

Principal's Panui

Reports for all students will be issued next week. I urge parents/caregivers to attend the Report Evening the following week to discuss any issues with the appropriate staff. These reports and the evening are an important opportunity for students and parents/caregivers to gauge progress so far this year. For seniors it is important to note that we have passed the halfway point in their academic year – NCEA external exams are rapidly approaching.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 4 July 2017

We are hosting a **Parent / Teacher Interview Evening** on Tuesday 4 July. Parents and caregivers of students across all year levels are welcome to attend.

We invite parents and caregivers to attend from 4.00pm – 6.30pm in the school hall. Teaching staff will be available to meet parents and caregivers to discuss the recently issued mid-year reports. Students are encouraged to attend.

To avoid delays, we operate an appointment system. Please ask your student to make an appointment with each teacher you wish to see using the sheet enclosed with their report, we would recommend at least a five minute gap between appointments. Appointment times are a guide only, they are designed to assist with time management.

Please bring your student's report with you.

We look forward to seeing as many parents and caregivers as possible.

Senior Girls Football in Semi Finals

Congratulations to our Senior Girls Football team who have won the Northland Secondary Schools Div 2 North Pool. They will now play in the semi finals against Bream Bay College on Monday the 3rd of July. Well done girls.

ASB Young Leaders Rugby Experience

Year 13 Student Shaniah Flood was recently lucky enough to join 4 other students from Northland High Schools in a ASB Young Leaders Rugby Experience Day during the Lions Series game in Whangarei. The day included an ASB Ambition Breakfast hosted by Scotty Stevenson and a panel discussion with former All Black Justin Marshall and Former Lion fullback Lee Bryne. The students then took part in a mental skills training session with Ady McKenzie and then attended the Captains run ahead of the NZ Provincial Barbarians and Lions game. They also received an Adidas All Blacks Gear pack. Shaniah is a keen rugby supporter, hockey player and a house leader at Okaihau College. She is also a Volunteer Cadet with the Okaihau Fire Brigade. What a fabulous opportunity to be selected as one of only 50 students from across NZ to attend this day. Well done Shaniah.



Shaniah finding out she had been selected for the ASB Rugby Leaders Experience from Mr Sharp



College Calendar

Monday 26 – 30 June

- Year 13 Gateways week

Tuesday 27 June

- Year 7-12 Reports Issued

Tuesday 4 July

- Year 7 Vision Testing

- Report Evening

Thursday 6 – 9 July

- Teen Ag Nationals

Friday 7 July

- Duffy Assembly

- Last Day of Term 2

Monday 24 July

- First Day Term 3

Cross Country House Points

1st Rimu 251

2nd Puriri 199

3rd Kauri 194

4th Totara 173



Year 7 & 8 Football

Two Okaihau College mixed Year 7 and 8 teams joined other Bay of Islands schools at Lindvart Park in Kaikohe for a great day of Football. Some good displays of skills saw our number 1 team take out the Tournament and our number 2 team also played well. Both teams showed good sportsmanship.

Some good footwork was shown by Te Tai Rawhiti, Fale Siosiuafale, Arlo Blaikie, Max Thomas, Roma Edwards and Lachaye Heta. Determined play from Ardyn Alexander, Benjamin Clunie, Alex-Jordan Hennah, Nadia Job, Pirimo Marino, Cody Ott, Bohemia Sanders, Jayden Smith de Boer, Terri Walker-Masters and Paige Williams-Cooper saw both teams have an enjoyable day. Thank you to Mrs Morgan for organising the teams and Jack for refereeing.



Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships

13 students across all year levels represented Okaihau College at the Northland Secondary Schools Cross Country Championship at Barge Park in Whangarei last week. Stand out performances were the Year 7 and 8 boys which saw Cameron Jobe finish 5th, Danny Sturge 15th and Rico Edwards 17th with very close times. Claire Graham – Senior Girls and Asher Conaghan Year 7 and 8 girls also ran well finishing 9th in their divisions. Other team members who were chosen to represent the College after finishing 1st or 2nd in their year group in the school cross country were Madelene Clunie, Harry Harrison, Nick Harrison, Emily McDonald, Te Anahera Muriwai, Dylan Stoney, Joshua Stoney and Chanelle Watson. Thank you to the families who came to support our students and help with transport.



Some of the Cross Country Team

My Best Friend Is a Poem

By Karen Horrobin 7TR

My best friend is a poem.
She loves talking and telling bad jokes.

We enjoy reading old books.

Sometimes, she can be annoying like a shrieking goat.
We trade some things like toys, food and erasers.

For lunch, she eats words that rhyme and drinks ink.
"Eww!" I would normally say, but she keeps going.

She speaks in hyperboles
But that's OK with me.

Disgusting when she eats words-

They burst out of her skin like poetic acne.

But no matter what, she is my best friend.

3v3 Basketball

Our Senior Boys and Girls teams showed the benefits of playing in the weekly competition at Waipapa Sports Complex at the recent Northland Secondary Schools 3 v 3 Basketball tournament held at Kensington Stadium in Whangarei. Some fast paced games saw the Boys 3rd after pool play (on points differential) and the Girls 2nd.

The competition stepped up in the play offs with the players' skills coming through. Well done to the girls for finishing 3rd overall and the boys 8th in Div 1. Teams were Aprahama Cooper, Tu Kaha Cooper, Jhontae Rameka, Linda Johnston, Phoenix Littin, Tyla Nisbet, Aimee Walden and Maia Whiu. The students can also be commended for how well they did in their officiating duties.



My Little Nightmare

by Nicole Moon 7SM

My best friend
Is a poem and that isn't a lie.
The night I met her, I almost died!

My nightmare had only begun.
And this night
Wasn't getting fun.

She is as cheeky as a chimp,
But she always wimps.

She moans and groans
The whole night long.
But turns into an angel like nothing's wrong.

When mum goes elsewhere
My poem starts to smile.
"Let's play with words" she says, "for a while."

I turned round
Then I frowned.
"Roar!" she called out and made demon sounds.

I started to run.
For her it's fun.
Then I started to hide.

She found me, and I almost died!