

Principal's Panui

On Wednesday we held our Open Day for 2018's new students. It was great to see the number of whanau who were able to support their youngsters and also the enthusiasm displayed by those youngsters, boding well for 2018. It was also great to observe the role played by our current students, from speeches about life at college to music and the group of 'guides' for the various groups – they were articulate, courteous and wonderful representatives of our school.

Duffy Book Assembly

Tamara Wharerau came to present at the Duffy Book Assembly last week. She is Ngapuhi and Tainui and is the Creative Director for Tamara Star* Productions and the Author of an up and coming series of children's fantasy audio books called "Dreamcatcher - The Celestial Adventures of Tamara Star*.

Tamara is the illustrator, narrator, singer and music producer for the books. She's also an actress, who creates costumes, props, sets, make-up and hair design to bring the characters and scenes of my books to life on stage, in music videos and film productions.

Tamara interacting with students in the Drama Room at the Duffy Assembly

College Calendar

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 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.

Rugby Game

Year 7 & 8 Rugby game against Kerikeri High School will be held **on Monday 25th of September. Kick off 1pm on the Okaihau Domain field.** Parents and whanau welcome to come along and support our team.

Hockey

Congratulations to our Hockey teams on a successful season. Full details of the trophies the teams won to come. **We will be having a shared lunch and team photos on Tuesday 26th of September to celebrate.** Students to please bring their uniforms back and a plate of food to share.



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Sienna and Rebekah with the Year 7 Boys team

Volleyball

Volleyball continues to be popular amongst our students. Four of our Senior students Carym Wharerau, Rebekah Clunie, Olivia Walden and Sienna Munford-Stokes trained our Junior Year 7-9 teams well to attend the Northland Secondary Schools Tournament in Whangarei. Competition was close with the Year 9 Boys team having 1 win and 3 losses, Year 7 and 8 Girls team having 2 wins and a loss to finish 2nd in their pool and the Year 7 Boys team played very well with only 5 team members to have 2 wins and 1 loss to finish 4th overall on countback after finishing 2nd equal on points.

The competition was a good start for these players and we are sure they will all develop their game as they move up through the grades. A big thank you to Mr Sharp and Mr Fulton for travelling with the teams. Team members were: Yr 9 Boys - Mahia Heke, Konrad Kopa, Kainganoho Marino, Blake McCaslin, Mahanga Mitchell and Tumanako Stewart. Year 7 Boys - Arlo Blaikie, Rico Edwards, Alex-Jordan Hennah, Liam Reihana-Ngatote and Roma Edwards. Year 7 and 8 Girls - Stasiah Aldridge, Oceane de Reuck, Kowhai Harris, Nadia Job, Charlee Littin, Shikana-May Roberts and Kay-Leigh Stockman-Bates. The next Northland Secondary Schools Volleyball competition is for Year 9 and 10 students - Boys 8th November and Girls 14th November.



Olivia and Carym with the Year 7 and 8 Girls team



Sienna and Rebekah with the Year 9 Boys team