

## Principal's Panui

The term has begun well and we are settling back into our routines, focused on learning. As a comment on the next article, 'Excellent Attendance', although it seems obvious, students who attend every possible day are setting themselves up for success in all aspects of school life: attending, participating and engaging.

### Excellent Attendance for Term 1

**Congratulations** to the 69 students who had 100% attendance for the term, and a further 140 students who had 94% attendance or more (which is three days absent or less).

This is an excellent achievement and letters were sent home to the parents and caregivers of all these students.

### Celebration of Excellence Assembly

We are hosting a Celebration of Excellence Assembly in the next couple of weeks. There are a number of students being recognised for outstanding achievement in the areas of Service, Sports and Academic. Invitations are going home to all the recipients families.

### Ag Club Tupperware Party

The Okaihau College Ag Club are hosting a Tupperware Evening to raise money for the up-coming trip to Invercargill for the National Finals of the AgriKids Competition.

Join me to see what's new from Tupperware at my party on Wednesday 9 May at 7.00pm in the Okaihau College Staffroom. Click on the link below so you can browse through Tupperware's range and monthly offers. You can also start your own shopping list in preparation. Hope you can make it.

RSVP at <https://empower.tupperware.com.au/OrderSystem/partyregistration/registrationEntry.htm?token=ekrEIRY1is>

Kind regards,  
Sharon Clunie  
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## Blue Card Prize-giving

Junior students are issued with Blue Cards at the beginning of each term, and each completed card goes in the prize draw which is held at the end of the term. 264 cards were handed in for the term, mostly by Year 7 students.

7SM won the overall prize for most cards handed in, and both 7SM and 7TR won an additional class prize for having every student hand a card in. Tamyrah Ihaka and Qtee O'Brien were the overall winners, having each handed in 10 cards for the term.

Great effort everyone!

### School Ball

The Okaihau College School Ball is being held in the school hall on Saturday 19 May. Preparations are well underway for this auspicious occasion (themed Lost in Vegas), and students are looking forward to the evening.

Tickets are \$40 each, and are currently on sale at the Main Office. All senior students are entitled to attend, and are welcome to bring a non-Okaihau College partner who must be school-aged. Non-Okaihau College students are required to sign an agreement form confirming their acceptance of our school rules. Letters have also gone home to all senior Okaihau College students parents and caregivers outlining our expectations for the evening.



SADD Conference

## College Calendar

- Saturday 19 May**
  - Senior Ball
- Tuesday 22 May**
  - Senior Curriculum Day – Line 4
  - Pink Ribbon Breakfast
- Wednesday 23 May**
  - University of Otago Liaison Visit
- Thursday 24 May**
  - Unitec Liaison Visit
- Friday 25 May**
  - School Crosscountry
- Monday 28 May**
  - Year 7 Vision Testing
- Thursday 31 May**
  - Careers Roadshow
- Thursday 7 June**
  - Senior Curriculum Day – Line 5
- Tuesday 19-21 June**
  - Life Education Trust Visit
- Friday 22 June**
  - Year 13 Reports Issued
- Sunday 24-29 June**
  - Year 13 Gateway Auckland Trip
- Wednesday 27 June**
  - Year 7-12 Reports issued
- Monday 2 July**
  - Universities Maori Liaison Visit
- Thursday 5-8 July**
  - Agrikids National Final

## SADD Conference

Year 12 Students Shaun Reeves and Atria Pitovao report from the Students Against Dangerous Driving conference:

On the 19th of April we attended the 2018 SADD conference in Auckland. We stayed at King's College for two nights and created concepts about safe driving for highschool students. We shared the experience with students from about 20 other schools ranging from Picton to Kaitia who we made friends with. The experience overall was empowering and educational. We encourage you to involve yourself with SADD activities soon to come.



On Tuesday May 22 we are hosting our fifth fundraiser to support breast cancer research. This will occur at interval where students have the opportunity to have a smoothie, cupcake and/or a homemade McMuffin. These will need to be ordered and pre-paid. Members of the community are welcome to join the staff at interval in the food tech room for a hot drink and muffin or cupcake for just \$5.

Student Support Leaders Emmanuel Taliauli and Kieran-Jade Nelson are supporting the fundraising by organising pamper/care packs to raffle off at \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5. There will be one for females and one for the males, as males are also affected by breast cancer. If you have any items to contribute to the raffle packs we would love to receive them. Please leave at the Student Centre for Jenny Griffin.

Obviously the less we need to spend on groceries the more we can give. Donations of the following items will be gratefully received: bacon, English muffins, eggs, cheese slices, butter, yoghurt, fruit for smoothies (canned, fresh or frozen) and milk. These can be left at the student centre or food tech before May 22.

We feel this is a very worthy cause as all of us have been touched by a family member or friend who has been affected by breast cancer. You can donate on line by following this link:

<http://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/page/okaihaucollegeshostpage>

Thank you in advance for your support.

## Year 13 Hillary Outdoors Programme - Turangi



During the first week of the April school holidays 20 Year 13 students went down to Turangi and Mt Tongariro for six days to experience some activities such as Hiking, Kayaking, White Water Rafting, Caving, Abseiling and Camping.

We had to use a lot of communication and leadership throughout the week. We gained heaps of information that would help us when we are older, safety information for the course and instruction on how to use the equipment well. Teamwork was involved, decisions were made, instructions followed and difficulties overcome. The programme extended us both physically and mentally and we left the camp exhausted but excited at all we had learnt and achieved.

It was encouraging to see how these activities not only helped our self-confidence but we had a good time being able to experience what we did. The programme is designed for us to develop skills in co-operation, communal living, self leadership and environmental care. We learnt exploration, adventure and environmental initiatives. The week offered a variety of different activities, including an overnight camp experience. We all had something we enjoyed about the trip. Even today we are still talking about our activities and the fun we had.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Newport and Mrs Smith for driving us down and giving us an awesome experience.

## Sports Update

Term One Sports - A busy start to the year saw our students participate in a wide range of sport - at school, at a local level, also regionally and nationally. Sports included swimming, athletics, Touch, Waka Ama, Basketball, Rugby League, Volleyball, Equestrian, Netball, Bowls. We have had outside providers in to run a Swim for Life programme and Quick Rip rugby. Some senior students also attended a Volleyball officials course.

Term Two is also looking to be a busy one with weekly winter sports teams starting up - Senior Football, Hockey and Netball. We also have coming up this term Orienteering, Quick Rip Rugby, Rugby League, Basketball, Turbo Touch, "The Beast Run" and Year 7 and 8 Football and will be holding the Annual School Cross Country on Friday 25th of May. We will be having outside providers to run a Football programme for our Year 7 and 8 students.

Students are informed about upcoming events through daily notices and at the Gym so if they are keen to play sport they need to keep an eye out on what is happening. Also we expect a good level of commitment if they join up for a team especially the weekly teams - Netball, Hockey and Football.

Thank you to our coaches and parents who support our students and we welcome any offers of help in coaching, managing teams, fundraising etc.

We are particularly looking for help with our keen Middle School Hockey team that plays in Kaikohe on a Tuesday night and we may need extra van drivers for the Senior Boys and Girls Football Teams who are competing on Wednesdays with games to be played from Rodney College north.

If you can help or have any questions regarding sport please contact the Gym office extension 729, email [philippa@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:philippa@okaihau-college.school.nz) and follow us on Facebook - Okaihau College PE and Sport.