

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Poipoia te kakano kia puawai-nurture the seed, it will blossom.

At the beginning of the term when we had our Whanau BBQs, my korero was about wanting a partnership with the whanau of our students. We investigated whether the things we do are consistent with that message. One area we have identified as needing improvement is the way we do our report evenings.

At present we run what is known as a "speed-dating" format. Whanau come in and have a short time to listen to teachers give them feedback about the progress of their students. If we are serious about being in partnership with you, there needs to be sufficient time for you and your student to be part of the conversation. To this end, we are changing the format for the upcoming report evening.

The first major change is that it will be all day, not just an afternoon. Classes will not run but we expect students to be with you when you come in to talk about them. Teachers will be available from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

The second change is who you will speak with. We see the Whanau Teacher as the first point of contact for whanau when you have things we need to know. So it makes sense to build a relationship with them.

Thirdly, the interviews will be scheduled for 20 minutes. Time for you to talk to us about what you see as your child's abilities and talents, and **your** hopes and aspirations for your child. This time is also to work with you to set some goals for your child and ways that we can work together to achieve them.

We are also trialling a new means of making appointments using an online booking system. If you do not have access to the internet, please ring us (either your child's form teacher or the main office) and we can make an appointment for you.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Whanau Learning Hui

Wednesday 27 March

Tena koutou katoa,

On Wednesday 27 March, Okaihau College will conduct whanau learning hui and classes will not be running as normal. This is a change from how we usually do parent-teacher interviews. Instead of "speed-dating" with all your student's teachers we would like whanau to book a time with your student's whanau teacher to talk about your hopes and aspirations for your student. The 20 minute slot will also mean you have time to set some goals with the whanau teacher and your student while also planning to achieve those goals.

How to Book Your Interview

Please follow these instructions to make a 20-minute booking for your child / children. Your 20 minute appointment should be made with their Whanau Teacher only.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

Click on Make a Booking.

Our Event Code is 5jx3f.

Enter your details to make the booking and click Go.

You will be sent a confirmation email.

If you have any problems with this process, at all, please contact us at school. Your child's Whanau Teacher or Jenny Couchman (jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz or (09) 401 9030 ext 200) at the Main Office can assist you with making a booking.

School Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking for a friendly, efficient cleaner to work every Monday 3.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. term time only. Start a.s.a.p.

We are also looking for relief cleaners to cover illness and busy days.

For further details:

Phone 09 4019030 or email

karenco@okaihau-college.school.nz

College Calendar

Saturday 16 March

- AgriKids and Junior Young Farmer Competitions

Monday 19, 21, 22 March

- Watersafe Programme

Wednesday 20 March

- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

Monday 25 March

- Kapa Haka Mufti Day

Wednesday 27 March

- Whanau Learning Hui

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

Top Energy Watersafe Programme

Due to the pool being out of action this week we have had to reschedule the programme to TUESDAY 19th, THURSDAY 21st and FRIDAY 22nd NEXT WEEK for our Year 7 and 8 classes.

Teachers stay with their class and support the instructor to ensure the students receive the most benefit from the lessons. It is compulsory unless a note is brought from home. Please help your child to remember to bring their swimming clothes and towel. Thank you for your support.



RYDA Programme

Year 11 students took part in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme on Wednesday this week. Students received a course booklet and attended several workshops on various aspects of driver awareness including: The “I” in Drive, Road Choices, Crash Investigators, Hazards & Distractions and Speed & Stopping. Many students were surprised that the safe distance for a car to stop was much further than they guessed, even at 30 km/h. Mr Newport rode in the police car at 60km/h when they showed they were not able to stop in time and hit the dummy at 50 m. He said it was not a nice experience hitting a “body” like that.

RRT (Rapid Relief Team - nz.rapidreliefteam.org) came in this year to cook and provide free sausages for the Year 11 students attending RYDA and feed any other students the left-over sausages!! This was a great success and much appreciated by the students.

Year 11 students are reminded that they will go in the draw for a \$50 Prezzy card by completing the online course evaluation.



Thanks to Kirimoana for the photo