

Principal's Panui

With all the out of class and out of school activities coming up it is important that students are well prepared, with the appropriate equipment. We make every effort to make these activities available to all students, but we must have the appropriate paperwork returned from parents/caregivers and any cost paid before a student can participate.

*Parents and Caregivers
Are invited to attend:*

**Okaihau College
2011 Prizegivings
Wednesday 7th December
Okaihau 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*

**Homework Centre
closes at the end of this week.**

Instrumental Concert

Congratulations to the 50 students who performed so admirably in the Annual 2011 Instrumental Music Concert held on Tuesday Nov 8 in the College hall. Solo and group items included guitar, both acoustic and electric, ukulele, keyboard, piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone as well as Vocalists.

The 75 minute programme was enjoyed by many family members and caregivers of the music performers involved as well as our Special Education students.

Many thanks to the performers for their hard work and commitment to improving their instrumental skills and for having the courage to perform. Thanks also to parents and caregivers for their invaluable support and encouragement.

Special Olympics Athletics

Our Special Olympians had a great day in Whangarei on Tuesday at the Special Olympics Athletics Ribbon Day. They came home with lots of ribbons as reward for their whole hearted participation in the day.



College Calendar

Sunday 20 – 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

- Last Day for Students

Thursday 8 & 9 December

- Teacher Only Day

Measles

We have been notified by the Director of Public Health about measles outbreaks.

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops around 3 days after the other symptoms start. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. So far this year more than 70 people with measles have needed hospital treatment (around 1 in 5 cases this year).

People with measles must stay home.

Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for five to seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the local medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in interschool sporting and other events.

For further health information on measles and measles immunisation please visit the Ministry of Health website <http://www.moh.govt.nz/measles> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>. You can also call the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free on 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice.

If you think you or someone in your family might have measles, please phone your doctor. You can also call Healthline 0800 611 116 for advice (Healthline is a free service that operates 24 hours every day).