

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa.

Ka mihi atu ki tenei whenua, ki nga whanau o tenei rohe, ki a koutou nga kaiako me nga me nga tamariki o te kura tuarua o Okaihau, tena koutou katoa.

Welcome back to 2019 at Okaihau College. A special welcome to students and whanau that are new to the school.

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Alan Forgie, our previous Principal over the holidays. Alan worked incredibly hard to ensure the best for our students and he will be missed.

I also want to acknowledge the success of many of our students in NCEA for 2018. Their hard work along with support from our teachers has paid off with some outstanding results. These are listed below.

We have three new teachers this year; Dianne Anson (Maths), Paul Zeedijk (Music), and Mika Hancock (Maths and Science). We look forward to their contribution to the success of our students.

While this year will be one of change for Okaihau College, not least the appointment of a new Principal, we will still be focussed on fulfilling our vision of "Every child succeeds-Ka whiwhi ia tamaiti te taumata, Every whanau celebrates-Ka whakanuia e ia whanau, Every community strengthens-Ka whakakahatia ia haponi". We look forward to partnering with you in this journey.

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Thomas Davison
Acting Principal

Enrolments

We are totally full in Years 7 and 9 so have been unable to accept any out-of-zone enrolments so far this year. We still have places available in Years 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 so don't hesitate to make contact with us if you have a student who is not yet enrolled or attending in these year levels.

2018 Academic Results

A Merit Endorsement means the student has achieved 50 credits or more at a Merit level, and an Excellence Endorsement means that they have achieved 50 credits or more at an Excellence level. The following students achieved a Merit or Excellence Endorsed for NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3 in 2018.

NCEA Level 1: Chloe Fitchett (Merit), Freda Blaikie (Merit), Zoe Harrison (Excellence), Shaun Reeves (Excellence) and Miriama Sarich (Merit).

NCEA Level 2: Emily Beggs (Merit), Kevin Brabant (Merit) Tupari Cowan (Merit), Edith Langford (Merit), Acacia Ross (Merit) and Siakini Taulangau (Merit).

NCEA Level 3: Claire Graham (Merit), Chelsea Karl (Merit), Jenay Maihi (Merit), Jasmin Quarrie (Merit) and Dion Wharerau (Excellence).

These students achieved a Merit or Excellence Endorsed for individual subjects.

NCEA Level 1: Mackenzie Adkins (Merit in English, DVC and Physical Education); Freda Blaikie (Merit in Physical Education); Ruby Cassidy (Excellence in English and Merit in Science and Maths); Chloe Fitchett (Merit in English, DVC and Physical Education); Zoe Harrison (Excellence in English and Science, Merit in Maths and Food Technology); Kerri Johnson (Merit in English); Tane Johnston (Merit in DVC); Cade Maxwell (Merit in DVC); Kahurangi Maxwell (Merit in Te Reo Maori); Shaun Reeves (Excellence in DVC); Miriama Sarich (Merit in English and DVC) and Fe'ao Taulangau (Excellence in Art and Merit in DVC).

NCEA Level 2: Emily Beggs (Excellence in English and Merit in DVC); Matthew Bradley (Merit in DVC); Tupari Cowan (Excellence in Physical Education and Merit in English); Caitlin Dalbeth (Merit in English and Chemistry); Jayden Edmonds (Merit in English); Linda Johnson (Merit in DVC); Edith Langford (Excellence in English and DVC); Tyla Nisbet (Excellence in Physical Education); Atiria Pitovao (Merit in English); Acacia Ross

(Excellence in Art and English); Siaini Taulangau (Merit in English).

NCEA Level 3: Dion Wharerau (Excellence in Physics, Chemistry and Calculus); Ashley Wingrove (Merit in DVC); Jaimee Whittaker (Merit in English); Conor Bolton (Merit in Maths with Statistics); Sarah Hamlin (Merit in English); Rawhiti Erstich-Coles (Merit in Drama and Art); Claire Graham (Merit in Biology and Physical Education); Gareth Horrobin (Merit in English); Aaliyah Pedro (Merit in English); Raphael Ndungu (Excellence in Art); Chelsea Karl (Merit in DVC); Jasmin Quarrie (Merit in Biology, English, Physics, Chemistry and Maths with Calculus).

Dux of the School

Congratulations to 2018 Year 13 Dux of the School Dion Wharerau who was awarded the P&SM Bullen and Sons Scholarship worth \$6000. Dion also sat and passed Scholarship in three subjects; Physics, Calculus and Chemistry. This is an outstanding result for Dion, and we are proud of the hard work he put in to make this happen. Dion also maintained a near-perfect attendance record during his time at Okaihau College (the amount of days he missed during his seven years here could be counted on one hand!).



Facebook Group

We operate an Okaihau College Facebook Group called Okaihau College Official Page. This is another really useful way of staying in touch with what is happening at school. Any current students (aged 13 or older) as well as all parents and caregivers are welcome to join. This has up-to-date information about what is happening at school but also information about school closures, celebrations, prize-givings, significant events, event notifications etc.

HPV Vaccinations

The Northland District Health Board Public Health Nurses will be here during March to complete HPV vaccinations for all Year 8 students. Consent forms have gone home this week; these forms need to be completed and returned to the Student Centre by the end of February. All forms need to be returned, as they confirm consent or non-consent.

Attendance

All students should be aiming for at least 90% attendance during the year. The more days present, the higher chance of academic success at school.

However, if your student is absent or going to be absent, please let us know. You can do this either by phone (09) 401 9030 ext 200, email jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz or via our Okaihau College app. If we do not hear from you, then we send out a text, and you can reply to this text (there is a small charge which is why we encourage you to use the other methods which are all free).

Attendance Matters

How important is attendance? Missing one or two days per week may not seem like much, but over the course of the year, or a number of years this adds up.

College Calendar

Monday 18 February
- Head Boy/Girl Applications Close

Wednesday 20 February
- Year 8-10 Whanau BBQ

Thursday 21 February
- **SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS**

Friday 22 February
- Year 7 EOTC and Whanau Lunch

Thursday 28 February
- **SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY**

Tuesday 5 March
- **Senior Curriculum Day – Line 4**

Friday 8 March
- Ki-O- Rahi Mufti Day

Monday 11 – 12 March
- Senior Geography Trip

Monday 11 – 15 March
- Swim For Life Programme

Wednesday 13 March
- **Senior Curriculum Day – Line 2**
- RYDA Programme – Year 11

Monday 25 March
- Kapa Haka Mufti Day

Wednesday 27 March
- Attitude Report Evening

Monday 1 – 5 April
- Year 12 Gateways Week

Tuesday 2 April
- **Senior Curriculum Day – Line 3**

Wednesday 10-11 April
- Tai Tokerau Festival

School App

We have a school app which anyone can download. Among some of its useful features is a calendar for students, daily notices, it allows parents, caregivers and students to receive alerts (e.g. sports training, meetings, cancellation of games) as well as absentee reporting to the office.

To download the app just search **SchoolAppsNZ** in your phone's app store, and then enter....*Okaihau College*.

We encourage all students and parents to download this free app as we think it is a great tool in keeping communication going between school and home.

Northland Meningococcal W Vaccination Programme

For eligible children aged 13 to 18 years old

Okaihau College - 18 Feb

The consent form is available online northlanddhb.org.nz for you to download or you can pick one up from the school office.

Children can bring the consent form back to school prior to the clinic day or they can bring it with them when they present for vaccination.

For more information contact the school Public Health Nurse or call **0800 600 720** between 8am and 8pm, 7 days a week to speak to a local Public Health Nurse.

The free meningococcal W outbreak campaign for the eligible children ends on 22 February.

For more information go to the DHB website: www.northlanddhb.org.nz



If your child misses ...	That equals ...	Which is ...	And over their school life, that is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Meet the Teachers Evening

Years 8, 9 and 10 students, parents, caregivers and whanau are invited to attend our "Meet the Teachers" barbecue. This is being held in Whakarongorua Marae from 5.00pm -7.00pm on Wednesday 20 February 2019. This is an informal event where we have an opportunity to introduce ourselves to you (and vice versa) and then share a meal together. All welcome. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to make contact with us.

Year 7 Activities Day and Meet the Teachers

On Friday 22 February, Year 7 students will spend the morning participating in activities with their form classes before participating in a shared lunch with their families. All students, parents, caregivers and whanau are invited to the lunch which is being held in Whakarongorua Marae at 12.30pm. Letters and EOTC forms have been sent home and are due back to the Student Centre by Wednesday 20 February.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact with us.

Senior Curriculum Days

Tuesday 5 March
Wednesday 13 March
Tuesday 2 April

On Curriculum days senior students will spend the whole day in one subject. This day is very often used for assessments so it is important for all senior students to attend. Some teachers will be using the opportunity to take field trips so that students will not need to miss out on other subjects on the day.

Term 1 Sports

We kick off our Sports events with our **Swimming Sports on 21st February 2019** and we invite parents and whanau along to support our students.

Period 1 & 2 - Year 7 & 8

Period 3 & 4 - Year 9-13

Period 5 - Some senior finals and House Relays

Our whole school **Athletics Day is being held on Thursday the 28th** of February. Students can compete in track and field events to earn house points for participation and placings.

Our Northland Secondary Sports starts off with Adam Blair Rugby League competition on Wednesday afternoons and Senior Touch 1st of March at Lindvart Park.

The Top Energy Watersafe Programme will be run in Week 6 – 11 – 15 March – for Years 7 and 8. Each class will receive 4 lessons during the week. Teachers stay with their class and support the instructor to ensure the students receive the most benefit from the lessons. It is compulsory unless a note is brought from home. Thank you for your support.

Sports information is advertised in the daily notices and the Gym noticeboard, so students are encouraged to keep an eye out for these events. We also have a **Facebook page Okaihau College PE and Sport**.

If you have any questions regarding sport, please contact us on extension 206.