

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

It was a real privilege to travel to Whangarei and watch Nga Wheinga a Rahiri, our kapa haka roopu perform at the Tai Tokerau Festival. While they were a young group, they were outstanding both times they performed. Their bracket was well-received by the crowd and was different to many of the other groups who performed. Nga Wheinga a Rahiri took some risks with their choreography and music but were rewarded with great audience response. I want to pay tribute to the main tutors, Hinemoa and Paki. They have worked incredibly hard with our students and the result were there for all to see. Thank you also to all the whanau who have supported their students through this term.

All senior students should be well underway with their assessment programmes and cannot afford to have too much of a holiday. They may have assessments to be working on during the break or revision to do to ensure they are keeping up with their mahi. Please support them to gain the best qualification they can. Their qualifications will open so many doors for them in the long term.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and restful holiday and come back refreshed for term two.

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

Year 7 Rimu Whanau Breakfast

Year 7 students in Rimu Whanau hosted their parents/caregivers/whanau members for breakfast on Wednesday this week. Mrs Beggs and the students put in a wonderful effort and the students were justifiably proud of their achievements. There was a high level of support from the whanau who were proud to be guests for this occasion.



College Calendar

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

Thursday 16 May

- Senior Curriculum Day 4 – Line 1

Saturday 18 May

- Senior Ball

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

Year 7 & 8 Disco

Last Friday night was a very successful and fun night in the Okaihau College hall. Year 13 students hosted the Year 7 and 8 students who came dressed up as something beginning with the letter P. Their costumes showed that they put lots of effort and imagination into them. Whaea Amy dressed as a pirate and Matua Wayne as a Polynesian, greeted the students as they arrived.

Ani and Magic in 7SB reported that it was so much fun. There was candy, chocolate, music, everything you needed at a disco. There were lots of amazing costumes, e.g. Peppa Pig, plumber, pussycat and more. It was an amazing theme and was very well planned out. The music was great, the food was great and everything was amazing!

Many thanks to the Year 13s and teachers who helped make this such a fun night.



Tourism Academy Trip

Students attending the Tourism Academy at QRC in Paihia had a great day out last Friday. They were lucky enough to hop on a boat and experience one of the local tourism operators in the Bay of Islands.



Upsurge Arts Festival

Ms. Smith and her drama students had an amazing time last week experiencing some fabulous arts opportunities as part of the bi-annual arts festival Upsurge. Students went to three different shows, "Wild Dogs Under My Skirt" (six Pacifica women tell their stories through poetry), "Only Bones" (a solo physical theatre show showcasing the elasticity of the human body and "Bruce" (a puppet in the form of a sponge, involving 13 character switches, two puppeteers and just one sponge to tell the saga of Bruce as he fell in love, ran away from the cops and accidentally found himself on board a space ship). Thom Monkton from Only Bones ran a morning workshop for our students and Glenn Calhoun a poetry session in the afternoon. The quality of the writing from our students was amazing – here is what Yr 13 student Eilise wrote about a mass of extension cords plugged into a power box in the drama room

Cords

The long strands of raw noodles

Tangled

The intestines of a human

Dangling but stiff

Racing to their final destination

Overtaking and sabotaging one another

One is free but is still heading to its set destination

Connecting with each other

Engrossed in each other's company

A big thanks to Mike Donaldson (our Digitals teacher) who jumped on board the R Tucker Thompson to film Dame Anne Salmond conducting a voyage retracing the steps of James Cook. Mike filmed this amazing opportunity for us so that we might learn a little more of our history. Thanks also to our new maths teacher Dianne Anson who rehearsed and performed with the NZ Dance Company on opening night.