

Principal's Panui

With the departure of our seniors our school takes on a different dynamic, but it is important that our juniors keep working in class as well as taking advantage of all the activities offered to them – their year is a long way from finished. We continue to expect high standards in effort, attendance and uniform and appreciate your support in this.

Year 6 Transition Days

We are really excited to be welcoming a new group of Year 7 students into Okaihau College in 2019. As part of their journey into secondary education, we are holding two transition days this term. The first day is Wednesday 14 November and the second day is Thursday 22 November. All prospective students, and their families have been notified of these dates.

During the Transition Days, students will be divided into four groups and will visit different classes and teachers. This will help students better get to know teachers, support staff and the school site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with us.

Paid Union Meeting

Monday 12 November 2018

Letters were sent home with the Breeze last week to notify you that the school branch of the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) has advised the school that members will not be available to teach on the afternoon of **Monday 12 November 2018** as they will be attending a Ministry of Education approved Paid Union Meeting, as they are entitled to do under Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000.

As a result, we will finish our school day at 12.25 p.m. and students will be sent home. The buses will leave by 12.35 p.m. If necessary students may be supervised at school until 3.00 p.m.

If your child will require supervision at school from 12.25 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Monday 12 November 2018 please fill in the slip on the letter and return it to the Student Centre by Thursday 8 November 2018. You will be responsible for her/his transport home.

Junior Futsal

An opportunity has come up at the Baysport Stadium at Waipapa to run Junior Futsal on a Wednesday Afternoon from 4pm-6pm. We believe this timeslot provides a better opportunity for Junior/Youth players to come down and have a go at Futsal rather than the previous timeslot on a Sunday evening.

By moving Junior Futsal to the Wednesday afternoon it enables us to bring Senior futsal on a Sunday evening forward to 6pm rather than the later time of 8pm. Senior Futsal will begin at 6pm each Sunday from this week.

College Calendar

Monday 12 November

- PPTA Paid Union Meeting

Wednesday 14 November

- Transition Day 1 of 2
- Watersafe Dryland Sessions

Thursday 22 November

- Transition Day 2 of 2

Monday 3 – 7 December

- Year 9 Hillary Outdoors Trip to Great Barrier Island

Thursday 6-7 December

- Peer Support Training for 2019

Tuesday 11 December

- Senior Prizegiving

Wednesday 12 December

- Junior Prizegivings

Okaihau College

Prizegivings 2018

Tuesday 11 December 2018

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.

Wednesday 12 December 2018

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

Invitations will be sent out closer to the day.

WHAT: Junior / Youth Futsal 9-12 yr olds and 13-15 yr olds.

WHEN: Each Wednesday afternoon beginning November 14th

TIME: 4pm-6pm

COST: \$10 per player

INFO: james.coleman@nff.org.nz

Celebration of Excellence Assembly

Friday 2 November 2018

We held our second and final Celebration of Excellence Assembly for 2018 on 2 November in the school hall. These assemblies have been held since 2007 and are specifically to honour and acknowledge outstanding students in the fields of academia, sports, culture and service. Head Students Willow Rawiri and Thomas Bolton led the assembly in which students were recognised for their outstanding achievements in sports and academia.

The guest speaker was former Deputy Head Girl Monita Skipworth from Kaikohe. Monita attended Okaihau College before leaving to pursue overseas travel opportunities and then tertiary study. She now works for Maori Television and has recently travelled overseas to model at both the New York and Paris Fashion Weeks. Monita shared her inspirational story with our staff, students and invited guests. It was very special to have Monita back at Okaihau. Following her speech, Monita presented the certificates and Honours Badges to all the award recipients.

Students were supported by a number of proud parents, caregivers, whanau as well as members of our school community. Awards were given to the following students;



Sporting Excellence

Danny Sturge (AgriKids National Finalist)
Ehlana Reid (AgriKids National Finalist)
Benjamin Clunie (AgriKids National Finalist)



Conor Bolton (Northland Under 18 Boys Rugby Team)
Thomas Bolton (Northland Under 18 Boys Rugby Team)
Phoenix Littin (Northland Under 18 Girls Rugby Team / Northland Under 18 Girls Sevens Team)
Freda Blaikie (Northland Under 18 Girls Rugby Team)
Oceane de Reuck (Northland Under 18 Girls Rugby Team)
Leonora Hemopo (Northland Under 18 Girls Rugby Team)

Keanu Koroi (Northern Swords Under 13 Rugby League Team)
Terri Walker-Masters (Northern Swords Under 13 Rugby League Team)
Joedeci Koroi (Northern Swords Under 15 Rugby League Team)
Feleni Manuofetoa (Northern Swords Under 17 Rugby League Team)

Academic Excellence

Dion Wharerau (Level 3 Bronze – 26)
Emily Beggs (Level 2 Bronze – 25)
Tupari Cowan (Level 2 Bronze – 20)
Caitlin Dalbeth (Level 2 Bronze – 21)
Jayden Edmonds (Level 2 Bronze – 20)
Linda Johnston (Level 2 Bronze – 31)
Siakini Taulangau (Level 2 Bronze – 22)
Mackenzie Adkins (Level 1 Bronze – 22)
Freda Blaikie (Level 1 Bronze – 23)
Ruby Cassidy (Level 1 Bronze – 29)
Chloe Fitchett (Level 1 Bronze – 29)
Zoe Harrison (Level 1 Bronze – 34)
Emily McDonald (Level 1 Bronze – 32)
Shaun Reeves (Level 1 Bronze – 31)
Miriam Sarich (Level 1 Bronze – 22)

