

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Term 3 for 2020. I hope everyone was able to spend some quality time together as a whanau and managed to keep their heads above water last weekend.

I would especially like to welcome Mitchel Woodman who has joined our teaching team in the Social Sciences department. The Woodman whanau have many links to education in Tai Tokerau and Mitchel has returned home from Wellington to join them. I am excited to see how she contributes to our Okaihau College community. We had a powhiri for Ms Woodman and also Mr Sexton, who joined the Math department on the last day of school before lockdown, on Tuesday morning. I acknowledge the kapa haka tutors who encouraged and prepared our junior students to welcome the Woodman whanau and I particularly acknowledge Paige Williams-Cooper and Nicole Moon who did the karanga for our manuhiri so beautifully.

Term 3 is traditionally "the work term". This, for senior students especially, is when concerted work toward their qualifications happens. With the changes to the external exam dates, our senior students will have more time to achieve what they need. It is important that whanau help support your students by monitoring their progress and being interested in what they are doing.

For junior students, it is a valuable time to work on the skills and dispositions they will need to be successful in the senior school. Self-management, critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity are all things that will help our students prepare for both school and the world beyond it.

Our community hui continue next week with the House system korero needing to make a decision about whether our proposed changes will go ahead for 2021. The hui will take place in Whakarongorua Marae Thursday 30 July from 5:30pm. Nau mai, haere mai.

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

Year 7 Vaccination Forms

Vaccination forms were given out to students who did not get their Boostrix Vaccination last term. If you still have these at home, please can they be completed and returned to the Student Centre as soon as possible.

Kaiawhina from the DHB will be visiting homes to check about those that have not been returned.

If you need another form or wish to check we have received your child's form, please contact the Student Centre 09 4019030 ext.207, 021 0868 4071 or bethc@okaihau-college.school.nz.

College Calendar

Thursday 13 August

- Year 7 Vaccination Catch-ups

Wednesday 19 August

- Senior Whanau Learning Hui

Warm Blankets Gratefully Received



During 2019 the year 10 Food & Soft Materials classes learned a range of craft skills including machine sewing and patchwork, crochet and knitting. They started by making a "boomerang" shopping bag for their own whanau and more which were given to local Okaihau businesses. Squares of crochet and knitting were combined to make children's cot blankets and squares of patchworked fabric filled with recycled duvet inners to make single bed blankets. Osgar Gilbert learned to crochet baby's shawl with wool donated by his whanau. Chantelle Watson crocheted beautiful soft newborn beanies and these along with the knitted beanies by Beth Crawford were given to the maternity ward at Whangarei hospital. With true creativity Ingeborg Rodgers turned 10 knitted peggy squares into cute rabbits which she gave to the children's ward also at Whangarei hospital.

A combined effort produced a number of blankets which the students decided to donate to Oranga Tamariki to pass onto local whanau needing a special blanket for children in care. Pictured below is Charlyse Tansey and Chanelle Watson along with teacher Diana Henderson presenting the blankets to Mid North Oranga Tamariki during the school holidays. Just as a footnote the intention was for this to happen in term 1 of this year but Covid-19 delayed the occasion.



Celebrating Matariki with you

To celebrate our school relationships and commemorate Matariki 2020, we're running a competition for your students. Giving back to the community and supporting our schools has always been important to ASB.

The task for your taura (students)

We invite your students to submit a digital poem, piece of writing or art depicting what Matariki means to them. We hope this initiative will encourage our rangatahi (youth) to reflect on the historical significance of Matariki in Te Ao Māori and how we acknowledge traditions in 2020.

Competition details:

Entries can be in English or Te Reo.
You can submit one entry per age group: Ages 5-9 years, Ages 10-15 years, Ages 16-18 years.
The entries can be submitted by one or a group of your students.
Poem or essay to be no more than 400 words.
Artwork to be on one page.
To submit your entry, simply email matariki@asb.co.nz with your submission(s) attached, along with the school name, student name(s) and age(s).

Key dates:

Entries open Monday 20 July and close Friday 7 August 2020 at 5pm.
Winning schools will be notified by Friday 14 August 2020.

Prizes up for grabs:

Your students can win a share of \$1,000. We've got three \$100 vouchers to give away in each of the age groups.

Mid-Year Reports

All students were issued with their mid-year reports on Wednesday this week.

If you require a second copy, you are welcome to contact the Main Office and we can post/email another one home for you.

Mufti Day

A group of senior students have organized for us to hold a Mufti Day next Wednesday 29 July. The mufti day is to raise money to support education in school around racial inequality.

All students are encouraged to come in clean, tidy mufti gear (no jandals or gumboots), and to bring a gold coin towards the fundraising effort.

Roopu Hui

Tena koutou katoa

We will be holding the next (3rd) Roopu Hui Thursday 30th July at 5.30pm to DECIDE THE WHANAU / ROOPU RESTRUCTURE FOR 2021 at the school marae, Whakarongorua.
All whanau, students and kaiako me nga kaiawhina - Nau mai, haere mai.

Nga mihi
Mabel Davis