

Principal's Panui

This term is, for our seniors, brief, with 7 November being their last day of formal classes. They need to be here, focused on their academic goals.

It is also important that our juniors are present and involved in not just their academic work but also taking advantage of the wide variety of activities we continue to offer throughout the term.

Electrical Engineering Trades Academy

Congratulations to Wendell Roberts, Sam Grant, David Sarich, Te Rerenga Piripo, Orrin Munford-Stokes and Billy Hennah on the completion of their Electrical Engineering Trades Academy Course. These students have been travelling to the NorthTec Future Trades Campus in Whangarei each Friday during Terms 2 and 3.



During their time there they have learnt to draw and explain simple electrical diagrams, acquired knowledge on electrical safety and various electrical testing instruments, developed skills in basic soldering procedures and techniques and built their own "working" battery chargers.

They all achieved credits which can be credited to their respective NCEA qualifications. Well Done. Thank you to Mr Wayne Albert for transporting our students.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 12 student Colt Edwards for being named in the 2019 Blues Under 17 Development Squad. He has been invited to attend 2 development camps in Auckland as a player with future provincial potential. Well done Colt!

Top Energy Watersafe Programme

We are very pleased to once again offer this programme to our Year 7 and 8 students. The main purpose of this programme is to address the lack of fundamental swimming skills, water safety awareness and associated survival skills.

Qualified instructors will present the programme in two parts. The first being a dryland session which will cover boat safety, lifejackets, beach safety, river safety and waterholes. This is being held on the 14th of November. The second session will be in the pool and will focus on survival skills and water safety. This session will be held during Term 1 of 2019. We really appreciate Top Energy sponsoring this programme.

College Calendar

- Tuesday 23 October**
 - Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm
- Thursday 25 October**
 - ASB NSS Sports Awards
- Monday 29 October**
 - Level 2 Art Folios Due
- Tuesday 30 October**
 - Senior Drama Performance
- Friday 2 November**
 - Celebration of Excellence
- Tuesday 6 November**
 - Level 3 Art Folios Due
- Wednesday 7 November**
 - Last Day for Seniors
- Thursday 8 November**
 - NCEA Exams Start
- Monday 3 – 7 December**
 - Year 9 Hillary Outdoors Trip to Great Barrier Island
- Thursday 6-7 December**
 - Peer Support Training for 2019
- Tuesday 11 December**
 - Senior Prizegiving
- Wednesday 12 December**
 - Junior Prizegivings
 - Year 7 – 10 Reports Issued

Celebration of Excellence

We are due to host our second and final Celebration of Excellence Assembly for the year in early November. If you would like to nominate a student for a Cultural, Service or Sporting Award, please make contact with Deputy Principal Karen Campbell for a nomination form. The nomination form includes the criteria nominees need to meet to receive an award.

NZ Book Week Event – Northland

Sunday 28th October 1.30 pm
Kings Theatre Creative, Kawakawa

The Northland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Authors invites you to attend a celebration of New Zealand writing with the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards finalists: Annaleese Jochems, Northland writer and ex-student of Okaihau College and Briar Wood, Northland poet.

Annaleese and Briar will share their writerly insights and experience. The afternoon will include opportunities for questions from the audience and networking with local writers, along with some sparkling entertainment.

The event is funded by *Foundation North* and *NZSA Northland*, making it available to all participants free of charge.