

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Kua hinga te totara i te wao nui a Tane. Ki nga mate, haere atu ki nga ringa aroha o te Atua. Ki a koe, Te Puawaitanga (Aunty Bloss), moe mai ra e te whaea.

Aunty Bloss was a well-loved and respected Te Reo teacher and Kuia at Kerikeri High School for many years. She was also heavily involved in the organisation of Te Reo teachers in Te Tai Tokerau. A small group of our staff and students went to Whitiara Marae at Te Tii on Wednesday to pay our respects and show support for those closest to Aunty Bloss. Our thoughts are with her whanau and particularly our colleagues at Kerikeri High School during this difficult time.

It also saddens me to share that one of our recent past students Waka Harris, passed away as a result of a car accident last weekend. It is never an easy task to share the passing of a young person, particularly one who was so recently part of our kura. We send our condolences to his immediate and extended whanau.

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

## Education to Employment Speedmeet 2020

Okaihau College students went to Bay of Islands College this week for a Speed meet for prospective employers, internships and apprenticeships. Fourteen different employers from Northland-based enterprises were looking for their new employees. We had a fabulous day with five minute sessions per employer, practice for their interviewing skills and the opportunity to learn about prospective placements.

Okaihau College students were complimented about the manner they conducted themselves. Great results for these young men.

Thank you.

Kim Bolton-Careers Advisor.



## College Calendar

**Tuesday 8 September**

-Special Olympic Basketball  
-Rugby 7's U15 Boys' and Girls'

**Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September**

-Year 7&8 Netball Tournament

**Friday 11 September**

-Ki O Rahi

## Okaihau College 2021 Open Day

**Wednesday 16 September 2020**

**11.30 am - 1.00 pm and 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm**

Prospective students and their parents / caregivers are invited to attend our Open Day. Each session begins with a welcome in the school marae after which our junior students will give tours of the school.

If you are unable to attend the Open Day, or have any enquiries about enrolments, contact Deputy Principal, Crystal Jordan on (09) 401 9030.

## Cancer Society Many Thanks!

To everyone who supported Daffodil Day last Friday, it is much appreciated. We raised \$204.30 to support the Cancer Society.



## ASB NSS Sports Awards

Online nominations are open for students who have represented Northland or Nationally in their sporting code. The nomination form can be found on the Sport Northland website under Secondary School Sport. Nominations close Wednesday 9 September 2020. Any questions please contact the PE Department.

# Okaihau College 2021 Enrolments

The board invites applications from parents and caregivers who wish to enrol their student at Okaihau College next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Main Office. Pre-Enrolment Forms have been distributed to local primary schools and are also available from the Main Office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 23 September 2020. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school. The school has determined the number of places likely to be available for **out of zone** students next year. This is approximately:

- 20 places at Year 7
- 6 places at Year 8
- 0 places at Year 9
- 2 places at Year 10
- 7 places at Year 11
- 10 places at Year 12
- 10 places at Year 13

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. The school operates an approved special programme for students with special needs and expects that there will be approximately two places available in the programme for out of zone students.

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

### First priority

will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme.

### Second priority

will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.

### Third priority

will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.

### Fourth priority

will be given to applicants who are children of former students of the school.

### Fifth priority

will be given to applicants who are children of board employees or a child of a member of the board of the school.

### Sixth priority

will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceed the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot (except in the case of special programmes where the criteria in the enrolment scheme apply). If a ballot is required, it will be held on Wednesday 14 October 2020. Parents will be informed in writing of the outcome of the ballot within three working days of the ballot being held.

# Pride Week 2020

Whakanuia te uenuku ki ia kura - Celebrating Pride in Every School. Our first School's Pride Week was a huge success. It was fantastic to see so many students enthusiastic and engaged in supporting and affirming students, staff, whānau, and community members that identify with the Rainbow community.



Students ranging from Year 9 to Year 13 took the reins with the organisation of the week, creating and making educational posters, finding relevant whakatauki, and organising a colouring competition. A lot of positive conversations were had around all things 'Rainbow' and many people learned something new throughout the week.

Massive thank you to all the students, whānau, and staff who supported the Rainbow Bake sale and Mufti Day. The money raised from these events will go to the InsideOut charity, that works to support Rainbow Youth across Aotearoa, and towards purchasing books by Rainbow authors and books that deal with Rainbow issues to enhance the selection in Te Puna Ako.

Tēnā rewa atu koutou, looking forward to celebrating again next year.

