

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa

Nau mai, haere mai ki te hui o nga whanau o tenei kura.

Next week we are privileged to have Mike King talking to our students about mental health and looking out for each other. He is also holding a free community event for whanau in our hall from 6:30pm. The mental health of our young people is particularly topical at the moment, and a lot of rangatahi are struggling with the uncertainty in the world at present. Getting Mike to speak with our students and community about this important issue is a great opportunity and I encourage you to support this kaupapa.

Next week we also have some other important events in the life of the school. The Education Review Office (ERO) will be here to check on our progress as a school in a number of areas and we look forward to showing them some of the great things that are happening at Okaihau College.

In addition, we have our 2021 Open Day next Wednesday in which we welcome our prospective year 7s for 2021. There are two sessions: 11:30am - 1:00pm and again at 5:30 - 6:30pm. We welcome you to come and check out what we are about and have a tour of the school.

On a more sombre note, next week also marks the tangi of Waka Harris. Waka's whanau wants to acknowledge the positive role that Okaihau College played in Waka's life. The COVID restrictions make this more difficult than usual particularly in terms of the size of the tangi. As a result, on Wednesday afternoon, Waka will be driven past the school for us to pay our respects. The whole school will gather to haka him as he drives by on the way to Piki te Aroha Marae in Rahiri. There are many students who are related to him that attend our school, friends that are still here across all year groups, and many teachers who want to acknowledge Waka's passing and remember him. While some of our students will not have known Waka, it is important at times like these that we unite to support each other. It is a timely reminder of the fragility of life but also how when people come together, there is nothing they cannot overcome.

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

## College Calendar

### Monday 14 September

- Mike King visit

### Tuesday 15 September

- Otago Planning Course

### Wednesday 16 September

- Annual Open Day for New Enrolments

### Thursday 17 September

- Election Day for Student Representative

### Friday 18 September

- Ki O Rahi Tournament

- Orienteering Year 7-10

## 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.



## Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programme

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Spring School Holidays on [Tutukaka Coast](#) & [Taupo Bay](#). This is free for 11-18 year olds

**Fun, Active & Healthy**

11-18yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions  
[Tutukaka](#) & [Taupo Bay](#) | 28 Sep-2 Oct | 5-9 Oct 2020

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment

Limited spaces | Please email to book  
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## L2 Geography Research Trip

Last week on Wednesday the Level 2 Geographers drove across Northland to collect weather data from different locations. Their aim was to find out if there is a significant difference in weather data across different environments in Northland. They visited Puketi Forest, Doves Bay Marina and Kerikeri township and collected primary weather data.

It was a blustery day with cold showers sweeping across the region which influenced the data they collected about temperature, humidity, cloud cover, wind direction and speed. The students also made field sketches and notes about the natural and cultural features of the four different environments. Back at school the students are evaluating their data, writing up findings and drawing conclusions, to gain five NCEA Level 2 credits. It was a great day out, with 'van-tastic' students.



Mrs Kitchingman (Level 2 Geography Teacher)



## Under 15 Boys Rugby Sevens

A keen team of Year 9 and 10 boys attended the North Zone Under 15 Sevens Rugby Tournament held at the Kaikohe Rugby Club. The round robin tournament of six teams saw the team come away with three wins and two losses to finish third overall. A fun 4 x 100m relay event saw our fastest runners finish a very close second behind Northland College.

It was a solid effort from all team members with some outstanding play also from Nikau Donelley and Mason Barber. Team members were Lukas Barlow, Riley Clayden, John Connor-Rapata, Rico Edwards, Roma Edwards, Jamie Gielen, Freedom Haare, Piringi Howard-Marino, Hunter Marsh-McCarthy and Tengere Waa. Thank you to Mr Robson for coaching the team and Northland Rugby Union for running the event.

