

Principal's Panui

Another reminder that you should have received your student's report on Tuesday. The Report Evening is next Tuesday – I urge you to attend, with your student if possible, and discuss any concerns you may have or concerns we have. Seniors are well past the halfway point in their academic year and if these concerns are to be successfully addressed then they must be dealt with now.

On another matter entirely, with the cold weather and the 'flu now with us I am concerned that a number of students are arriving unwell and not fit for learning. If your child is feeling unwell please keep him/her at home.

AgriKids National Final

Our three AgriKids champs (Moeke, Nick and Aimee and their families) are off to Feilding next week to compete in the AgriKids National Final. They have been given general topics that they will be tested on and have been working hard to prepare themselves for the competition.

Many thanks to the generous sponsors who have supported our students in their quest to the final. This includes the Okaihau Lions Club, Puketi Branch of Rural Women, Waipapa Rotary Club, Hunting and Fishing, Total Lubricants and Fuels, and the Okaihau College AgClub.

Best wishes, we look forward to following your progress.

Warm Winter Uniform

It has been great to see the massive improvement in the standard of uniform being worn by students across all year levels. As this cold winter weather continues, it is important that we maintain this. Students are able to wear thermal gear underneath their uniform as long as it can't be seen. The Warehouse currently has thermal gear, including merino grade tops at good prices - thermals start at \$10 each for a top (including long sleeved) and merino tops are around \$25. The Warehouse on-line store is easy to use, and they have been offering free delivery this week too.

Winter Sports Fees

Winter sports fees are now overdue. Please can all winter sports fees be paid ASAP.

Netball:

Year 7 & 8 Team \$40

Year 9 & 10 Team \$45

Hockey Team: \$75

A Board Perspective – June 2017

This month the board has had its second meeting with Sharlene Rogers from the School Trustees Association. Collectively we looked at data, particularly from NCEA, of student achievement dating back to 2013. This is enhanced by new monthly data being provided by our deputy principal Mr Davison for all levels from Years 7 to 13. In the 2016 ERO report the college was challenged to compare the overall achievement of our Maori students compared with non-Maori. We are examining this data, both historical and current, to determine whether this challenge has substance or not, to see if a disparity exists, and if so, to plan how to address it.

The Board will also be revisiting its strategic plan for the college in order to refocus its aims for our students. As part of this we welcome our community's input into what their goals are for the students of the college and ways we can effectively hear from our community. We welcome your feedback on this.

Mr Forgie presented the annual budget for the college and a representative from The Education Group is to be contracted by the Board to carry out the principal's appraisal over the next 12 months.

The Board also heard of the outstanding achievement of Fe'ao Taulangau in placing second in the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest 2017 and his possible trip to Japan as a result. There are plans to restart the student council as a means of hearing student opinion about the college.

A meeting with ERO as part of their longitudinal review of the college was scheduled for 21 June but has had to be deferred due to the unavailability of ERO personnel.

Next month the board will be looking at constructing the change team guided by the Student Achievement Function of the ministry. This will consist of representatives of the board and college staff.

If you have any queries or feedback for the board, you can contact us through the college office.

Paul Bolton on behalf of the Okaihau College BOT

College Calendar

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

Friday 29 September

- Last Day of Term 3

Monday 16 October

- First Day of Term 4

Thursday 7 December

- Last Day of Term 4

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 4 July 2017

We invite parents and caregivers of students across all year levels to attend from 4.00pm – 6.30 pm 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.

Student Management System Portal

Our Student Management System, Kamar, holds records for every student (including contact details, pastoral files, academic progress, test results, reports, attendance etc). Students have a login which they can use to check their details through the portal, and parents / caregivers also have access to a login that they can use.

This portal can be a very valuable tool for tracking achievement progress, particularly for students doing NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3.

If you would like to know your access and login details (including password), contact Jenny Couchman at the Main Office.