

Principal's Panui

On every possible occasion I speak about Whakarongorua. We named our marae for this maunga of Ngapuhi and it is aligned to that maunga. It also means listen to both sides and I take this meaning to expand on the idea of our school being a partnership and we are keen to listen to the knowledge that our young people and their whanau bring to our school. If you have a concern then speak to us about it and if you see things going well we are keen to hear about that as well; Whakarongorua.

Top Energy Water Safe Programme Year 7 and 8

We are excited to once again be providing Okaihau College Year 7 and 8 students with the opportunity to participate in the Top Energy Water Safe Programme. This compulsory course is being run at the school over 5 days – 5th-9th March with a qualified Instructor. The programme is offered free to our students. Students will be rostered for four 1 hour sessions during the week.

The aim of the programme is to promote the importance of learning to swim and survive as an essential life skill. Too many of our children in the North are unable to swim to survive. We need to address this and this programme will help do this.

Students will need to bring suitable clothes to swim in and a towel each day. ALL STUDENTS are expected to be involved unless their parent/caregiver has rung myself personally to discuss the situation.

Please encourage your student to actively participate in this programme as it will provide them with a lifelong survival skill and a great fitness outlet.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself at the Gym office extension 729.

Graham Sharp
Head of PE and Sport
Okaihau College

Dental Bus

The Ngati Hine Health Trust dental team, Ulrike and Sheena are at Okaihau College to see students for their annual dental examinations. Dental care for students aged 13 to the day before their 18th birthday is free.

Some children may already be enrolled with us however, we will send out forms to ensure information is up to date. Students aged 16 and over can complete and sign their own forms. Should you wish to be involved with this process, or you would like to be present during your child's examination, let us know to arrange an appointment time.

Please note if your child is under 16 years old, you will be asked to give consent for any treatment they require before we are able to carry out treatment. This may include:

- Diagnostic, examination and x-ray
- Preventative measures, fluoride and fissure sealants

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's oral health, or know of someone aged between 13 and 17 not attending College, please let us know. Please, don't hesitate to visit the clinic, telephone or email with any questions.

Ulrike Herzhoff
Hauora Whanui Oral Health Services
0800 73 75 73 or 021 430 924

Drivers Licence Course

Following the success of the course we hosted in December 2017, we are hosting another Learner's Drivers Licence Course this term. This is being run through the New Zealand Police in early April. Students will also receive two Level 1 credits.

Students must be:

- aged 16 or older
- have a photo identification and Birth Certificate
- currently attending Okaihau College
- available to attend the course (being held on-site) on 4, 5 and 6 April 2018.

There is a small charge of \$15.00 to confirm your place (compared to \$94.00 if you sit it elsewhere) and this is payable to the Main Office by Friday 16 March.



College Calendar

- Monday 5-9 March**
- Swim For Life Programme
- Friday 9 March**
- Class Photo Day
- Monday 12 March**
- Level 2 Biology Trip – Opito Bay
- Tuesday 13 March**
- Senior Curriculum Day Line 6
- RYDA Programme Year 11
- Wednesday 21 March**
- Attitude Report Evening
- Friday 23 March**
- **School Swimming Sports**
- Friday 30 March – Tuesday 3 April**
- Easter Weekend
- Wednesday 4 April**
- St Paul's Collegiate Netball Visit
- Wednesday 11 – 12 April**
- Tai Tokerau Festival – Kerikeri
- Thursday 12 April**
- AUT Liaison Visit
- Friday 13 April**
- Last Day of Term 1
- Monday 30 April**
- First Day of Term 2

Athletics Day

There was lots of action on Athletics Day last Friday. Photos and videos of the day can be viewed on the school website –

www.okaihau-college.school.nz

Some events are still being held this week and results will be announced when they have been completed.

