

## Principal's Panui

The shortest day has passed, but we are well past half-way in the academic year for our senior students. The first NCEA examination is on 9<sup>th</sup> November, so there is an ever decreasing amount of time for them to attain the available internally assessed credits as well as preparing for the examinations. Attendance is a key factor in all of this.

## Te Wero Pakihi

I attended the MaiBiz course at our school and was fortunate enough to be selected to attend Te Wero Pakihi programme in Auckland with my fellow Year 13 students Terri Kākā, Kathy Kopa, Carym Wharerau and Sienna Munford-Stokes. We flew down on an Air New Zealand plane and our challenge for the programme was to promote ways for Maori to access work with Air New Zealand.

We learnt a lot about the business world. I now know how stressful and hard it can be trying to run a business. We were all placed in different teams with students from other schools. Congratulations to Carym for being in the winning team!

I must say the food was so good and I highly recommend taking up the opportunity because it honestly is life changing. You make lots of new friends and it helps you to step out of your comfort zone.

Tijuana Haenga-Albert

PS. We noticed Sienna and Kathy featuring in the Maori TV coverage of this event –

<http://www.maoritelevision.com/news/education/maori-youth-challenged-be-innovative>

**Terri, Tijuana, Kathy, Carym and Sienna about to board the plane for Auckland to attend Te Wero Pakihi**

## Tai Tokerau Kapa Haka Regional Competition

The Okaihau College Kapa Haka Roopu, Nga Wheinga a Rahiri, will be competing at the Northland Secondary Schools Kapa Haka Regional Competition in Whangarei this weekend.

The powhiri will be at Whangarei Boys High School on Friday 28 July at 6.00 pm and they will be the first performance at Whangarei Girls High School at 9.00am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. This event is going to be live-streamed on Te Hiku TV – <https://tehiku.nz/te-hiku-tv/>

The students have been practicing hard last term and at a noho in the holidays. We wish them well for the competition.

## 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 was posted to parents of senior students with the NCEA invoices this week. For those eligible for assistance the fee will be \$20 per student or \$30 per family.

**Payment and financial assistance applications are due by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

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

## College Calendar

### Friday 28 - 29 July

- NSS Kapa Haka Regionals

### Wednesday 2 August

- Project Possum Assessment

### Tuesday 15 August

- Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations

### Thursday 17 August

- Year 13 University of Auckland Course Planning

### Friday 25 August

- NZQA Fees Due

### Monday 28 August

- Year 9 Vision and Hearing Testing

### Saturday 2 September

- University of Auckland and AUT Open Day

### Monday 4 – 8 September

- Senior Exams

### Tuesday 26 September

- Okaihau College Open Day

## Okaihau College Reprographer

We are seeking a Reprographer for ten hours per week. The position involves school photocopying and ordering of staff stationery. Days per week and start / finish times are flexible and will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Contact Karen Couchman for a job description, or if you have any queries. Phone (09) 401 9030 extension 701 or email [admin@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:admin@okaihau-college.school.nz)

