

## Students Farewell Mr Forgie

A farewell was held for Alan Forgie in the Gymnasium on Friday 30 November attended by staff, students, community members and our school kaumatua Wiremu Wiremu.

Mr Forgie grew up in Port Chalmers, attending Otago Boys' High School before beginning tertiary study at the University of Otago where he studied for a Master of Arts majoring in History. He then completed a Diploma of Teaching at Christchurch Teachers College in 1970 and began his teaching career at Opotiki College in 1971. Following his time at Opotiki, he moved to Kapiti College in 1976 where he taught English and then on to Waiopahu College in 1980 as Head of English. He and his wife moved north in 1988 where he became a Dean at Bay of Islands College and then Deputy Principal in 1993. In 2002, he moved further north to Okaihau College when he was appointed principal.

Although it is some time since Mr Forgie first graduated from university, he has remained a lifelong learner completing an extra mural Diploma in Education Administration from Massey University in 1987, Mauri Ora Certificate (Wananga) in 2009 and NZQA Level 2 Māori in 2010.

In his sixteen years here, Mr Forgie has worked hard to improve on and maintain the buildings and surroundings for us. E Block was one of his first projects – moving the prefabs and doing up the classrooms as well as creating a space for Drama. He also instigated and oversaw the Technology department revamp as well as that of Rangimarie, the Administration Block, the Student Centre and Te Puna Ako – the Learning Centre. However, the design and construction of Whakarongorua Marae would have to be the most pivotal and proud moment for Mr Forgie and our school. This was done with the support of school kaumatua Wiremu Wiremu and Andy Sarich with the Wharekai named for long-time Okaihau College teacher Mrs Kath Sarich.

We would like to share with you Mr Forgie's favourite whakatauki.

He aha te mea nui o te ao?  
What is the most important thing in the world?  
He tamariki, he tamariki, he tamariki.  
It is children, it is children, it is children.



## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou,  
Ko Owairaka toku maunga,  
Ko Tamaki toku awa,  
Ko Waitemata toku moana,  
Ko Whakarongorua toku marae,  
Ko Brenda Greenhalgh toku mama,  
Ko Graham and Margaret Davison toku matua whangai,  
Ko Thomas Davison toku ingoa.

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

Kia ora tatou, I feel very privileged to be Acting Principal while the Board of Trustees conducts their search for the next principal of Okaihau College.

I have taught in a few areas now, Auckland, the eastern Bay of Plenty, Whangarei, and now, Okaihau. I am married to Rebecca and we have 3 daughters aged, 13, 11, and 8. As Mr. Forgie has in the past, I invite you to come into school at any time to speak with us about what we are doing well and how we can do things better. I am excited about the direction in which we are heading as a kura and am looking forward to continuing our journey with our staff, students, and whanau in 2019.

Please enjoy a safe holiday season.

## 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**



## College Calendar

### Monday 3 - 5 December

- Driver Licence Course

### Monday 3 – 7 December

- Year 9 Hillary Outdoors Trip to Great Barrier Island

### Thursday 6 – 7 December

- Year 7-10 Activity Days

### Tuesday 11 December

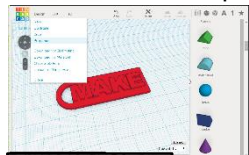
- Senior Prizegiving

### Wednesday 12 December

- Junior Prizegivings
- Junior Reports Issued

## Activity Days

Year 7 – 10 Students have chosen from a range of activities offered to take place on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th December. Students wear mufti for these two days only. They report to form class each morning at the usual time.



Activities include 3D Designing, Forest Pools – Survivor, Sports Fun, Christmas Crafts, Create your own Jewellery, Creative Writing, Food Stall, Maths/Sci Computer Games, Okaihau College's Taskmaster, Painting Wall Murals, Poi Hip Hop Fusion and T-Shirt Screen Printing. On Thursday students in the Forest Pools activity will be travelling by bus so please ensure they are at school on time and remember food/drinks and sunscreen.

**\*\*The local community are invited to see what the students are up to from 11am – 2pm on Friday 7th December. Please sign in at the Main Office and join one of the groups touring our campus\*\***

### For whanau of Year 7 and 8 students:

Your Year 8 son/daughter was given their Year 8 SPS workbook to take home last week apart from Whaea Maruia's SPS group who will be given theirs tomorrow. Year 7 will be given their book Tuesday 11 December. You might like to take a look and see the topics we have covered this year. I always appreciate any feedback- [jennyg@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:jennyg@okaihau-college.school.nz)

## 2019 Start Dates

### Wednesday 30 January – 1 February

The Main Office will be open for enrolments and enquiries  
9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

The Student Centre will be open for uniform and stationery purchases  
9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

### Thursday 31 January

Student Centre late night  
for uniform and stationery purchases  
5.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

### Monday 4 February

School Closed – Staff Only Day

### Tuesday 5 February

The Main Office will be open for enrolments and enquiries and the Student Centre will be open for uniform and stationery purchases  
9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

### Wednesday 6 February

School Closed – Waitangi Day

### Thursday 7 February

Years 7, 11, 12, 13 and all new students start

### Monday 11 February

Years 8, 9, 10 start  
All students attend from this date



**NGA MIHI NUI KI A KOUTOU  
KATOA MO TE KIRIHI METE ME  
TE TAU HOU!  
MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!  
SEE YOU ALL IN 2019!**