

Principal's Panui

As always this has been a busy year, but it is about to become even busier. Time is running out for our seniors with 8 school days left to ensure they are as well prepared as possible for their NCEA Examinations. Every extra piece of work will help.

With activity days, examinations, trips and a variety of events this is also a busy time for our junior students. They need to take advantage of everything offered to them.

**NCEA Starts
10 November
8 more school days**

ASB Northland Secondary Schools Sports Awards

On the 7th of October Okaihou College had 3 finalists in the ASB Northland Secondary Schools Sports Awards - Samantha Couling/Tae Kwon Do, Vincent Robson/Squash and Susie Kingi/Netball. The finalists were supported by family, friends and Judy Gorringer enjoying guest speaker Vita Robinson, current Black Ferns player from Kerikeri, and a meal. Congratulations to Samantha who was awarded the Code award for Tae Kwon Do. These three students are also finalists in the Far North District Council Awards which will be named on Friday 28th of October. Good luck to them.

Year 7 & 8 Dental Checks

The Ngati Hine Health Trust Dental Unit is currently examining students in Years 7 and 8. The Dental Bus is at the Primary School so students will be crossing the road for this service.

Some students have been sent home with enrolment forms last term. Please can these be completed and returned to the Student Centre ASAP if you wish to have your child receive dental care through the school. Some children are already enrolled from last year.

Thanks for those forms already returned. Students who are not enrolled by their parents cannot be seen.

Rugby Tournament

During the school holidays, three Year 8 students, Kahu Boyd, Louis Katene and Harry Wheoki represented Northland in the Roller Mills Rugby Tournament held in Thames. Kahu is a forward, Louis plays on the left wing and Harry plays on the right wing. Harry scored the most tries for the team, a total of 18.

This was a fierce competition for the teams of Under 14 players. The Northland team played their best, winning some matches and losing others but with more wins than losses. They ended up being placed fifth in the competition.

The event was a wonderful experience for our students and they wish to thank Okaihou College for all the support they received.

Shirley Heslop

College Calendar

Thursday 3 November
- Board of Trustees meeting
Thursday 3 – 4 November
- Art & Design Exhibition
Tuesday 8 November
- Instrumental Concert
Wednesday 9 November
- Seniors Last Day
Thursday 10 November
- NCEA Exams Start
Friday 11 November
- Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 15 November
- Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 7 December
- Prizegiving Day
Thursday 8 December
- Teacher Only Day

Any Unwanted Flags

Now that the Rugby World Cup is over the PE Department would love to give any unwanted flags a home. We use them in a game called "Capture the Flag" which the students really enjoy. Please send them along to the Gym office and they will be gratefully accepted.

Please Return Okaihou Primary Trophies

Year 7s who have trophies from Okaihou Primary last year are requested to return them to the Primary school asap please. They can also be dropped off at the College Student Centre.

'BOYS ACHIEVING AT SCHOOL' SEMINAR

Professor Mike Irwin is a lecturer at the College of Education who specializes in Boys in Education.

He is an interesting, informative and fun speaker.

Next **Thursday 3rd November**, he will be speaking at **Okaihou Primary** on 'Boys Achieving At School'.

6pm-7pm - Parent session

Mike covers from starting school through to teenagers.

It is a gold coin donation. Bring your friends who have sons.

A great session of research, strategies and fun.

We will run a movie in the primary school library for children whos parents wish to attend.



OKAIHAU COLLEGE



ART & DESIGN EXHIBITION

2011



3rd Nov 9am – 6.30pm

4th Nov 9am – 3pm

@ the College Hall

Student work on display & for sale.

Gold coin entry

Vote for your favourite piece of artwork

– People's Choice Award



*Family & Caregivers of Instrumental Music
Students are invited to attend an
Instrumental Concert
in the College Hall on Tuesday, November 8
starting at 1.45 p.m.
We hope you will be able to join us.*