

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

We are halfway through term one. The last five weeks have passed incredibly quickly. Senior students should be well into their learning and starting to prepare for assessments in most subjects.

We aim to have at least one NCEA assessment finished by the end of term one so that we (and you) have a good indicator of progress that the students are making toward their qualification. If they are not making the progress they should be, whanau need to be involved in a conversation about how we can work together to ensure that our students keep as many doors open for themselves as possible.

Last Friday, our year seven students went out on some activities, followed by a whanau lunch. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who helped make it all happen. It was great to see so many whanau here to support their tamariki/mokopuna. We hope that this will be the beginnings of a long and fruitful partnership with Okaihau College.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Youth Health Nurses at Okaihau College

Nurse Ruby and Nurse Tracey (Northland District Health Board) facilitate a youth health clinic at Okaihau College every Thursday 10.30am – 1.30pm, at the Student Centre. They provide health information and nursing support on Youth general health and wellbeing. They also engage Year 9 students with a psychosocial health assessment called HEADDSSS (an acronym that stands for Home, Education/Employment, Activities, Drugs & Alcohol, Diet, Safety, Sexuality, Suicide Risk). Parents can make contact with the Youth Health Nurses or the school if they do not wish to have their child participate in a Year 9 HEADDSSS assessment this year.

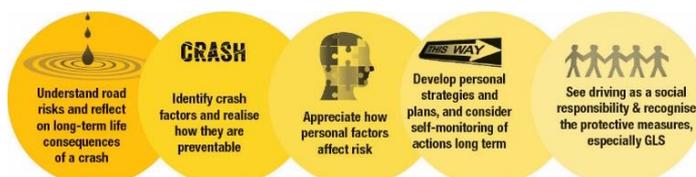
Ruby: Ph: 021 573974

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Year 11 RYDA Programme

Year 11 students will complete the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme on Wednesday 13 March – the next senior curriculum day. This programme 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 for more information including student and parent resources.



College Calendar

Monday 11 March

- Senior Geography Trip - Poor Knight's Marine Reserve

Monday 11 – 15 March

- Swim For Life Programme

Wednesday 13 March

- **Senior Curriculum Day – Line 5**

- RYDA Programme – Year 11

- SADD Workshop

Saturday 16 March

- AgriKids and Junior Young Farmer Competitions

Monday 25 March

- Kapa Haka Mufti Day

Wednesday 27 March

- Attitude Report Evening

Monday 1 – 5 April

- Year 12 Gateways Week

Tuesday 2 April

- **Senior Curriculum Day – Line 3**

Wednesday 10-11 April

- Tai Tokerau Festival

Friday 12 April

- Last day of Term 1

Rocky Shore Field Trip

On Tuesday 5th May, a glorious summer's day, a group of Level 2 Bio students accompanied by Mrs Fox and Ms Hancock made their way to the rocky shore of Opito Bay to collect data for an NCEA achievement standard. Students did a great job counting different types of marine animals that live in the intertidal zone (the area between the high and low water mark) and had time for a swim or two in between all the data collection.



AgriKids / Junior Young Farmer Competitions

Both the AgriKids and Junior Young Farmer competitions will be held at the Warkworth A&P Show in Warkworth on Saturday 16 March 2019.

As far as the competition itself goes, the modules will be similar to last year. Both AgriKids and Junior Young Farmer will have a tractor module (no driving for the AgriKids), there will be a farm water type module and a land care module. There is no fencing this year. All teams will get more information about the modules a week before the competition.

Interested students can collect a notice from the Main Office. The cost of the trip is \$7 per student to contribute towards travel and show entry.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to make contact with either Karen Campbell or Jenny Couchman; (09) 401 9030.