

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Our kapa haka roopu Nga Wheinga a Rahiri, took the stage on Wednesday this week at the Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Festival. I was immensely proud to be there as they performed with distinction in front of a full auditorium. By all accounts, our bracket was a favourite with the judges and the crowd certainly showed their appreciation. As a young roopu with limited time to prepare they did themselves, their whanau and their kura proud. I would like to acknowledge the work of our tutor Tere Maunsell and the teachers that helped through the preparation period: Whaea Mabel, Whaea Ann-Marie, Ms Pivac, Mrs Anson, and Ms Smith. In addition, I would like to thank all the whanau who have supported our roopu. Whether it was through helping at noho, or supporting at the festival itself, thank you for allowing and encouraging our students to be the best version of themselves. I look forward to our roopu gaining in size and skill as this group of students continues to develop.

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



Nga Wheinga a Rahiri at Te Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Festival

If you would like to see their performance, it is available on Te Hiku Media –

<https://tehiku.nz/te-hiku-tv/tokihi-ki-tua-2021/>

College Calendar

Friday 14 May

- Year 7 visit to Manea, Opononi

Monday 17 May

- Spelling Bee Finals

Tuesday 18 May

- Mufti Day – School Ball Fundraising

Wednesday 19 May

- Pink Ribbon Lunch

Thursday 20 May

- **NCEA Accord Day – Staff Only Day**

Friday 21 May

- Pink Shirt Day
- Whanau Drop In Afternoon

Monday 24 May

- Attitude Presentations

Thursday 27 May

- Northland Careers Roadshow
- Hui a Hapori

Friday 28 May

- Gumboot Friday

Thursday 3 June

- Cross Country

Friday 4 June

- **Staff Only Day – E2E**

Monday 7 June

- Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 8 June

- Year 7 Vision Testing

“Ka Kata Ngā Pūriri o Taiamai”

Good news of the week

Whakarongonrua Certificates this week went to:

7KP	Tristan McKain, Augloria Wiparata
9MD	Bradley Waterhouse, Ashton Paraone (for Sports involvement)
9MH	Lucas Harris, Isaac Quarrie
9DA	Nathan Brown
10KG	Cyrus Loke, Koru Reihana
11LF	Drezique Moeau, Max Thomas
11AC	Lucas Tawhai
12NF	Joseph Barlow, Kerry Kim
12SB	Daniel Williams, Gabrielle Titter
13PW	Madelene Clunie

BrainBee

Congratulations to Max Thomas, Drezique Moeau, and Bohemia Sanders for making it into the North Island regionals of BrainBee. (Chosen out of 333 students around the North Island). They've been studying hard during Term 1 and now get to travel to the University of Auckland to visit the medical research lab and kōrero with some neuroscientists. We are very proud of them!

Kaiakopono Mentor Vacancy

We are looking for two fixed-term, part-time mentors to join our staff. The positions are ten hours over two days per week, 9.30am to 3.00pm, term time only until the end of this year. Previous experience working with young people would be an advantage.

Please contact PA to the Principal, Mrs Jenny Couchman, for an application pack or if you have any questions about this position.

Phone (09) 401 9030 extension 210 or email jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz. Applications close at 4.00pm on Wednesday 19 May 2021.

NCEA Accord Day

Teacher Only Day – Thursday 20 May 2021

Thursday 20 May is a Northland-wide secondary school Teacher Only Day. This is the second of eight planned Teacher Only Days (over 2020, 2021, 2022) to give teachers time to work on the proposed NCEA changes. These days are set by the Ministry of Education.

Learner Licence Course

We are hosting another Learner Driver Licence Course again this year. This is due to be held on 21 to 23 June here at school. Students will be given more information closer to the time but we can confirm that we are offering the course at a reduced cost to ensure that as many students as possible get through.



On Wednesday 19 May we are hosting our 7th fundraiser to support breast cancer research. This will occur at lunchtime where students have the opportunity to have a smoothie and/or a homemade McMuffin. These will need to be ordered and pre-paid with their whanau teacher. Members of the community are welcome put in an order (prepaid) to collect from the Food Technology room.

Hot Drinks (Hot Chocolate, Flat White, Latte, Cappucino, Tea) \$3.00

McMuffin \$6.00

Smoothies \$3.00

Obviously the less we need to spend on groceries the more we can give. Donations of the following items will be gratefully received: bacon, English muffins, eggs, cheese slices, butter, yoghurt, fruit for smoothies (canned, fresh or frozen) and milk. These can be left at the Student Centre or Food Tech room before May 19.

We feel this is a very worthy cause as all of us have been touched by a family member or friend who has been affected by breast cancer. You can donate on line by following this link: <http://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/page/okaihaucollege-shostpage>

Thank you in advance for your support.

Diana Henderson, Organiser

LUNCH BY LIBELLE

6 WAYS TO GIVE FEEDBACK

- We have a dedicated feedback form on our website at www.lunchbylibelle.co.nz/feedback
- Through our Lunch by Libelle Facebook page.
- By email to lunchbylibelle@libelle.co.nz
- Through the school principals.
- By word of mouth from schools on the day of delivery (these are noted down on a daily diary form that our staff fill in).
- Once per term survey to all Lunch By Libelle customers, schools and staff.

Level 3 Geography BOI Marine Trip

The Year 13 Geographers and I had a great day out with our the Hole in the Rock trip on Friday last week. It was a bit too bumpy to go through the Hole in the Rock but we did get to see dolphins! We also spoke with Floppy, a lady who shared her 30 years worth of experience with the dolphins in the Bay Of Islands. Floppy also works with Dr Ingrid Visser (the Orca specialist lady).

Being out and about was invaluable to give a real life context to an issue in our backyard - the proposed marine mammal sanctuary in the Bay Of Islands. We even got a shout out on the Great Sights boat as they announced to the public on board how great it was to host students from Okaihau College who were on board to learn about the dolphins in the Bay. The students did us proud. It was a fascinating and fun day!

Thanks to everyone back at school who supported our trip in big and little ways.

Karlene Kitchingman, HOD Social Sciences



Upcoming Events in School

Pink Shirt Day – Friday 21 May

Pink Shirt Day supports anti-bullying. It is another regular event on the school calendar. Gold coin donation to wear a pink shirt to school.

Gumboot Friday – Friday 28 May

Gumboot Friday is an I Am Hope initiative to raise money for councillors in schools. The idea is that students give a gold coin donation and wear their gumboots to school.

Attitude Presentations – Monday 24 May: The Attitude group will be visiting Okaihau College to give presentations to the following year groups of our students.

Year 9 - Connected (cyber friendships) OR Hauora

Year 10 - Hardwired (drugs and alcohol)

Year 11 - Attitude (resilience)

Years 12 and 13 - Sex with Attitude 2 (relationships)

Please contact Guidance Counsellor, Mr Patrick Sharp if you have any questions.

Whanau Drop In Afternoon

Friday 21 May 2021, 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Whakarongorua Marae

Teachers will be available for informal chats about your tamariki / mokopuna. I encourage you to come and share some kai with us and talk about your tamariki's learning or anything else you think we need to know. Nau mai, haere mai.

Hui a Hapori

Thursday 27 May, 5.30 pm

Our monthly Hui-a-Hapori hui will be held in Whakarongorua Marae (our school marae).

All welcome, Nau mai, Haere mai.