

Principal's Panui

The Years 7 and 8 Raga was a huge success thanks to the commitment of eighteen of our Year 13 students. Once again our seniors stepped up to the mark and were great role models for our juniors.

Nga Wheinga a Rahiri Kapa Haka Roopu

Our kapa haka roopu are performing this Saturday 8th April at 6.00pm in the school hall. Koha entry. The doors will open at 5.00pm and there will be food for sale (sausage sizzle, seafood chowder and fried bread) as well as raffles.

Come along and support our tamariki before they head off to Te Tai Tokerau Festival which is being held in Bream Bay next week.

All welcome.

College Calendar

Tuesday 11-12 April

- Tai Tokerau Festival

Wednesday 12 April

- Duffy Assembly

Thursday 13 April

- Last Day of Term 1

Monday 1 May

- First Day of Term 2

Friday 7 July

- Last Day of Term 2

Monday 24 July

- First Day of Term 3

Friday 29 September

- Last Day of Term 3

Monday 16 October

- First Day of Term 4

Thursday 7 December

- Last Day of Term 4

Ag Group Trip

Massive thanks to Bolton Farms for hosting our field trip on Monday this week.

The fourteen members of the Ag Group learnt lots about health and safety, sheep, beef and stock trucks. Thanks Trish and KJ Edwards, Paul Bolton, Hugh Clotworthy, Chris Kyle (Silver Fern Farms) and Shaun Inverarity (Okaihau Transport) for sharing your enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise in farming.

It was great to have three former students (Paul, Shaun and Hugh) amongst those giving up their time to teach our students.

SADD News

Thursday 6th April saw around 60 students arrive at school dressed in black and pretending to be dead for the whole day. Each student wore a placard describing how they lost their life – each of these described a dangerous driving incident such as texting while driving, drunk driving, etc. This activity was organized by the SADD students to highlight the dangers of dangerous driving. We hope that all students took the time to read some of the scenarios and thought about how dreadful it would be to lose a friend or family member in this way or how much they would miss if they were killed because of dangerous driving.



The SADD group are currently running some Easter Basket raffles to raise money to help send two senior students to the SADD conference in Auckland in the coming school holidays. Tickets are \$1 each and are available from Room S4. Prizes will be drawn next Thursday. These students will learn a great deal to help promote the safety message to our students. We have also been supported by the generosity of Rotary, Lions and staff members.

Dental Bus

The Ngati Hine Health Trust Dental Bus will not be getting to Okaihau College until Term 4 this year. Marino Dental Kaikohe and the Kawakawa dentists are offering free dental work for students who require it until the dental bus gets here. If your child has any dental worries please contact one of these dentists and make an appointment.



Waka Ama

The first ever Okaihau College Waka Ama team travelled to the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Sprint Championships held on Tikitapu - Blue Lake, Rotorua last week. They had an awesome week and did us proud especially seeing they are such a new team.

Our W12 mixed team (both boys and girls teams combined) had never paddled together as one team before and did really well to come 5th out of 7 crews in their heat and finished fast enough to progress to the Plate second division semi-finals.

Our W6 Boys competed in the U19 250m and 500m events and made it through to the Bowl semi-finals (3rd division) coming 4th in both events.

Our W6 Girls also competed in the U19 250 m and 500m events making it to the Bowl Finals (3rd division) in both. They came 7th out of 9 teams in the 250m and 3rd out of 8 in the 500m finals. This was an awesome result for our new team and the whole team is to be congratulated on representing Okaihau College in exemplary fashion.

Many thanks to Mere Teira-Tuiloma for taking our team down for the week, Heremia Tuiloma for coaching and Mahara Grant for helping out and organising her cousin and a friend to feed our team! Your support is much appreciated.



Tauraroa Area School Inter-School Motorcycle Competition – Sunday 2nd April – Paparoa.

Thank you to all the riders who entered for this great event. All of the boys rode so well and the team spirit and support they gave each other was great to see.

Team 1 – Logan Salmons, Dylan Stoney, Jonty Morgan and Jacob Louie.

Team 2 – Josh Pinkney, Max Thomas, TeMana Stillwell and Jacob Titter.

Team 1 did so well – a great effort but had a bike with mechanical problems so no placing. Team 2 won their section receiving an awesome trophy to be shared around the team. A mixed team was made up on the spur of the moment and they came away with 5th placing. Logan Salmons blitzed everyone entered - winning fastest lap of the day!! Josh Pinkney was also awarded the Fastest Junior of the day.

Congratulations to you all – we are proud of you – you are a credit to your school and families. Thank you to the parents/whanau for your help and support.

Carole Pinkney, Team Manager

