

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Kua hinga te Totara i te wao nui a Tane  
Ka tangi tonu nga manu i te wao  
Ka tangi hoki matou.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Wiremu Wiremu yesterday afternoon. Wiremu was instrumental in the construction of the marae at both Okaihau College and Bay of Islands College. He had a very close relationship with Mr. Forgie and he was as involved as his busy schedule would allow him to be with our kura. Our condolences go out to his whanau at this difficult time. It truly is the end of an era.

We are looking forward to reopening our kura for students on Monday as I'm sure you all are too. Please ensure that you have talked to your students about what appropriate physical distancing looks like. It is about keeping themselves and others around them safe. Just because things are freer, there is no cause for complacency. It is still really important to observe good hand washing and hygiene practices. Like we have indicated earlier in the week, School will look a little different when we come back. To reduce the need for movement and help students reconnect with each other and their teachers, students will be mainly in their whanau classes for the next two weeks.

Learning will still be primarily online, with the added bonus of having more structured availability of teachers to help with the learning. While it might be tempting to keep students at home because of this, it is important to realise that all the advice from the Ministry of Health tells us that schools are safe. The other aspect that all the students have been missing is the social aspect of school - they miss their friends. If for no other reason, it is important to allow students to enjoy the social aspect that they have been missing for the past seven weeks.

Thank you again for all the support you have given us through this unprecedented time. I would also like to acknowledge the huge effort that our teaching and support staff have put into ensuring that learning could still happen. Thanks to you all.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui,

Nga mihi nui,

## Farewell

E nga mana, e nga reo, e nga karangaranga maha

Kua hinga te Totara i te wao nui a Tane  
Ka tangi tonu nga manu i te wao  
Ka tangi hoki matou.

Haere a matua **Wiremu Williams** ki te pae o  
Hawaiiiki,  
ki reira tutaki ai o whanaunga e tatari ana mou.

E te whanau pani, kia kaha, kia maia, kia  
manawanui.  
Ahakoa kahore matou i o koutou taha-a-tinana, kei  
reira matou a-wairua.

Moe mai ra e te Rangatira.

All authorities, all voices, the many affiliations

The great Totara from the forest of Tane(mahuta)  
has fallen  
The birds of the forest cry out  
As we cry also

Farewell matua Wiremu Williams, go to the sacred  
land of Hawaiiiki  
There your whanau will be waiting for you  
To those close whanau members, be strong, be  
courageous and endure, be steadfast

Although we may not be able to be physically beside  
you all at this time, we are there in spirit. Sleep  
peacefully esteemed leader.

It is with great sadness we acknowledge the passing  
of Matua Wiremu Williams.

Matua Wiremu has maintained a long standing  
connection to Okaihau College and was  
instrumental in the establishment of  
Whakarongorua marae for our students and  
community. This is one of many of his contributions  
made to our kura.

We grieve with the whānaupani at this time. We are  
with you ā-wairua and our aroha and tautoko go out  
to you all.

Naku noa  
Thomas Davison  
Te Tumuaki o te kura tuarua o Okaihau

## College Calendar

### Monday 18 May

- Rahui Lifted from School Site
- School Opens Again

## Careers Corner

### The Careers Department at Okaihau College May Term 2- 2020

Kia ora, I am Kim Bolton the new Careers Advisor at school situated in the Student Centre. We have lots of information available for students to plan a future pathway in tertiary education, employment training, trades academy and looking for a job or an apprenticeship opportunity. I am readily available to discuss these with *students and parents* and invite you to contact [kimb@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:kimb@okaihau-college.school.nz) or phone 09 401 9030 ext. 214 to make an appointment.

Latest News are Zoom Meetings (Online discussion session with University Representatives):

Currently Auckland, AUT, Otago, Massey, Canterbury, Waikato and Victoria Universities are offering one on one Zoom meeting for our students to be able to engage directly with students who wish to talk about courses they may be interested in taking for 2021. We can make a scheduled appointment time for them or they can go to our Careers Google Classroom to gain the latest updated contact details and course information : Arts, Science, Business, Law, Engineering, Vet, Nurse, Doctor, Psychologist, Teaching, Communication, Digital, Math to name a few.

### Careers Google Classroom:

Is up and running for all Year 13 and for any other student who wishes to join (see Okaihau College Careers Advice-Google classroom) Class code 7ey46i4

### Polytechnics:

Are currently undergoing a Nationwide realignment. We can offer the latest information on many courses and training facilities for example: UNITEC, NorthTec, MIT, ITC, NZST, BCITO from construction, building, electrician, chef, tourism, floristry, horticulture, agriculture. Zoom meetings are available.

### Need Ideas? Need to know subjects required?

Pop into the Student Centre and make an appointment.

## Masterchef!



Budding Masterchef, **Ayesha Neeley, 7PZ** is still creating fabulous food for her whanau!



**Ashton Paraone, 8DA** told us his Dad caught the fish off the rocks. It looks like he really enjoyed his dinner! Well done Ashton.

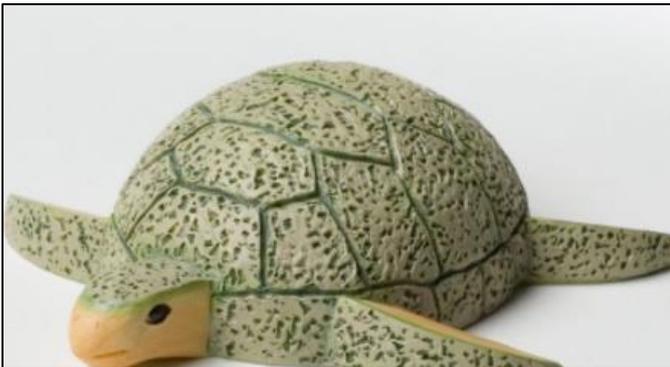
## Master Mechanic



**Reno Whittaker, 8MD** has assembled this working model engine over the past few weeks.



## Masterchef Research



**Lakin Whittaker, 7VS** did some research for when he can get a rock melon to try out this creation.