

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

I would like to thank all our whanau for your support through this strange time - a time which will continue for a few weeks yet. I acknowledge that for many of our community, this has been a time of uncertainty and anxiety. I hope that you and your whanau have still felt connected to Okaihau College through the lockdown period. In many ways, level 3 does not look too different from the lockdown in terms of how school will operate. Learning will continue to be delivered online for the vast majority of our students. During this time, I believe that connection needs to come before curriculum; our message is that "we are still here for you, you are still important to us, and your learning is still important too".

At times like this learning can be done in many ways, not necessarily in the "school" setting. Thank you to those whanau who have been able to help their students develop skills that will help them for the rest of their lives...cooking, practical tasks, and caring for others. However learning happens, it is still important. I encourage students to engage with the tasks that teachers have posted on their google classrooms in addition to what they are doing at home.

For those of you that have contacted us about devices and learning packs, they have all been ordered and my understanding is that deliveries began earlier this week. Although it is difficult, please be patient, I know the Ministry of Education is working extremely hard to get those packs and devices out to whanau as quickly as possible.

Kids Can have contacted us to say that a delivery of food is due at the school some time next week. Keep an eye on the Okaihau College facebook page for times when you will be able to come and pick up food packages from the school hall. We will need to actually construct the parcels ourselves so bear with us as we do this.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui....



Jade Gardiner, 7VS served banana on toast for breakfast. Looks yummy!

College Calendar

Tuesday 28 April

- Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 29 April

- School Open for Supervision of Students of Essential Workers

Fabulous News from OC Students Learning @ Home

Many students have been making an effort to do some learning at home since the term started and we are pleased to share some of their successes. Some students are doing an amazing amount of work and many other subjects besides these visual ones are having successes. Most students are missing the interaction with their friends and yes, even their teachers, even though many have been able to meet online. We encourage you all to keep going and look forward to being able to join our Okaihau College whanau together again in person in a few more weeks.

Food Technology

Students have been sending in some great photos of their cooking at home. Ms Henderson's brief was for students to keep caring for their whanau by carrying on making the things we practiced at school in term one and to be creative with whatever ingredients they had. Ms Henderson has been giving great feedback and wishing she was at their place for the feed or that they could do delivery! We are very proud of your efforts and for you helping out your families. Thanks to all your parents for letting you loose in the kitchen – keep cooking! We hope they all enjoy your cooking. Here's a selection of their creativity.

Ayesha Neeley, 7PZ

Had great success with her butter chicken and naan bread family dinner, all made from scratch (with a bit of help). She reported it was delicious but quite spicy and her family really enjoyed it. Well done Ayesha!





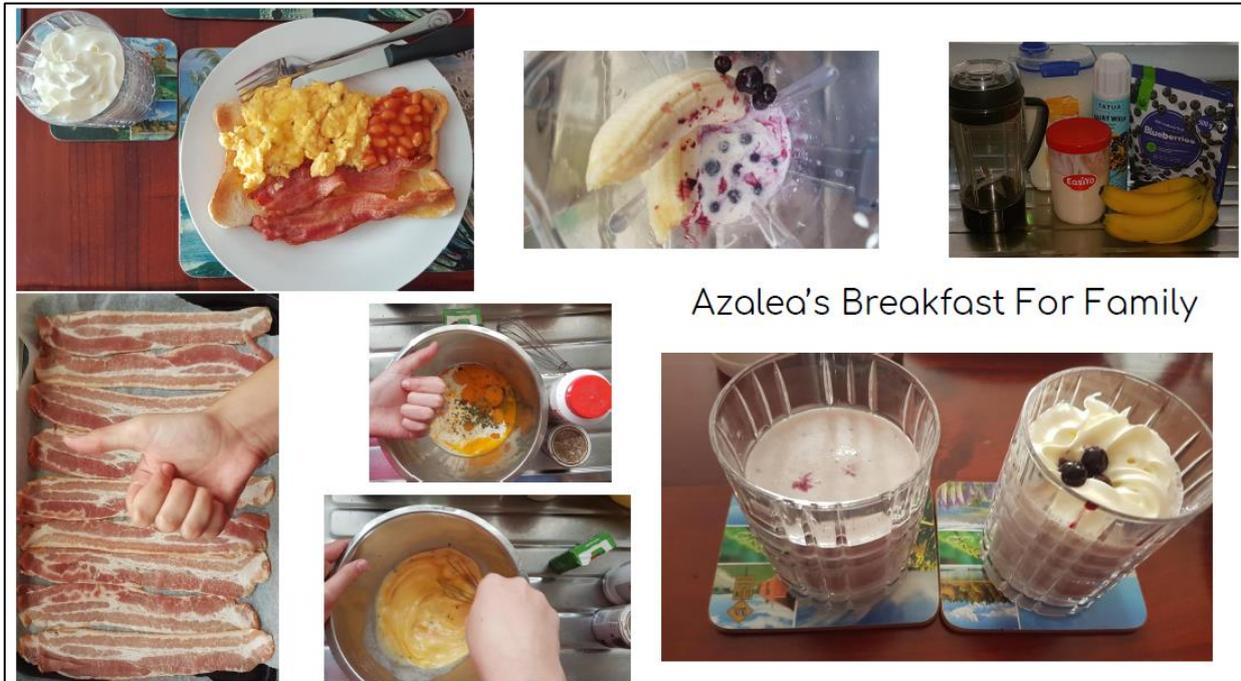
Alize Gregory, 11SB made some seriously good pizzas on tortilla bases. Her brief was to develop a pizza concept suitable for the tuck shop. She had no flour so used the tortillas as the base. The next day she'd made some more and showed us the technology she used to cook them!

She will be able to use the photos she took of them as evidence in her NCEA work. Great work Alize!



Jaden van Daalen, 7AJ made a superb cheese and bacon omelet for his breakfast and sent Mrs Henderson a great presentation complete with videos.

Azalea Wood- Whiu, 7PZ cooked breakfast for her family and put together this wonderful presentation for Ms Henderson.



Azalea's Breakfast For Family

Congratulations to the Year 13 Chemistry Class for 100% attendance at Mrs Davidson's Google Meet on Thursday!

Year 7 Art

The Year 7 students have started their Art journey learning about the importance of line and how it impacts their artworks. They are understanding positive and negative space before we continue with printing when we are back in the classroom. These three students have sent in their examples of landscapes and leaf prints and repeated pattern. While we are in lockdown the students have had to make do with what they have in their environment. I'm very proud of the efforts they have done.

Mrs Beggs



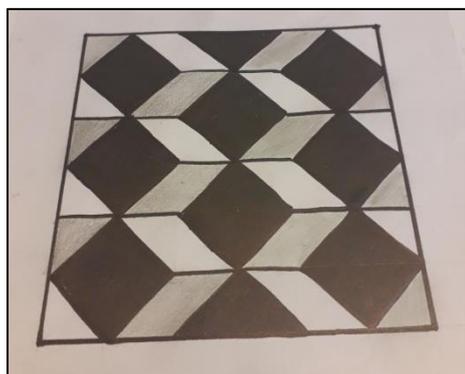
Kieran Mulcahy



Ocean Cowan



Jackie Wingrove



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Brilliant Bubbles

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Rather than Person of the Week, the 10KK whanau class has decided to do "Brilliant Bubble". It's all about manaakitanga, about focusing on getting along with and looking after those in your bubble.

How does it work?

- On Friday every student shares something great that they have done during the week in/for their bubble (e.g. being helpful, kind, sharing, etc...)
- If a student can't think of anything, they can ask the other people in their bubble.
- When reporting back students say specifically what they have done. For example "I have been very kind to my younger brother by trying to play games with him and not getting frustrated and grumpy when he doesn't follow the rules. I know he is little and learning."
- Students either report back during our whanau class google meet time or by email

Below are some of the brilliant bubbles from 10KK's bubble week:

Thank you to all the students and whanau who have shared. It's great to hear about what others are doing in their bubble. It's all about connections and manaakitanga. "What is the most important thing in the world? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!"

Mrs Kitchingman
10KK Whanau Teacher

Bubble Week = 13th April to 17th April

- "I've helped clean out the garage"
- "I've been doing the dishes!"
- "I've been helping my parents- washing, dishes, giving my little sister a ride on the ride on mower"
- "I've made my bubble apple crumble with ice cream!"
- "I've cooked dinner for my bubble with table service"
- "I've helped my sister with her learning at home."
- "I'm talking lots to my Nan to connect with her in her bubble"
- "I've been good at doing the work the teachers have set"
- "I've been good at doing my homework and looking after my brothers and sisters while Mum is at work"
- "I've working hard on maths"
- "I've been vacuuming and doing the dishes while in my bubble"
- "I set up an obstacle course for my siblings and we try to beat our time. Mum videos us doing it and times us."