

Principal's Panui

The weather has been reasonably kind to us for the start of the term but as I have been saying in assemblies during the week our students need to look after themselves and stay as dry and warm as possible. This applies particularly to those who have a school jacket but, for whatever reason, choose to leave it in their bag and brave the cold. There is a lot of 'flu around and it is to be avoided at all costs. I also encourage parents/caregivers to keep students at home when they are feeling unwell – too often they get off the bus and go to the sick bay.

Northland Secondary Schools Bay of Islands Beast Run

On the last day of Term 2 19 Okaihau College students joined with 450 other runners from throughout Northland to tackle "The Beast" run at Haruru Falls. The 6km course over farmland, through swamps and up steep terrain is challenging but the fine weather meant less mud this year!! All our students did well to complete and enjoy the course. Claire Graham placed 2nd in the Under 19 girls division and Jake Harrison was 3rd Under 14 year old boy home. Other team members were Lavinia Abraham, Mackenzie Adkins, Freda Blaikie, Madelene Clunie, Evie-Marie Dalbeth, Tony de Reuck, Nick Harrison, Zoe Harrison, Te Wairua Loft, Ruby Lyons, Maia McGee, Te Anahera Muriwai, Josh Pinkney, Bohemia Sanders, Harry Thomas, Max Thomas and Stephanie Van Rooyen.



MaiBiz

Okaihau College and Maori Woman's Development Incorporated will run a business programme from 1-3 August next week. MaiBiz is a business simulation event introducing 'building blocks' of successful business. All Year 12 and some Year 11 students will be taking part in the programme. All skills taught on this programme are transferable in whatever area they so choose in their future and students can gain 3 Level 2 credits.

The high point of MaiBiz has students showcasing their 'business' in an expo to 5 business people from our community. We are proud of what our young people can achieve in such a short timeframe on this course. Parents, caregivers and whanau are invited to come and enjoy the moment. Although the door is always open throughout the course, we recommend you come to the school hall at 12.30 pm on Friday 3rd August when the students start their presentations to the judges.

NZQA FEES

The cost for NCEA this year is \$76.70 plus \$30 for each scholarship subject. Financial Assistance will be available to those with limited incomes and details of eligibility has been posted to parents of senior students with the NCEA invoices last term. For those eligible for assistance the fee will be \$20 per student or \$30 per family.

Payment and financial assistance applications are due by

Thursday 23rd August 2018

(Friday 24th August is Mid-Term Break)

Please contact Mrs Campbell or Beth Crawford at the Student Centre if you have not received your NZQA mail or cannot make payment by this date.

College Calendar

Monday 30 July

- Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations

Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 August

- MaiBiz Programme

Wednesday 1 August

- Senior Drama Trip

Thursday 23 August

- NZQA Fees Due

Friday 24 August

- Mid Term Break

Monday 27 August

- Year 9 Vision/Hearing Testing

Friday 31 August

- Level 3 School Exams Start

Monday 3 – 5 September

- Senior School Exams

Thursday 20 September

- NRC Enviroschools Event

Friday 21 September

- Senior Reports Issued

Tuesday 25 September

- Senior Report Evening

Friday 28 September

- Last Day of Term 3



Moturoa Island - Shadehouse potting bag sorting and washing



Leaving Moturoa island

Term 2 Blue Cards

Lots of students completed and handed in Blue Cards during Term 2. 7SM were our overall class winner (for Year 7); 7TR had every single student hand a card in, and Kerry Kim (9KK) handed in 10 cards for the term making her our overall winner. Kerry received a \$50 voucher to acknowledge her solid efforts during the term. Keep up the good work this term!

MOTUROA ISLAND SENIOR GIRLS WORKING WEEK JULY 2018

Following the now well established annual July school holidays tradition, this is the 7th year Okaihau College senior students have worked on Moturoa Island for a week carrying out “wildlife and conservation work”. Jenay Maihi, Bonnie Ashby, Shanti-Ray King-Puru, Emmanuel Taliauli along with Robinn Asquith–Sanchez from Kaipara College were the 2018 team.



The crew and their support team

Paul Asquith, Chairman of Wildlife Moturoa Island reported that the Bay of Islands turned on all 4 seasons of weather over the week as well as all 4 in one day. In spite of the weather the girls achieved the planned variety of work as follows:

- Releasing earlier years’ plantings, in-fill planting to replace losses; new plantings in the following enclosures - Boat Shed, Farmhouse Face, Ponga Pines, Kauri Paddock and Lower Ponga. A total of about some 2000 releasings and 250 new plantings.
- Cutting and herbicide treating of tobacco weed and mothplant infestations around Picnic Track gully and the cut area in Ponga Pines.
- Track clearing and upgrading work on both Secret Camp and Generator House Tracks.
- Grubbing out a trailer load of spreading ‘pups’ from the large agarve cactus plants on Home Beach
- Completing a poison block bait drop over all of the island ‘wildlife areas’.
- Shadehouse activity including washing, sorting and storing used potting bags and polystyrene storage boxes for future use.

All the girls proved to be very reliable at turning up on time in the correct gear and with the right equipment each morning, were very willing workers, were fast to learn the different requirements, worked well both individually and as a team, remained cheerful even when it was either very cold or very wet and were a delight to have on the island.

They were excellent ambassadors for Okaihau and Kaipara Colleges. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well in their chosen careers and for the future.

10MC 90 Mile Beach Field Trip



On Thursday the 5th July 10MC headed up to 90 Mile Beach to attend a beach clean-up. This was organized by our class. We each got allocated jobs to organize our trip. Jobs, from writing the letters home to continually email different groups to see when we were able to do our clean-up, were all completed by the students in 10MC.

Tracey and Paul, members of Sea Cleaners met us at the beach. After a safety briefing Tracey gave us gloves and a bag each and we split into two groups. At first we thought the beach was quite clean and we weren’t going to find much rubbish. As we looked more closely we found around 5 big bags of rubbish, a plastic chair, a coffee machine and 7 tyres. After a hard day of cleaning up we headed home via KFC. Thank you Mr Donaldson and Mr Davison for driving us and taking some awesome photos of us.