

## Principal's Panui

I have been impressed by the high rate of participation in the Swim for Life program, particularly as conditions were not always ideal. Too many of our young people drown every year. I was also impressed by the high rate of attendance by our Year 10s at their exams this week. The results of these exams give us another guide as to class placement for Year 11 in 2012, along with the assessments carried out over the whole year. The Reward trip for the top students is also an incentive.

I have begun reading the Junior reports and as always find them informative as well as rewarding. The quality of teachers' comments well reflects the large number of students who come to school keen to learn.

## Swim for Life

The Okaihau College year 7 and 8 students have been participating in the Top Energy Swim for Life programme with instructor Tracey Mead. Each class will have completed five sessions over the past two weeks.

Being able to swim to survive is a vital skill especially for our students living in the Bay of Islands. On the first session the students learnt how to fit a life jacket correctly and how to keep together in a group to survive (as the photo shows). The students have then moved on to learning more swimming skills. It has been a very worthwhile programme for our students.



## Menz C – Free Community Clinics

Te Hau Ora O Kaikohe  
(Opposite New World)  
Mon – Fri 9am – 3pm  
Thurs 12-6pm  
Sat 10am – 1pm

21 November – 16 December 2011

## Thank You

Many thanks to Alister and Kerikeri Carpet Court for supporting our school with \$150 of Rebel Sports vouchers.



## College Calendar

**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

## School Magazine

The school magazine will be available in the last week of school. This is chock-full of everything to do with the 2011 school year; field-trips, sports, class photos, reports etc. Copies are \$15.00 – get in now to confirm your copy as there are limited numbers available if you have not pre-ordered. (This is an optional payment on the school fees accounts so many families have pre-ordered when paying these accounts.)

## Beach Volleyball Tournament

On Wednesday 16th of November and Friday the 18th of November Okaihau College hosted the ASB Northland Secondary Schools Year 7 & 8 and Year 9 & 10. 12 teams from Kerikeri High School and Okaihau College contested the Year 7 & 8 Tournament with Okaihau's 8SH and Kerikeri High School meeting in the final. In a closely contested game Okaihau College 8SH came out the winners. It was a great day played in good spirits.

For the Year 9 & 10 competition 14 teams from Okaihau College, Kerikeri High School, Taipa Area School and Te Kura Taumata O Panguru played in hot sunny conditions. In the finals Taipa Area School met Okaihau College, the well drilled Taipa Area School Team coming out the winners.



Year 9 & 10 Final between Taipa Area School and Okaihau College

*Parents and Caregivers  
Are invited to attend:*

**Okaihau College**

**2011 Prizegivings**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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**