

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Congratulations again to our new Head students for 2019, who were presented to the school on Wednesday. They all spoke wonderfully about their own journeys and their aims as head students for 2019.

Thank you to all those who were involved in making our Athletic Sports such a success. The students looked great in their house colours and the weather was also co-operative.

Earlier this week, I attended a consultation meeting in Whangarei for the taskforce on Tomorrow's Schools and the reforms that are being suggested. I would encourage you as whanau, to access the information as the changes that are being proposed are far-reaching. The information is accessible online and it will also be important for you to make submissions about the proposals. Make sure that your voice is heard about the vision the taskforce has for the future of education in Aotearoa.

If you are interested in having a voice about the new principal for whom the school is seeking please come to the meeting on Monday. If you are interested in standing for the Board of Trustees in 2019, please contact the existing BoT members or myself to express your interest and ask questions.

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

## Principal Appointment Process

The Okaihau College Board of Trustees are seeking a new Principal. The Board would like input from our school community (students, staff and parents) to help shape the future direction of our school.

If you would like to be part of this community consultation, you are welcome to attend a public meeting in Whakarongorua Marae at 6.30pm on Monday 4 March 2019. This will be followed by refreshments.

All welcome.

## Thank You to Rotary

Okaihau College would like to give recognition for the continuing contribution that the Rotary Club of Kerikeri is making to students in our school. This contribution is in the region of \$10,000 annually including:

- Youth exchanges—international and matched twin Year 10
- Mini United Nations Assembly
- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness programme
- Peer Support programme
- Dictionaries in homes
- National Science and Technology Forum
- Senior Leaders Prizes
- Hospitality Prize
- OPC Funding

## Youth Nurse

**FREE School Healthcare Service for 12 to 19yr olds.  
Thursdays 10.30 – 1.30 @ the Student Centre**

Our Youth Nurses Ruby and Tracey will start their first clinic next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. If parents would like their help with anything please phone or text them: Ruby 021 573 974 or Tracey 021 574 823.



*Okaihau College 2019 Head Students Eilise Te Huia and Ngāreta Teira-Tuiloma (Deputy Head Girls), Mele Livai (Head Girl), Mr Thomas Davison (Acting Principal), Siakini Taulangau (Head Boy), Logan Salmons and Tupari Cown (Deputy Head Boys).*

## College Calendar

**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

## Senior Uniform

We have had a few inquiries recently with parents checking up on the senior uniform requirements. Please see below for the official uniform expectations:

### Senior Uniform (Years 11 – 13)

The uniform is to be worn by both sexes and a high standard of clothing (office wear) is required. No hoodies and no prints, pictures, large logos or coloured top-stitching are allowed on clothing.

### Summer

Below waist: Plain black material garment (skirt, culottes, shorts, pants, trousers). No tights or leggings.

Belt: Plain black.

Top: Plain white shirt, blouse, skivvy or t-shirt with sleeves.

Sweatshirt: Bottle green with school monogram or

Jersey: Bottle green with school monogram

Jacket: Black with school monogram.

Footwear: Plain black, white, or black and white footwear.

No Jandals or knee-high boots.

Socks: Plain black or white.

Hats/Caps: A plain black baseball style cap may be worn outside the classrooms.

## Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

Two of our senior students attended the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum during the summer holidays. Here's what they had to say:

Attending the 2019 Rotary National Science and Technology Forum was an awesome opportunity to see where science and technology are going. Some of my favourite modules were chemistry, where we learned about some of its applications, robotics, where we got to learn how to wire a robot to find its way out of a maze, and video science where we got to learn basic game design and programming. I encourage anyone who gets the chance to apply for this to do so. You meet a lot of likeminded people and can make good friends.

Matthew Bradley

In the summer school holidays, I went to Nerd Camp or as it's formally called "2019 Rotary National Science and Technology Forum." It was an opportunity that I do not regret taking. Due of the Kerikeri Rotary Clubs' funding I was able to spend two weeks surrounded with people just like me doing activities that we all enjoyed. I particularly enjoyed doing chemistry and food science.

Caitlin Dalbeth



## Athletics Action



**New Event – Seagull Racing!**