

## ANZAC Day Service

The annual Okaihau ANZAC Day Service will be held in the Okaihau College Hall at 11.00am on Thursday 25 April 2019.

All welcome.



LEST WE FORGET

## Celebration of Excellence

We are due to hold a Celebration of Excellence Assembly soon. If you would like to nominate a student for an Honour's Badge, please collect a nomination form from the Main Office.

## Year 7 Rimu Whanau Breakfast

Year 7 students in Rimu Whanau will be hosting their parents/caregivers/whanau members for breakfast next Wednesday 10 April at 10.00 am. This will be the final week of their Food Technology rotation.

## Ki-o-Rahi Nationals

Our Senior Ki-o-rahi team who won the Northland Secondary Schools competition in 2018 are preparing for the NZ Secondary Schools Tournament being held in Hastings 14-16th of April. The team of 15 has been training hard under the experienced guidance of coach KC Maaka and are looking forward to the experience of a National competition. Many thanks to KC and our whole school community who has help with fundraising and support for our team. Check out our Facebook updates during the tournament - Okaihau College PE and Sport page.

## College Calendar

### Wednesday 10 April

- Year 7 Rimu Whanau Breakfast

### Wednesday 10-11 April

- Tai Tokerau Festival

### Friday 12 April

- Last day of Term 1

### Sunday 14-16 April

- Ki-o-Rahi Nationals in Hastings

### Monday 15 April

- Staff First Aid Course

### Thursday 25 April

- ANZAC Day Service 11.00 am

### Monday 29 April

- First day of Term 2

### Wednesday 1 May

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6 pm.

### Thursday 16 May

- Senior Curriculum Day 4 – Line 1

## Kapa Haka Roopu

Our Kapa Haka Roopu are off to Te Tai Tokerau Festival next week, which is being hosted by Whangarei Boys' High School / Whangarei Girls's High School. The festival covers two days - Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 April, and our two performances are at 2.30pm and 3.00pm on the Wednesday.

Students, tutors and parents / caregivers have put in a massive amount of work to be ready for the festival, and we know that you will do us proud on the stage.

## KAMAR Portal

All parents / caregivers can access information about school and about their students via our student data portal. The portal gives you access to information about daily notices, attendance, NCEA credits, calendars etc.

If you would like to get a login and password, please contact Jenny Couchman at the Main Office; (09) 4019 030 or email [jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz)

## Duffy Books Role Model Assembly

On Tuesday April 2 we were fortunate to host Hayden Weal as our Duffy Books Role Model Assembly speaker. Hayden has had an interesting career as a writer, actor and director and showed the Year 7 and 8s some cool excerpts from films which he had directed and acted in. Hayden was the double for Bilbo Baggins in Peter Jackson's film 'The Hobbit'. Recently he wrote, directed and acted in a feature film called 'Chronesthesia' with Julian Dennison who we all now recognize as Ricky Baker in "Hunt for the Wilderpeople" directed by Taika Waititi. And he also acted as a double in a film with Daniel Radcliffe, who we all recognize as Harry Potter.

Hayden stressed that even though he struggled with reading as a child, his enjoyment of reading eventually helped him to achieve his dream. When he first admitted somewhat hesitantly to his teacher that he wanted to work in the movie industry, she took him to the school library where she showed him a book which told him all about the different aspects and careers in film. This inspired him to follow his passion. Hayden also talked about the important relationship between written and visual texts, asking the students to relate any books that have been made into films. There were heaps!

Thanks to the following students who facilitated so well at the assembly: Cyrus Loke and Te Ara Nui Samson who met, welcomed and escorted Hayden to the Drama Room; Connagh Ward who introduced Hayden Weal so professionally, and Quintin Kaio for doing the vote of thanks. You all showed great leadership skills.

Student voice feedback:

*"It was good to know he got in trouble at school but he still made a good life."*

*"I found it interesting when he showed us clips of films he had made."*

*"I learnt you can make a movie without much money."*

Melita Burrows, Literacy Teacher.

## AgClub Beekeeper Visit Feast of the Wind Honey

On Thursday afternoon last week, Mrs Karen Campbell and Mrs Jenny Couchman took twelve members of the Okaihau College AgClub to visit to a local beekeeper - Mrs Linda Lewis. Mrs Lewis and her husband farm sheep and beef on Stoney Creek Farm in Okaihau but also run over 50 beehives creating bush honey. She talked students through the beekeeping process from start to finish, including how bee hives are constructed, and the reasons for all the different layers within the boxes. Students then had the opportunity to build a hive, either for summer or winter use. Students also got to taste some of the Feast of the Wind honey, both in liquid form and in honeycombs.

Many thanks to Mrs Lewis for hosting us, we learned heaps and will be well prepared if beekeeping ever comes up as a module in AgriKids or Junior Young Farmer competitions.

