

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

While it seems that Alert Level 2 does not have much effect on our lives compared to the Alert Level 3 that Auckland is currently experiencing, it is worth revisiting the importance of following the guidelines published by the Ministries of Health and Education. It is vital that whanau only come into school if it is really necessary. We have seen how quickly that Covid-19 can spread through a school community in Auckland and want to reduce the risk of anything happening in our setting. If you do need to come in, please sign in at the Main Office and have your contact tracing app on. Students still need to be at school unless there is someone particularly susceptible at home. Please inform us if this is the case. Students should be able to access their work on each class's Google Classroom. Although these measures can be inconvenient, they are important nonetheless. Thank you for continuing to look after each other in these uncertain times.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in both our Athletics Day and Swimming Sports events. By all accounts, the competition between the roopu is closely contested. The final results are yet to be announced as we are awaiting the final athletics events (800metres and 1500metres) to be completed. Look out for an announcement of the final results in the near future.

Our Year 11 students had a great opportunity to again spend the day with the RYDA programme, a series of workshops that educate students about the pitfalls and possibilities of driving. The students took part in a variety of activities that allowed them to explore things like following distances and the role of distractions in accidents. Thanks to the RYDA facilitators for helping our students develop safe driving habits and Mrs Rumble for organising the day to run smoothly.

Nau reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

Okaihau College  
Head Students –  
Tessa Flood, Tohu  
Harris, Madelene  
Clunie, Samuel  
Williams, Principal –  
Mr T Davison, Elsie  
Quarrie and Grace  
Hamlin.



### College Calendar

#### **Tuesday 9 March**

- Geography Poor Knights Trip
- Swim for Life Year 7 and 8

#### **Wednesday 10 March**

- Level 2 Biology Rocky Shore Trip
- Year 8 Choice Programme

#### **Thursday 11 March**

- NSS Track and Field Yr 9-13 – Whangarei

#### **Friday 12 March**

- Staff Only Day

#### **Wednesday 17 March**

- Year 7, 8 & Measles Vaccinations
- Year 8 Choice Programme

#### **Thursday 18 March**

- Year 7 Choice Programme

#### **Friday 19 March**

- Whanau Drop in Afternoon
- Hui a Hāpori – Whakarongorua Marae

#### **Monday 29 March**

- Duffy Role Model Assembly

#### **Monday 29 March - Thursday 1 April**

- Year 12 Auckland Trip

#### **Friday 2 – Tuesday 6 April**

#### **EASTER WEEKEND**

#### **Monday 12 April**

- Year 9 Hearing & Vision Testing

#### **Friday 16 April**

- Last Day of Term 1

#### **Monday 3 May**

- First Day of Term 2

## Choice Programme with the NZ Police

Over the next five weeks Hoani Hippolite will be delivering the "Choice" programme to the Year 7 and 8s.

The Choice programme aims to strengthen young people's ability to make positive life choices with special emphasis on drug use.

The Choice programme will help students to

- use a decision-making process to help them make safe choices about drug use
- distinguish between legal and illegal drugs and between drug use and misuse
- describe some of the consequences of drug misuse
- critically analyse media messages related to drug use.

Hoani will be here on Wednesday mornings for the Year 8s and Thursday mornings for the Year 7s. The first session will be on Wednesday 10th March for the Yr 8s and Thursday 18 March for Yr 7s. Each class will be supervised and supported by their timetabled teacher and each session has been assigned to a different subject area so that the same class isn't missing too much of the curriculum. Here is the website for more information on the "Choice" programme.

<https://www.police.govt.nz/advice/personal-and-community-advice/school-portal/resources/healthy-body-healthy-mind/choice-year-0>

## Athletics Day



We will bring you final results once all races have been completed. Watch this space!

## "Ka Kata Ngā Pūriri o Taiamai"

### Good news of the week

The following students have received Whakarongorua Certificates this week for their efforts in displaying any of our school values of manaakitanga – harmony, whakapono – truth, kia kaha – effort.

- 8PZ:** Shea Ward, Jackie Wingrove  
**9MD:** Shannon Chambers, Noah Graham  
**9DA:** Samantha Beeching, Troy Row  
**10XX:** Stephen Harris, Taimania Hickman-Kaka  
**11KK:** Awanui Wihongi, Charlee Littin  
**13DP:** Joseph Lovini, Te Haupuru Walker

## Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Programme

On Wednesday this week the Year 11 students participated in the RYDA programme. The aim of the programme is to increase an understanding of road safety issues (including risk factors), educate students about their rights and responsibilities on the road and equip them with the tools they need to choose behaviours that lead to safer outcomes on New Zealand roads.

They participated in different the workshops of: Road Choices, Mind Matters, Drive SOS, Crash Investigators, Speed and Stopping and I in Drive. The 11KK boys were amazed by the stopping distance realities and they told Mrs Kitchingman all about it in detail!

Thanks to the facilitators for this great opportunity for our students and to Mrs Rumble for the well organised and run day, Mīharo!!

**NETBALL NORTHERN** **NORTHERN MYSTICS**

**FESTIVAL OF NETBALL**  
Northern Mystics meet Northland

*Opportunities for Athletes, Coaches & Umpires*

Hosted by Netball Northern Zone, NetballSmart & the Northern Mystics

**KERIKERI NETBALL CENTRE**  
**6<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

10am-1pm Athletes with Mystics  
10.30am-12.30pm Coaches Session  
12.45pm Photos & Signings

LINK for REGISTRATIONS  
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/156039> Registrations close 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 5pm

For more Info please contact Rhonda Martin-Raharuhl  
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