

Principal's Panu

In spite of the adverse conditions Tuesday's Swimming Sports ran smoothly thanks to the willingness on the part of the students and the hard work in organisation by the staff. Well done to all who participated. It is important to remember that we aim to have high rates of participation as well as providing an opportunity for the better swimmers to display their talents.

Today we are interviewing candidates for the Head Student positions and they will be formally presented at a whole school assembly on Tuesday morning. This is always an enjoyable and important occasion in the life of our school.

Year 7 Class Trips and Meet the Teachers Lunch

Last Friday the Year 7 classes had a fun morning out in the local area followed by a "Meet the Teachers/Meet the Parents" barbeque lunch in Whakarongorua, our school marae. Period 5 after lunch was spent participating in Fun and Games.

7SM walked along the cycleway to Utakura, 7SW went to Puketi Forest for a nature walk and 7TR went to Forest Pools and a walk on the DoC track.

Many thanks to the parents who joined us for our activities and it was great to meet everyone at lunch.



Nadia Job, Asher Conaghan, Pimiro Marino and Te-Awanui-A-Rangi Clark on the 7SW Puketi Forest walk



Jamie Claydon, Max Thomas, Riley Clayden and Ben Clunie on the 7SM cycle trail walk

Navy Visit

On the first Friday of the term 45 students from the senior school visited the HMNZS Wellington. Commander Mathew Kaio is an ex student of Okaihau College who invited us to take a guided tour of his ship while they were in the Bay of Islands for Waitangi Day.

Our students were treated to a fantastic tour of the ship, being allowed to visit any part of the vessel. Our students were also informed as to the entry system and encouraged to apply if the Navy or Armed Services is what they are interested in.



Senior Curriculum Days

Wednesday 1 March
Thursday 16 March

On Curriculum days senior students will spend the whole day in one subject. This day is very often used for assessments so it is important for all senior students to attend. Some teachers will be using the opportunity to take field trips so that students will not need to miss out on other subjects on the day.

Wednesday 1 March will be their Line 3 subject and Thursday 16 March will be their Line 5 subject.

College Calendar

Friday 17 February

- Head Student Interviews
- Student Leader Applications Close

Tuesday 21 February

- Head Students Assembly

Thursday 23 February

- Athletics Day

Wednesday 1 March

- Senior Curriculum Day Line 3

Tuesday 7 March

- Class Photo Day

Thursday 9 March

- Level 2 Biology Opito Bay Trip

Thursday 16 March

- Senior Curriculum Day Line 5
- Year 11 RYDA Programme

Board Required 2017

Independent Female Year 12 student requires board in Okaihau area for 2017 school term time. Ph: 021 300 121

Music Tuition

If your child would like to learn to play keyboard or a brass/woodwind instrument (saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, flute) they need to see Matua Brent Strathdee-Pehi in the Music room ASAP to register - we'd love to have him or her join the music family here at Okaihau College!

Lessons are \$20 for the year and Brass/woodwind instruments are \$20 per term to hire. Great value!

Year 11 RYDA Programme

Year 11 students will complete the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme on Thursday 16 March – one of the senior curriculum days. This programme designed to equip young people with the tools and knowledge they need to stay safe on the road and includes sessions on speed and stopping, hazards and distractions, rights and responsibilities. Visit www.rse.org.nz/ryda.

Junior and Senior Jackets

With this wet weather upon us, now is a good time to remind you that students need to be in the correct school jackets when it is cold or wet.

Junior and senior uniform jackets can only be purchased from the Student Centre and are \$70-\$75 each, depending on size.