school children that are on a particular bus - primary school caregivers need to be rung if the bus is arriving home early.

Parents are in the best position to assess what is likely to happen when there is prolonged heavy rain in your local area. For example, if it has been raining all night, and is still raining in the morning, **parents may wish to keep students at home (even if the bus arrives) as the college will very likely not be able to arrange an early bus.** Bus drivers may "to try and get through" to collect students in the morning, but sometimes there is little chance they will be able to do the return run, and it is up to caregivers to make the call whether a student gets on the bus in the morning.

Thank you for your help with this.

## Netball and Hockey 2017 Season

The winter sports season is fast approaching. Sign up sheets are up at the Gym office now for our school Netball and Hockey teams for the Bay of Islands Competitions in Kaikohe. Once we have gathered names we will start organising the teams. Email [philippa@okaihau-college.school](mailto:philippa@okaihau-college.school) for more information.