

Principal's Panui

Last week I had a breakfast with a Year 7 class who had done all the cooking themselves. The next day I lunched with a Year 8 class. A good number of parents were also guests. I also bought a piece of art from our Art and Design Exhibition and have proudly displayed it in my office. This week I have had my photograph taken with the First Fifteen and enjoyed our Music Concert, along with a pleasing number of parents. My point is that we have wonderfully talented students and dedicated staff who enable them to develop their talent.

Teacher Only Day

Friday 11 November

As instructed by the Ministry of Education Okaihu College will be having a Teacher Only Day on Friday 11 November. There will be no classes and no supervision available and no buses will be running that day.

*Parents and Caregivers
Are invited to attend:*

**Okaihu College
2011 Prizegivings
Wednesday 7th December
Okaihu College Hall**

Junior Prizegivings

Years 7 and 8, 12.30 p.m.

To be followed by

Years 9 and 10, 2.00 p.m.

All junior students are required to wear full uniform.

Senior Prizegiving

7.30 p.m.

All senior students are required to wear a high standard of dress.

Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper.

**Parents/Caregivers/Whanau
All Welcome**

Te Tai Tokerau Touch Trials

U13s - U15s & U17s

Lindvart Park Kaikohe

Saturday 12 November 2011

Time: 8.30 - 9 am registration

- trials start at 9.30 am

Please bring: Touch Shoes, Water & Birth Certificate

To qualify you must be playing in an affiliated module or playing in a secondary school tournament

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Year 9 Reward Trip

Year 9 students recently sat exams for Maths, Science, English and Social Studies and we are taking the top twenty-one students to the Whangarei Aquatic Centre for a Reward Trip on Monday 28 November.

Congratulations to these students who have been chosen to go on the Year 9 Reward Trip: Chelsea Bennett, Scott Clifford, Aiden Corr, Kasey Cross, May Dane, Trinity Edwards, Te Waihemonga Eramiha, Lucas Fifield, Scott Flood, Stevie-Ray Haenga-Albert, Leah Hamlin, Connacht Lawrence, Haeleigh McGee, Caitlin Munford-Stokes, Hohua Mutu, Annalese Nelder, Rhyana Newson, Sally Pope-Martin, Jade Robinson, Hikiana Taulangau, Hannah Welten.

Swim For Life

Year 7 and 8 students have the opportunity to participate in the Northland Swim for Life – Top Energy Water Safe Programme. This course is being run at the school over 5 days – 15,17,18,22 and 24 November with Instructor Tracey Mead and PE Department staff. Students will be rostered for a 1 hour session each day.

The aim of the programme is to promote the importance of learning to swim and survive as an essential life skill. Too many of our children in the North are unable to swim to survive. We need to address this and this programme will help do this.

All students are expected to be involved unless their parent/caregiver has rung Mrs Gorringer (ext. 828) personally to discuss the situation. Please encourage your student to actively participate in this programme as it will provide them with a life long survival skill and a great fitness outlet.

Beach Volleyball Tournaments

Year 7 & 8 – Wednesday 16th November

Year 9 & 10 – Friday 18th November

Okaihu College will be hosting a Northland Secondary Schools Beach Volleyball Tournaments on the above dates.

Annual Staff vs Year 13 Challenge

The annual Staff vs Year 13 challenge took place on Wednesday 9th November – the last school day for the senior students. Once again it was ably won by the staff - 25-22 and 25-21!



College Calendar

Friday 11 November

- Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 15 November

- Year 6 Transition Day

- Special Olympics Athletics

Monday 21 – 25 November

- Year 9 OPC Trip – Great Barrier Island

Wednesday 23 – 25 November

- Year 10 exams

- Year 9 EOTC Programme

Friday 25 November

- Year 6 Transition Day

Monday 28 November

- Year 9 Reward Trip

Tuesday 29 November – 1 December

- Year 8 EOTC Programme

Friday 2 December

- Year 10 Reward Trip

Monday 5 December

- Year 7 Activities Day

Monday 5-6 December

- Peer Support Training for 2012

Wednesday 7 December

- Prizegiving Day

Thursday 8 December

- Teacher Only Day

Okaihu College Art and Design Exhibition

We hosted our annual Art and Design Exhibition last Thursday and Friday. There were a significant number of artworks on display from students in Years 7 – 13.

Many thanks to those parents, caregivers, whanau and members of the community who came and supported our talented Art students; we were thrilled to sell over \$300.00 of Art with 90% of the sale price going back to students.

For the first time, we also had a "People's Choice Award". Visitors voted for their favourite piece of work, and Year 13 student, Tegan Weber won this much-coveted award. She was given a book voucher in recognition of winning the award. There was also a lucky draw for all the people who had voted, and Vicki Stephens won this; she too received some book vouchers.