

Principal's Panui

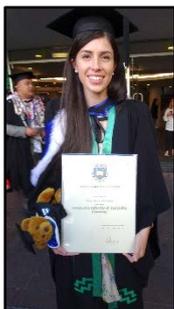
Winter appears to be settling in and it is worth noting that this is not an excuse for students to start wearing non-uniform items – this is fine at the bus stop but not in school. The vast majority of our students do the right thing – I visited a school recently where the standards were such that it was not clear whether they actually had a uniform. It is important that our students take pride in themselves and their school; uniform is a reflection of this.

Senior Ball - Whangarei Suit Hire Returns

For those of you who have hired suits from Whangarei Suit Hire we have a staff member travelling to Whangarei on Monday who can return them for you to save you courier costs. You need to have them at the Student Centre with the hire ticket by 10am if you want to take advantage of this service.

University of Auckland Graduates

We always enjoy hearing of past students' successes, both in the academic field and in the workforce. Congratulations to former Okaihau College Students, Helen Davidson and Kelsey Weber, who recently graduated from the University of Auckland.



Helen attended Okaihau College from 2006 - 2011. She completed a Bachelor of Science, Marine Biology, and has graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Secondary). Helen is now teaching Biology at St Peters College, Auckland.



Kelsey attended Okaihau College from 2007 - 2013. She has graduated with a Bachelor of Education (Teaching) and is now teaching at Kerikeri Primary.

We wish them every success in their new careers.

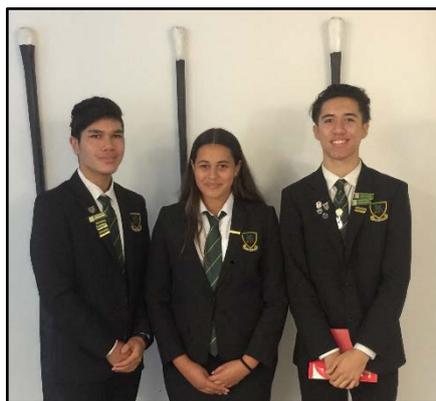
NZ Maori Business Awards

On Thursday 11th of May, *Carym Wharerau (Year 13)*, *Rawhiti Erstich-Coles (Year 12)* and *Tegen Stillwell (Year 9)* travelled down to Auckland alongside The Moko Foundation and other like-minded students from Kaitia schools. They were able to meet with the Chairman of Ngati Whatua Orakei-Ngarimu Blair, as well as Precious Clark - a Board Member of the Auckland Museum, which was a huge honour as they're both very successful in the Maori Business and Development industry. They were also fortunate enough to be able to attend the NZ Maori Business Awards as well as the NZ Hi-Tech Awards (Technology Awards). Also attending the NZ Maori Business Awards were Year 13s *Kathy Kopa*, *Terri Kaka*, *Sienna Munford-Stokes* and *Tijuna Haenga-Albert* as part of their (and *Carym's*) upcoming Business Trip 'Te Wero Pakihi' thanks to the Maori Women's Development Inc. (MWDI)

"Being exposed to these industries, prestigious companies and being able to network with those playmakers within these industries was a huge, HUGE blessing and opportunity. It has left us very motivated and inspired to do great things for ourselves and our communities!"

"Don't be scared to colour outside of the lines. Be the one to draw the lines!"

"We encourage you all to take the smallest opportunities and make the most out of them!"



College Calendar

- Saturday 20 May**
 - Senior Ball
- Tuesday 30 – 31 May & Tues 6-7 June** - Barista Course
- Friday 26 May**
 - School Cross Country
- Thursday 1 June**
 - Ensemble Impact Performance and Workshop
- Thursday 8 June**
 - Senior Curriculum Day Line 1
- Monday 12 – 14 June**
 - Year 8 Self Defence Courses
- Thursday 15-16 June**
 - Year 10 Self Defence Courses
- Thursday 15 – 20 June**
 - Year 7 Life Education Trust Visit
- Wednesday 21 June**
 - Senior Drama Attend Performance @ Turner Centre
- Friday 23 June**
 - Senior Curriculum Day Line 6

Cross Country

Please note that School Cross Country Day has been changed to Friday 26th of May.

This is a compulsory school event but participation is our main focus so walking is an option. Please encourage your student to participate.

All participants earn house points with bonus points for the first ten place getters in each year level.

We invite any parents or whanau to come along and watch and if you would like to run or walk the course you too could earn points for your children's house.

Please remind students to wear suitable running clothes as they will get wet. No Jeans.

Seniors - Period 1 and 2
Year 9 and 10 - Period 3 and 4
Year 7 and 8 - Period 5



A big thank you to all who supported our Pink Ribbon Breakfast in any way. Every bit counts and a HUGE thanks to the Year 13 Food Technology class who made all those yummy cup cakes, smoothies and McMuffins. We have raised over \$600 for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.