

Principal's Panui

Two events last week re-emphasized for me what great people we have in our school. On Friday we had a Duffy Books Assembly, with Kelvin Davis as our guest speaker. Afterwards he spoke to me about how impressed he, as an ex-Principal, was with our students both as presenters in the assembly and as an audience. He emphasized not just their manners but also the thoughtfulness of their questions. Well done our 7s and 8s and organiser Ms Heather Adams.

On Saturday I had the privilege of watching our Kapa Haka group performing in the Regional Competition. Although they were not placed in the top 3 their performance was excellent and their obvious pride in themselves was great to see. Well done the students, their tutors and the many supporters who worked hard to make this the occasion it was.

Okaihau College 2018 Open Day

Wednesday 20 September 2017
11.30 am - 1.00 pm
and 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Prospective students and their parents / caregivers are invited to attend our Open Day. Each session begins with a welcome in the Hall after which our junior students will give tours of the school.

If you are unable to attend the Open Day, or have any enquiries about enrolments, contact Deputy Principal, Karen Campbell on extension 706.

SPCA Cupcake Stall

Monday 14th August



Mrs Morgan's Year 8 Food Tech group are participating in this year's SPCA cupcake fundraiser and will be making and selling cupcakes to raise money for the SPCA on the 14th of August. However, you may like to make a donation to the cause without purchasing a cupcake, or just because you would like to donate.

The Year 8s thank you for your support.

<https://spcacupcakeday.gofundraise.co.nz/page/SarahMorgan3>

Pilot Graduation



Congratulations to Buerjere Alexander who attended Okaihau College from 2003 to 2008 and who has recently graduated with the New Zealand Diploma in Aviation with L3 Airline Academy.

In addition, to this great achievement Buerjere was presented the Outstanding award for Top Professional by Mike Dorrian, Senior Manager of Standards and Training at Air New Zealand. Buejere applied himself with the utmost professionalism throughout his training and continues to do so now as an Flight Instructor with L3 Airline Academy. He is well respected by his peers and is clearly deserving of this award.

He has now recently passed his B Category instructor rating on first attempt and is now a qualified NZ FI, EASA FI and MPL Flight Instructor.



College Calendar

Monday 14 August

- SPCA Cupcake Stall

Tuesday 15 August

- Year 7 Boostrix Vaccinations

- BoT Meeting 6.00 p.m.

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 Open Day

Monday 4 – 8 September

- Senior Exams

Wednesday 20 September

- Okaihau College Open Day

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 25th 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.

Northland Rugby Reps

A number of our students have been doing very well with their rugby recently.

Congratulations to the following players who have been named in Northland Representative teams or squads and we wish them well for their selection trials and games.

Northland Under 15 Team - Colt Edwards and Feleni Manuofetoa.

Northland Under 18 Squad - Thomas Bolton, Conor Bolton and Reuben Peri.

Northland Roller Mills Squad - Joseph Barlow and Te Tai Rawhiti Croft-Haenga.

OKAIHAU COLLEGE 2018 ENROLMENTS

The board invites applications from parents and caregivers who wish to enrol their student at Okaihau College next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Main Office. Pre-Enrolment Forms have been distributed to local primary schools, and are also available from the Main Office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 27 September 2017. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. *Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.* The Board has determined the number of places likely to be available for out of zone students next year. This is approximately:

10 places at Year 7
2 places at Year 8
5 places at Year 9
5 places at Year 10
5 places at Year 11
5 places at Year 12
5 places at Year 13

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. The school operates an approved special programme for students with special needs and expects that there will be approximately two places available in the programme for out of zone students next year.

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

First priority will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme.

Second priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.

Third priority will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.

Fourth priority will be given to applicants who are children of former students of the school.

Fifth priority will be given to applicants who are children of board employees or a child of a member of the board of the school.

Sixth priority will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceed the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot (except in the case of special programmes where the criteria in the enrolment scheme apply). If a ballot is required it will be held on Wednesday 18 October 2017. Parents will be informed in writing of the outcome of the ballot within three working days of the ballot being held.

Bay of Islands Beast

On the last day of Term 2 14 tough Okaihau College students and PE Teacher Mr Atkins took on the challenge to complete the Northland Secondary Schools Bay of Islands Beast. The course was a muddy hilly 5.5kms and runners had to negotiate mud and swamp along the way. Some took it competitively whilst others took a more leisurely approach. Either way it was a challenge.

Some great results saw Claire Graham 1st in the Senior Girls, Mr Atkins 1st in the Staff race and our team place 2nd out of 16 Northland Schools entered. Thank you to the parents who came along to support our students. Team members were Mackenzie Adkins, Freda Blaikie, Jayden Edmonds, Chloe Fitchett, Claire Graham, Lachaye Heta, Francesca Hills, Amy Hunter, Sienna Munford-Stokes, Emma Pinkney, Josh Pinkney, Bohemia Sanders, Max Thomas and Harry Thomas.



◀ Amy, Jayden, Francesca and Bohemia.



▲ The Beast Team before meeting the mud!



▲ Freda, Mackenzie and Chloe