

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Well, we are out of lockdown, McDonalds is running out of food, and the vast majority of our students are still learning at home...interesting times indeed!

While Level 3 allows a greater measure of freedom, it is also important that we all observe the appropriate safety measures when it comes to physical distancing and hygiene.

Thank you again to all those whanau that are helping their students with their home learning-whether that be school work or other learning that is happening. Please do your best to help/remind your students to check in with their whanau teachers when they can. That sense of connection to teachers is really important to maintain during the time they are physically away from school. Please contact us if there is anything that you need. Remember we are still here for you, you are still important to us, and learning is still important too.

We have been fielding some phone calls and emails about the Ministry devices and education packs, particularly asking when they should be expected. Unfortunately, we do not have any control over the delivery of the packs/devices as the Ministry of Education is coordinating this. **One thing that would help us (and the Ministry) is to ensure that your addresses are up to date.** We have had contact from the Ministry about some packs that haven't been able to be delivered because the addresses we have been working from have been incorrect. If you have moved in the last couple of months and not told us, could you please let us know as soon as possible? We would appreciate it and it means that anything the Ministry needs to deliver will arrive where it is supposed to.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kids Can for providing our whanau with the generous food packages that they delivered us this week. Also thank you to the 5 students that are at school who did such a great job of putting the parcels together yesterday.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Helping Our Community

KidsCan Kai

On Thursday morning a few staff and the students attending school got going and packed most of eight pallets full of provisions into 250 individual boxes. These were advertised on our facebook page and families collected boxes from the school hall on Friday 1 May. The food was donated through KidsCan and we thank them and their sponsors for the opportunity to help provide for our community. [#KidsCanNZ](#)



Isolation Kitchen!

Ms Henderson may be in lockdown but it hasn't stopped her cooking. She has been working from her Isolation Kitchen to help Kai Konnect and Feed My Sheep care for kaumatua and kuia in the community by making pots of soups and packaging up ready-made nutrient dense meals. Whanau kai packs are also assembled to awhi grandparents who are caring for grandchildren. Ms Henderson boxes up the packs and meals and leaves them on the front porch. The team of delivery people distribute to Kawakawa, Moerewa, Kaikohe and surrounds, and out to the Hokianga. Posting photos on Facebook has led to a response of people as far away as Tauranga either leaving food donations on her front door or monetary donations. She has been amazed with the level of community service as we support each other.

Kia Kaha Ms Henderson and arohanui from our community for your practical aroha.



Acknowledgement of Our Students:

During this COVID-19 crisis, our Government and country has taken the time to thank all of our essential workers for looking after "us" and keeping our country going.

There is one group of essential workers whom we think deserve special mention. Our wonderful students! We know of quite a few who have continued working through the period of lockdown. Students such as Megan, Terisa, Juliana, Ashanti and Kezza-Hayes have been very necessary front-line workers in local supermarkets during this crisis. We know that there will be many more on farms, orchards and in family businesses.

With the country moving to Alert Level 3, more of our students will restart their pre-lockdown employment in our restaurants, fast food places and other businesses as they move to providing takeaways and other contact-less services so the economy can get going again. Families will also rely even more on their older children to provide childcare as parents return to work.

We know this presents other challenges in terms of our students ability to focus on and maintain their connection with school and their academic programme, but we really think that our kids should be celebrated for standing up and making an extremely valuable contribution to our community in these unprecedented times.

All of our students deserve a medal for making the best of this really unusual situation but those who are working on the front-line deserve special mention.

Written by staff member Leanne Rumble, but reflecting the sentiments of all our teaching and support staff.

More Student Baking!



Keegan Reed, 7AJ made these yummy Anzac cookies while his younger brother made the yoyos.



Ayesha Neely, 7PZ has been busy again making these amazing, colourful gingerbread men and butterflies! That looks like it was a fun project Ayesha.

Keep the photos of your cooking efforts coming in to Ms Henderson. We love to see your great creations!

ANZAC DAY by 7AJ

My first Anzac Day in New Zealand. My mum helped me make a poppy.



By Jaden-Thomas van Dalen

#StandAtDawn 2020

At 6am we stood by our letterbox and listened to the RNZ service.

Ka maumahara tonu tātou kia rātou.
We will remember them.



Anzac wreath drawn by Ocean Cowan



'Lest we forget' by Whaea Amy & Matua Wayne

Bubble News from 7AJ

"A couple of weeks ago I clogged the toilet and then helped my mum unclog it"
"I play lego with my sister while my dad is in a meeting"
"I mow the lawn for my dad"
"I play with my sister when my mum needs to clean the house"
"I've been learning how to ride a skateboard"
"I helped my mum to cook dinner"
"I've been learning how to make kites"
"I'm learning how to play the guitar"
"I made some poi and rakau"
"I've been helping with chores at home"

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The school app is an easy way to keep in touch, keep up with alerts going out, newsletter access etc.

Northland Secondary School Athletics Championships

One of the last school outings before lockdown was our Athletics Team who participated in the Northland Secondary School regional championships at Trigg Stadium, Whangarei on 12th March. A team of five students all gave their best efforts making the school proud.

Finalists were:

Benjamin Clunie- BRONZE Intermediate Boys 400m with a time of 1.03.77- Well done!

Kerri Johnson- Senior Girls who had two finals which is a lot for one day running 6 races- 100m 4th 13.06 and 200m 5th 27.56.

Kia kaha



Okaihau College Distance Learning Site

In case any parents are not aware of it our distance learning can be accessed through the school website.

www.okaihau-college.school.nz

Student Emails

A reminder for students, where possible, to please check their school emails daily for any information and feedback sent directly from teachers.

RYDA Prize

At our Okaihau College RYDA programme day last term students who completed the programme and the online survey were entered in a draw for a \$50 AMI prezzy card. Congratulations to Charlyse Tansey who has been drawn as the winner. She has a wee bit of time to think about how she will spend that \$50 but we are sure she will enjoy doing so when she is able to.

UN Youth Conference

Aotearoa Youth Declaration ONLINE - an online version of their youth civics conference is happening from 4th-22nd May (evenings). **Registrations are currently open to all high school students from Years 9-13 in Aotearoa.**

As well as working in focus rōpū to develop the Youth Declaration 2020 document, participants will have access to a huge range of other optional opportunities during the course of the conference, including online webinars hosted by some of the most amazing people from across Aotearoa. They also have a bunch of workshops, social events and other exciting elements of the conference itinerary that are yet to be announced.

More information and the link to register can be found here: https://unyouth.org.nz/event/aotearoa-youth-declaration/detail?q=ayd_online

Participant registrations are quick, easy and completely free! Registrations close Friday 1st May, 11.59pm, so student should sign up ASAP if interested in participating!