

Principal's Panui

As I wrote last week it is great to see our students, especially our Juniors, taking advantage of the wide range of out-of-classroom opportunities we provide for them. I note that there is a Chess Competition beginning this week, this type of activity is available because staff and other volunteers give generously of their time to enhance our students' experiences. Do encourage your student/s to participate; to try something new.

2018 NCEA Information Evening

Okaihau College Hall
Tuesday 12 September 2017
starting at 6.30pm.

This evening is especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents/caregivers.

We are holding this evening so that students, their parents and caregivers and wider whanau are able to understand the process and the need to choose the right subjects for students to study in 2018 that relate to their future goals.

The timetable for this evening is as follows:

- 6.00 pm Light Supper Refreshments.**
- 6.30 pm Presentation by Robert (Blue) Newport, Careers Advisor - Understanding NCEA and How To Help Your Child Through The Senior School and Beyond.**
- 7.00 pm Opportunity to talk to Okaihau College Staff and Senior Students about Subjects for 2018.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Phone Systems

Following recent wet weather, we are again experiencing difficulties with the school land line - (09) 401 9030. If you are ever unable to get through on this number, please feel free to contact us via mobile phone.

The Main Office number is 021 0258 3715 and the Student Centre number is 021 0868 4071.

College Calendar

- Tuesday 12 September**
 - NCEA Information Evening
- Wednesday 20 September**
 - Okaihau College Open Day
- Monday 25 September**
 - Senior Reports Issued
- Thursday 28 September**
 - Senior Report Evening
- Friday 29 September**
 - Last Day of Term 3
- Monday 16 October**
 - First Day of Term 4
- Thursday 9 November**
 - NCEA Exams Start

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.

Year 9 OPC Food Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to Rob – Ticket #247.

Thank you for your support.



Friends and whanau at the University of Auckland Open Day

University of Auckland Open Day

It was a foggy and cold Saturday morning, and we were all crowded around the centre of the car park at our school, waiting for the bus in the pre-dawn darkness. Bold lights swerved along the road until finally, a huge, shiny light flashed toward us, and we got onto our bus.

Blue lights welcomed us into the warm surrounding bus and loud talkers chatted their way in until the door closed. Excited voices and laughter filled the bus, but only a half hour later, things quieted down, and many exhausted people had fallen asleep.

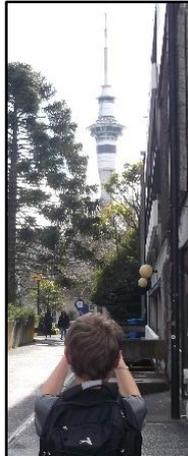
Our first stop for food was in Wellsford. We stopped at a food block and most of us had breakfast at McDonald's since we got picked up at 6:10 a.m. Before we all knew it, Auckland University was right there, and it was huge!

The adults took off with their kids to different parts of the university: Science, Engineering, P.E., Arts, and more. In Engineering, we got to make candyfloss, popcorn in a vacuum, and operate robots! There were even robot wars. Science was fun, too. They handed out jelly worms that need water to live, slimy stuff, glow in the dark beads and other weird and wonderful things. In the Food Science area, a blender was attached to a spin bike, and we could cycle fast to blend up berry and banana smoothies! P.E. had a crate-stacking contest where contestants climbed up higher and higher wearing a safety harness.

Some of us went to lectures, and others explored the Quad where there were a variety of different food stalls including Japanese, Indian and other cuisines. Live performances were given outside around the tables, such as cheerleading, cultural dancing, and singing.

We headed back onto the bus, and flopped over until it stopped: the end of our journey. What a great experience!

Many thanks to Asher Conaghan 7SW for this report.



▲ This is Tyreece Tangira doing a box stacking contest where he is strapped into a harness. He climbs up with each new box stacked and must balance. It was a contest to see who could stack and stand the highest (if they fall, the Uni students holding the cable attached over a pulley and connected to the harness will rescue the contestants). Tyreece stacked 18 before falling, and Roma Edwards stacked 23!

Last Week in the Sports Department

Last week was an extra busy one for sport at Okaihau College.

Tuesday night - our two Middle School hockey teams were in action in the Darryl Meehan Closing Night Tournament.

Wednesday saw our female Rugby League players at the Northland Secondary Schools Girls Lightning League tournament in Kaikohe. The girls played well to finish 3rd overall. Kerrie Johnson used her speed well to run a number of tries. Thank you to Mr Atkins for coaching the team.

Thursday saw our year 7 and 8 Netball team travel to Whangarei for the Northland Secondary Schools Junior Tournament. The team started well winning 25-1 against Te Kapehu Whetu 2. Two further wins over Tikipunga 17-11 and Excellere College 26-4 saw the team win their pool. Playing a tough finals game against Te Kapehu Whetu 1 the girls played well but went down 20-13. The team showed good team work all day and we were very proud of them. They ended up runners up in Division 2. A big thank you to Amber Latimer for travelling down to be our umpire and the parents and whanau who came along to support the team. Also a big thank you to our awesome student coaches Kathy Kopa and Ella Wheoki who coached the team through the season but were unable to attend the tournament. The tournament team was Kiana Barber, Zara Haynes, Bebe McGregor, Ahuaiti Nathan-Johnstone, Awhina Nathan, Haylee Sutherland, Meite Taulangau and Paige Williams-Cooper.



On Friday to wrap the week off two Okaihau College Ki-o-rahi teams played alongside 16 other Northland Secondary School teams at the Northland Tournament in Kaikohe. Some exciting close competition saw the O.C Black team finish 3rd in Division One and the O.C Green team finish 5th in Division 2.

