

## Principal's Panui

Wednesday was an interesting day in the life of our school. Our Year 9s had their first formal school exams. They conducted themselves extremely well, in spite of some obvious nervousness. It is rewarding to see how our students recognize, and rise to, an occasion.

Later in the day Tall Blacks basketballer Kirk Penny paid us a surprise visit. He gave several students basketballs and then presented me with a pair of sports shoes for a deserving student. A spontaneous and generous gesture.

Next Wednesday we will hold our final Excellence Assembly for the year. You are welcome to attend as we celebrate the variety of achievements of our students.

Time is running out for our students to prepare for their NCEA exams.

## Okaihau College Prizegivings 2017

Wednesday 6 December 2017

### Senior Prizegiving

Years 11 to 13 at 7.00 p.m.

All senior students are required to wear a **high standard of dress**.

Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper.

Thursday 7 December 2017

### Junior Prizegivings

Years 7 and 8 at 12.30 p.m.

Years 9 and 10 at 2.00 p.m.

All junior students are required to wear **correct school uniform**.

Parents/Caregivers/Whanau

All Welcome

## 8 MORE SCHOOL DAYS TO THE START OF NZQA EXAMS

### Dental Bus

Dear parents and caregivers

The dental team from Ngati Hine Health Trust (NHHT) Ulrike and Sheena are now at Okaihau Primary School to see students attending Year seven and eight for their annual dental exams.

- Most of the children are enrolled/registered with us and we will see them during the coming weeks - unless you notify us that you do not wish to have your child examined.
- Some children are not enrolled with NHHT; I will be sending forms home with the children so you can enrol them. If you do NOT wish to enrol your child, please let us know.
- If you do want to be present at your child's examination - please be in touch to arrange a time.
- Please note that you will be asked to give consent for any treatment your child requires before we are able to carry out the treatment. (Diagnostic [exam and x-ray] and preventative measures [fluoride, fissure sealants] are consented to in the registration.

At this stage we are focussing on year seven and eight students. If you have any concerns about an older child's oral health or want to know how to register them for an dental exam, please be in touch

Please, don't hesitate to visit the clinic, telephone or email with any questions.

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## College Calendar

**Wednesday 1 November**

- Level 3 Art Folios Due 9am

**Friday 3 – 7 November**

- Year 10 Exams

**Thursday 9 November**

- NCEA Exams Start

**Tuesday 14 November**

- Transition Day 1 – Year 6 visit

**Wednesday 15 November**

- Swim for Life Dryland Sessions

**Thursday 23 November**

- Transition Day 2 – Year 6 visit

**Monday 27 Nov. – 1 December**

- Year 9 Hillary Outdoors trip to Great Barrier Island

**Friday 1 and Monday 4 December**

- Year 7 Activities Days

**Monday 4-5 December**

- Peer Support Training

**Monday 4-6 December**

- Drivers Licence Course

**Wednesday 6 December**

- Senior Prizegiving Evening

**Thursday 7 December**

- Junior Prizegivings

- Junior Reports Issued

- Last School Day of the Year

### Swim For Life

We are pleased to advise we have been offered the opportunity to present the Top Energy WaterSafe Programme for our Year 7 and 8 students. We will be holding Dryland Sessions for all year 7 and 8 classes on Wednesday the 15th of November. These interactive sessions are designed to spread the water safety message prior to the summer holidays. We will then be holding pool sessions in Term 1 2018. We really appreciate the support of Top Energy who help provide this chance to educate our students to be safe in our pools, rivers, ponds and at the beach.

### Northern Region Maori Rugby Tournament

Congratulations to four Okaihau College students - Leonora Hemopo, Shania Haenga-Albert, Phoenix Littin and Tijuana Haenga-Albert who had the awesome experience of playing for the Northland Under 19 Maori Womens team in the Northern Region Maori Rugby tournament in Rotorua International Stadium in the holidays. The Northland team made the finals where unfortunately they were pipped 21-20 by Waikato.



Northland U19 Maori  
Womens Rugby Team at  
Rotorua