On day one of Term 2 our school gathered in the hall to welcome the Education Review Office Team. This experienced review team was led by Kelly Conrad-Kawhia. She was assisted by Beth Fryme and Brian Berry, who was a member of the last ERO team who conducted the 2013 review.

Our school kaumatua, Matau Willie Cash, Matau Wiremu Williams and kuia and School Chaplain Maude Clark were present to honour our manuhiri. The new review process ranged over four days and involved far more than a compliance check. Student voice was gathered as students accompanied the ERO officers on a class by class tour of the school. Parents, kaumatua, kuia and staff were interviewed with ERO constantly checking alignment between what was happening in the classroom with our student achievement and our strategic plan. We were most heartened by their comment that they had no concerns and we are patiently awaiting their written report for comment before it is released to the public domain.

Day one also marked a significant milestone in education at Bay College with the launching of Chromebooks for our Year 9’s. The support of whanau on this evening was encouraging, in particular their endorsement of the direction our school was heading.

This initiative grew out of a desire by parents, the Board of Trustees and staff to support our young people in acquiring the experience and the knowledge to become familiar with the tools of the digital world to enhance their learning. I am pleased to report at this point that the majority of our Year 9 students have signed up for and have now received their Chromebooks. I acknowledge the sacrifice that families are making in order for their child or children to have access to a Chromebook.

In the sports world our Girls Rugby 7’s team coached by Laurie Nankivell blasted their way past Kaitaia College in the semi-final to meet an unbeaten Whangarei Girls’ High School in a fiercely contested final. Our girls stole the lead back late in this game and held on to take the title of Northland Secondary Schools Champions 2017. We are extremely proud of them as they will now represent Northland at the Nationals later this year.

Our Manu Korero representatives have been chosen and are preparing for the competition to be held at Otamatea High School on the 7–8 June. A support group will go down on the Thursday when our speakers are due to go on stage. They are Shaylai Ngere, Senior Maori, Taylah-May Tipene, Junior Maori, Jade Norman, Senior English, Te Aroha Davis, Junior English and Mereana Bray Bilingual.

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The ANZAC spirit is a concept which suggests that Australian and New Zealand soldiers have shared characteristics, specifically the qualities those soldiers allegedly exemplified on the battlefields of World War I.

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The personal risk, persistence, courage and compassion for others underlying these deeds illustrate that the ANZAC spirit, so strongly demonstrated over 90 years ago, continues to thrive in New Zealand today.

At every service in New Zealand the bugle will play ‘The Last Post’. This piece of music was originally played in military camps to mark the end of each day and announce that all soldiers should be at rest. It is now part of many memorial services to symbolize that the duty of the dead is over and they can rest in peace. One minute of silence follows ‘The Last Post’. During this time you may like to close your eyes and think about all the men and women who have served New Zealand in times of war and conflict and about those who have died. They lived and died courageously for their countries, and they set the standard for future generations of New Zealanders to follow. We should never forget what these men have done for our country and for those of us who live today.

People. These men and women are gone, but their legend, their spirit – the spirit of ANZACs – lives on. It is a time for us to remember the sacrifices of our forefathers. Today we honour them, may we always remember them as true heroes who fought till the end. Heroes who fought for their country, giving up the years to be sacrificing their lives so that we could live.

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Te Roopu o Peowhairangi, our school’s kapahaka group, were lucky enough to perform on The World cruise ship earlier this year. Two years ago, our students impressed the ship’s crew and passengers so much that they were invited back again. The students performed with great pride. One passenger said that it was amazing to see young people so confident in their culture and heritage.

The students themselves enjoyed the experience, including the free pizzas and fizzy drinks! Kapahaka has a busy year in 2017 with the Tai Tokerau festival earlier in Term 1, fundraising for new costumes, and the Tai Tokerau Secondary Schools Regional Competition coming up in July. The kapahaka group always appreciates support as it takes a lot of time and resources to maintain kapahaka at our school.

Therefore, if you would like to support them in any way, please contact Jasmine Maunsell jml@boic.school.nz. All contributions are valuable.
Chromebook Launch

At the beginning of this term all whānau of Year 9 students at Bay of Islands College were invited to a much publicized launching of Chromebooks in the school library. This evening marked a significant milestone in education at Bay College as we move to prepare our students for the digital world that awaits them.

Teaching and learning in the manner that you and I as parents were taught no longer meets the needs of our students in a modern classroom environment. In preparing this generation of students for the future we need to move with global trends in education.

In recognition of this the Board of Trustees has invested considerably in upgrading and in preparing our digital capacity within the school. Staff continue to engage in professional development to upskill themselves to deliver their lessons using the digital technology available through Chromebooks.

Whānau were asked to consider investing in their children’s education by purchasing a Chromebook as Bay College moves away from the analog world of pen and paper to that which the world wide web provides.

The evening was well supported by parents, caregivers, friends of the school and students. Chromebooks were placed around the room which had been decorated for celebrating the launch of Chromebooks.

The chairperson of the Kaikohekohe Trust, Mr Cliff Whitelaw, was present along with his wife Lee Whitelaw, the Principal of Gisborne Primary School who is the Lead Principal of the Kaikohekohe Trust. Professional Development Facilitators for Kaikohekohe Trust, Rawyn and Chris Bell from the Manaia-kalani Trust in Auckland were all present to respond to queries from parents about Chromebooks.

Following the Kawa of Care presentation which reminded students of the responsibilities that they have as learners to respect their use, to respect others’ use and to respect the fact that through the daily use of Chromebooks they will leave a digital footprint that is available to a world-wide audience when engaging with Chromebooks.

The atmosphere was relaxed with refreshments available to whānau throughout the evening. I wish to acknowledge our Lead Digital Technology Teacher Kerry Boyd-Preece who has invested considerable time into ensuring that the induction evening was a pleasant experience for those who attended.

I am particularly proud as Principal to be at the forefront of a major innovation in our school. For some of us, technology is a great challenge. On the other hand our tamariki have never known anything else. They are true digital natives and we, the parents and elders, are constantly trying to keep up.

Thank you for your support. I invite you to come along and enjoy the digital journey that we are on.

John Paeti

Past Pupil Successes

Past pupil Hemoata Kopa’s success

Past Pupil Hemoata Kopa, of Ngī-putih (Matawhaia) descent is a Junior/General Shepherd on Pukemiro Station just out of Dannevirke which is owned by ADB Williams Trust.

The farm has a special relationship with Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre which has brought twenty one year old Hemoata into regular contact with students from Taratahi. The farm is steep to rolling, flat country which runs approximately 5300 ewes and 150 Hereford/Friesian Cross cows, the majority of which are mated to Simmental or Charolais bulls and progeny are kept for fattening.

While Romney rams are put over the maternal flock, a Lamb Supreme or Suffolk is put over the older ewes and all mated hoggets are mated to a terminal sire as well.

Hemoata comes from a small Northland place called Matawaia with the nearest town being Moerewa where she had her first taste of farming helping her grandfather on his small block where he ran about 100 cows. After leaving school, Hemoata went to Taratahi in 2014 and since then has passed her National Certificate in Agriculture Sheep and Beef level three and four and Massey Diploma in Agriculture level five. Two years ago, she was also a finalist in the AYMF Award.

The outdoor life appeals to Hemoata and she enjoys the multiplicity of tasks she is given in her role as a Junior/General Shepherd. She especially likes working with the Taratahi students whom she helps to hone their practical skills in areas such as fencing, stock movement and feeding, positioning, team work, communication and life skills. In her spare time, she trains her pups, goes horse riding and has taken up boxing fitness. She has also just joined Young Farmers.

Hemoata says she wants to advance her career in farming by working on different farms and doing more study with the goal of becoming a farm manager or owning her own farm. She also wants to be a role model for other young people and to make them aware of the great jobs there are in the sector.

A finalist in the Award two years ago, Hemoata says she entered again because she loves to challenge herself. She says since the last event she has had more training and networking and this helped give her confidence.
Float Studios, a business started by six Bachelor of Creative Technologies alumni while they were studying at AUT, has recently been acquired by Sydney-based technology company Finch. Four of the team will move to Australia to head Finch’s VR and innovation team, while Float Studios will continue releasing games from New Zealand with Jake and Charlie working on VR and graphic design.

Benjamin Bray, Tyler Hinde, (third from right) Levi Jacobsen, James Hurlock, Charles Hlavac and Jake McPherson used the skills that they were learning at AUT to start Float Studios in 2014.

Ben says “AUT was incredibly helpful when we were starting out; they helped with legalities, getting our work seen and even connecting us up with funding – it was the whole package, they helped us start our business really.”

It was a Gold Pin at the 2016 Design Best Awards in their final year at AUT that really got them noticed in the industry. Following the design award, they were asked to work on a project developing a recruitment-training tool for the Australian Defence Force which brought them into the international eye, leading on to the recent acquisition by Finch.

The reason they were happy to pair up with Finch is the culture of creative freedom that is allowed and encouraged. The team says, “It is still very similar to how we worked in Float Studios. It’s amazing to be working with such talented people and have a bridge to opportunities and clients we couldn’t have reached on our own, as Finch is already so established.”

The team now spend half their time working with international clients on research and development and the rest exploring their individual passions.

“We really can’t complain: living in Bondi and working with such creative freedom, I don’t think it’s something we are going to get bored of anytime soon,” says Ben.

In reflecting on their time at AUT, all six agreed that the choice to study at AUT was easy. It was the only place to offer such a unique degree allowing for so much experimentation and such a practical style of learning with a chance to try a range of different things.

“The teaching style really facilitated creative thinking rather than just teaching, ” says Ben. This ability to experiment and the collaborative nature of the course is what brought them together as a team.

“It was incredibly rewarding to see that the effort you put in was reflected in the quality of what you get out. Through developing a work style of not being afraid to try things, it’s lead us to where we are now”, says Ben.

“The studio culture in the course was great. It was a small group so we got to know everyone and ended up creating such a cool space where we were working on things we loved that most nights we didn’t go home before midnight.”

In terms of advice for future students, the Float Studios team agree that “the biggest thing is to just do stuff – we didn’t think things would turn into anything but by just getting started, things naturally evolved.

“In our experience find what you love doing and then put everything into it - there is every chance that you can start your own thing instead of having to look for a job. When the passion is there then the expertise will follow, it just requires dedication and good collaboration skills – something that AUT taught us well.”

A huge congratulations to Ree Surowiez who was our Top Academic for Year 12, Level 2 in 2016. Ree gained four subjects with Excellence Endorsed. This is a huge accomplishment for anyone.

Ree is hoping to attend AUT University in Auckland when he leaves school to study Engineering. We look forward to see some more great accomplishments from Ree during his Year 13 year and we wish Ree all the best in his future pursuits.

Congratulations were given to Jessie Henwood for achieving the ‘Top Academic’ title for Year 11, Level 1 in 2016. This award is carefully calculated and is given to the student who achieves the highest percentage of Excellences across all subjects for NCEA level 1.

Jessie is unsure, at the moment, as to where her future lies but she does want to attend university, possibly to do her Teaching degree or maybe study Digital Technology. We look forward to seeing great accomplishments from Jessie this year and beyond.
**ETHAN KING** wants to work in Maritime, especially boating, which fits in with the Services Industry. Working with the crew at Explore Group Bay of Islands has been a great experience for Ethan. He’s put into practice what he learnt on the Customer Service Skills Course, the First Aid Course and a Coastguard Boating unit which he worked on during Project Day in Term 1 with Mr Work.

A pre-requisite for many work places especially in the Services Industry & Social & Community Services is to be confident to attend to and provide customer service. Therefore participation in a Customer Service Skills Course is necessary. The following unit standards will be covered and if deemed competent each student will gain 7 credits towards their NCEA qualifications.

- **Unit Standard 56** - Level 1 Credits 2 - Attend to customer enquiries face to face and on the telephone
- **Unit Standard 57** - Level 2 Credits 2 - Provide Customer Service in given situations
- **Unit Standard 62** - Level 2 Credits 3 - Maintain personal presentation in the workplace

**CREEDENCE GEORGE** was really keen to explore farming which fits with the Primary Industries. Working alongside Anthony Hall & Mitch Crowe on a local dairy farm has been an awesome experience for him. He is putting into practice what he is learning in Maths with Mr Markin & Industry Studies with Mr Smith.
We would like to say a huge ‘Thank You’ to all the people who helped us with our Project Day “All Things Marine” Course.

We really appreciate these willing community groups and businesses who are so readily contributing to the success of this trial.

A huge thank you to all those community members who donated their spare wool and knitting needles to our Project of knitting slippers and mittens for patients going through Chemotherapy. Your donations were very much appreciated and we were able to donate a lovely lot of warm slippers and mittens to those patients.

A big thank you to Harley Alexander from Creative Cavalry Film Studies for all help with the Film Studies Project.

Melita Burrows Yr 12 Dean & Kerry Boyde-Precece, lead DTY teacher

With your login details you can see your students........

See below a snapshot of the KAMAR Portal Site

Your student knows their username & password for their login details to our KAMAR Portal. You as parents have a different password. Email me on drl@boic.school.nz & I will email you the login details. The link for the KAMAR Portal is https://parent.boic.school.nz/student/index.php This is a great way for you to check on your child’s progress and to see upcoming events happening at school. Please contact me at the school office if you have any queries. Debz Russell, Office Manager
Netball: All four college netball teams are playing in the BOI Netball Centre Saturday competition in Kaikohe. Two senior teams are playing in the Premier Grade, with the Senior A team currently in 1st place and the Senior B in 5th place. We also have a Yr 10 team and a Yr 9 team who are playing well to date. Over the course of the season we should see the teams really develop their skills leading up to the Northland Secondary School Championships in August and the Upper North Island Champs, which will be held in Auckland at the beginning of September. Also pleasing to see are the number of girls gaining their netball officiating qualifications. On 10th June rep trials for all ages will be held at the BOINC where the girls can register on the day.

Football
The Boys and Girls Football teams are competing in the Northland Secondary School mid-week competition with the boys in Division 1 and the girls in Division 2. The boys won their first game by default against Tikipunga then played a blinder against Kaitaia College coming out the victors at 2-0. They then headed to Tikipunga Park the following week to take on Huanui College and, although they led until the last 10 minutes, the stunned Huanui side got a quick two goals in to see Bay go down 2-1 at the final whistle. The girls had their first game against a combined team deferred until later in the term. The following week the team travelled to Okaihau College where they were went down 5-0. The coach, Jazmine Beazley, was pleased with their efforts as there are only four fulltime players in the team. The girls then hosted Whangarei Girls 3rd XI and dealt to them 11-1.

Golf
Six students participated in the Northland Secondary School Golf Tournament at Mt Denby Golf Club in Whangarei recently and by all accounts they had a great time. The students’ etiquette was exceptional and that is something very important if you’re going to play golf. The students were involved in the Project Day Golf programme and have now progressed to feeling comfortable enough to play at different courses with other golfers. Well done to all of them.

Girls Rugby 7’s
The girls’ team won the North Zone qualifying tournament, defeating Whangarei Girls High four tries to three in a great final. The following week the team played in the South Zone Qualifying tournament just to gain more game time before they travelled to Hikurangi to defend their Northland title won last year. Bay once again took on Whangarei Girls High in the final which proved to be a nail biter. Bay was trailing 5-nil at half time before they scored two converted tries in the second half to open up a 14-5 lead. Girls High scored a converted try at the hooter but Bay prevailed 14-12. This result sees Bay once again qualify for the NZ Condor 7’s National Championships in December at Sacred Heart College in Auckland.

Sport still to come for Term 2:
- The Boys Yr 9 & 10 Rugby League 9’s team will be competing in the North Zone Qualifying tournament at Whangaroa College and, if they qualify, will go on to the final a week later at Kensington.
- Three on three basketball for both boys and girls is coming up fast with students training twice a week in preparation.
- Students are being chosen to compete in the Northland Secondary School Cross Country to be held at Barge Park in mid-June.
- The 1st XV Rugby competition kicks off in mid-June and will run through into Term Three.
- Special Olympics Football will be held at Kensington where Bay will have a team entered.
- Table Tennis is a very popular sport at Bay College and a competition ladder is in full swing with players competing every lunchtime to see who will be competing at the Novice and Open Tournaments later in the Term.
- Formal coaching is taking place to get players ready for the Northland Secondary School Teams Squash event later in June. It has been a number of years since Bay entered this tournament.
- For the first time a competitive mixed team will be entered into the Turbo Touch competition, which is being held in Whangarei at the end of the Term.