A Message from our Principal

E nga riri, e nga reo, e nga karaingatanga maha o nga haunui wahi teneti te mihiti ki ki a koutou katoa.

This term began for staff with two days of inspirational professional development around Restorative Justice presented by a world renowned authority on this subject, Margaret Thorsborne. Bay of Islands College can now formally announce that we are a Restorative Justice School. Some families from our school community have already experienced what this involves and the overall feedback has been a positive one.

We wished Deputy Principal Annette Wynyard our very best on her medical leave and Mrs Ruth Hills was appointed to the position of Acting Deputy Principal. Mrs Hills was already a member of the Senior Leadership Team and her institutional knowledge and her experience has insured a smooth transition.

Whaea Paty Bray and Mrs Ninni Smyth took over the role of visiting our contributing schools to meet and speak to the Year 8’s. They reported back on a very successful tour to schools with our Bay College Student Ambassadors providing first hand feedback to the many questions asked. These three days were followed by an open week at Bay College in which a couple of families took the opportunity to visit.

The year 8 students from our contributing schools also had their orientation day last week, where they spent the day here at College. They experienced a typical day at college and met with many of the staff they would be interacting with during their time at Bay of Islands College.

The Mid Year Senior Examinations were held last week and the students that participated were able to experience first-hand the conditions that they can expect in the NZQA end of year external examinations. I am pleased to report that staff who supervised the examinations were impressed with how our students used this practice opportunity. Students who missed the examination will be provided one more opportunity to sit these.

Koroneihana (Coronation Celebration of the Maori King Tuheitia)

It was a privilege and an honour to accompany the school Kapa Haka Group to perform at Ngaruawahia to the Maori King Tuheitia, his wife Te Atawhai, their children, grandchildren and the Kahui Ariki (The Kings Council). We were hosted by the people of Waikare Maraetangi in Te Kauwhata and slept in a meeting house called Ngati Hine. We learnt about our whanaungatanga (connections) to Tainui and the Kingitanga. Our student’s performance stunned the audience and attracted much praise because the performance was personalised toward the King and his Council. It was a compliment to be issued an invitation to return.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can on the Parent, Student, and Teacher Conference Day on 3 September.

Noho marika mai koutou

Parent/Student/Teacher Conference Day is Thursday 3rd September 2015. This is a full day of interviews and there is no school for students on this day. There will be no buses running on this day either.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an Interview Sheet to book a 15 minute interview with your child’s Form Teacher. If you have already booked this interview, thank you. If you have not yet booked an interview please fill in a time on the interview sheet and return it with your child to their Form Teacher. Your child’s academic progress to date will be discussed. Appointments can also be made with your child’s Dean by calling the main office.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child on Thursday 3rd September.

A very successful music concert was held at the end of May for our Music Students to show their parents/caregivers and members of the community their amazing talents.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Ethan King

My experiment is about how to produce water using nature and a plastic bag, and how this can be useful as a survival tactic.

Tyra Wills & Kacey Apiata

We tested our freshwater ways for types of pollution in the water we also monitored our local fresh waters to determine whether or not they're polluted.

Tyra-Lee Tana & Jean Brown

We tested different brands of chocolates to see which one is best for making chocolate decorations.

Antz Maddren & Tamika Hancy-Tupou

We investigated the effect of talking or texting on a cellphone on people's reaction time.

NZQA FEES 2015

A REMINDER THAT THE 2015 NZQA FEES NEED TO BE PAID TO THE MAIN OFFICE AT SCHOOL BY THE 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2015.

THE FEES ARE $76.70 PER STUDENT OR NO MORE THAN $200 PER FAMILY.

YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (REDUCING THIS FEE TO $20 PER STUDENT OR NO MORE THAN $30 PER FAMILY) IF YOU HAVE A COMMUNITY SERVICES CARD OR BENEFIT NUMBER.

YOUR CHILD SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT THESE FORMS HOME FOR YOU TO SIGN IF YOU DIDN'T RECEIVE THEM YOU CAN GET ONE FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

ATTENDANCE

WE HAVE HAD FAR TOO MANY STUDENTS ARRIVING TO SCHOOL LATE, I.E. AFTER 8:45AM. THIS IS HINDERING LEARNING.

IF A STUDENT IS LATE THEN THEY MUST SIGN IN AT THE STUDENT CENTRE GIVING A REASON. WE RUN A DETENTION AT LUNCHTIMES FOR ANY AND ALL THAT ARE LATE.

IF A STUDENT HAS AN APPOINTMENT OUT OF SCHOOL ETC WE WILL KNOW AHEAD OF THE APPOINTMENT, AND THEY WILL NOT BE ON THE DETENTION LIST.

WE WILL STOP LATENESS DETENTIONS WHEN THEY ARE RARE EVENTS.

SCHOOL MOTTO:

ATTENDANCE AND EFFORT = ACHIEVEMENT

INFLUENZA

If your child has flu-like symptoms, please keep them home until they are well again. We have been advised that there are around 50 viruses expected to be prevalent in the community this winter. Keeping sick children at home can reduce the spread of sickness.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
DEAN ABRAHAMS worked alongside Bronson Silveria and his team at Fell Engineering Ltd in Haruru Falls. Dean's employer was impressed with his easy going nature and his willingness to learn and his conscientious and careful approach to all tasks given. Dean has decided he wants to be an engineer, hopefully in the Navy and to do this he needs to finish school gaining NCEA Level 3.

CHARLES REWHA worked with Robert Scott and his team at Kawakawa Auto Services Ltd, Kawakawa. Charles really enjoyed his placement and is real keen to explore this as a career pathway. He put into practice what he is learning in the classroom with Mr Work in Industry Studies and Materials Technology with Mr Luzak.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR EMPLOYERS

A HUGE THANK YOU to the support given to Bay of Islands College for the 2015 Gateway Programme by the following employers.


Jeul Anderson & Jessie Henwood

Our project Mineral Magic is about the affect that different minerals have on grass growth.

Talia Wills & Kuini Cherrington

Our project is about investigating different homemade powders we can use to lift fingerprints off three different surfaces.

Shalamar Fiu and Takutai Waioemio-Cassidy

Investigation into the strength of different types of flax.

Alecia Norman & Danielle Dephoff

We made stress balls in class using three different fillings to determine which one was most popular with people.
This year the Bay of Islands College Ball was held on the 25th July at the Scenic Hotel in Paihia. Students had a delicious buffet meal, got heaps of photos taken in the photo booth and danced the night away to the sounds of a DJ. Everybody looked wonderful dressed up and the students were great representatives for the school.

A big thank you to staff and parents who attended.

King and Queen – Xavier Henare and Melissa Tipene (above left)
Prince and Princess – Jarrod Hona (photo left) and Kacey Potae
Cutest Couple – Rushon Taylor-Brijevich and Kacey Potae, crowned Princess as well (Centre)
Best Dressed Male – Ullyssess Ashby (photo, far right)
Best Dressed Female – Tyler Nankivell (above right)