

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Thank you to all the whanau who attended our Whanau Learning Hui on Wednesday of this week. This year we tried something different: different format, different venues, different timing. The feedback you have given us indicates that the new way is something you would like to see us continue. I hope you found the time with your student's whanau teacher valuable and were able to establish a better relationship with them while setting some meaningful goals for your student. Please continue to be involved in your child's education at Okaihau College.

Next week I travel to Auckland with the year 12 students on their Gateways trip. This can be a life changing time for our students as they explore Auckland using public transport, visit tertiary institutions and gain work experience in a variety of places. I am looking forward to seeing how the trip runs and sharing the experience with some of our senior students.

Many of the senior students will be expected to hand in assessments over the next couple of weeks. Please check with them about what is due and how close they are to completing the work required. In some instances, there may be no reassessment opportunities if it is not in on time. Support them in what will be a busy time for many of our seniors.

Our kapa haka roopu, Nga Wheinga a Rahiri, is also working hard to be ready for the Tai Tokerau festival in Whangarei. I would like to thank all the whanau that are supporting them during their noho marae and particularly the tutors Hinemoa and Paki for all your hard work. I am looking forward to seeing them on stage in the last week of term. They are also performing at the Taiamai Day this weekend.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa

School Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking for a friendly, efficient cleaner to work every Monday 3.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. term time only. Start a.s.a.p.

We are also looking for relief cleaners to cover illness and busy days.

For further details:

Phone 09 4019030 or email

karenco@okaihau-college.school.nz

College Calendar

Monday 1 – 5 April

- Year 12 Gateways Week

Tuesday 2 April

- **Senior Curriculum Day – Line 3**

- Duffy Book Assembly

Friday 5 April

- Year 7 & 8 Disco

Wednesday 10-11 April

- Tai Tokerau Festival

Friday 12 April

- Last day of Term 1

Monday 29 April

- First day of Term 2

Principal Appointment Update

With the retirement late last year of our principal Mr Alan Forgie, the Board of Trustees has been busy with a process to appoint a new principal for the college. We have recruited the services of Chris Saunders, a well-respected ex-principal and current educational consultant with strong links to the far north. Chris will be guiding the board through this critical process.

The board has started by seeking the views of our community for what they see as essential in our new principal. A number of groups of parents / whanau, staff, and students have been consulted and that information has been collated to form the basis of our person specification and our nationwide advertisement for the position.

The position is currently advertised in the Education Gazette, www.gazette.education.govt.nz (reference #: 1H9sDY) and applications will close on 12 April. The board plans to then construct a shortlist of applicants to formally interview in early May with a view to announcing the successful candidate later that month. It is hoped to have the new principal take up their position in the college in early Term 3.

In the interim, as you are aware, the board has appointed Thomas Davison as Acting Principal, supported by current Deputy Principal Karen Campbell and Acting Deputy Principal Dene Fowler. The board acknowledges and wishes to publicly express their thanks and appreciation on behalf of the college community for the extra work and responsibility this team carries out for the benefit of the college and its staff and students.

Janet Graham
BOT Chairperson

2019 School Ball

The Senior Ball is being held at the Copthorne, Bay of Islands on Saturday 18 May and the theme is

"Under the Sea".

This is a formal occasion and formal evening dress is a requirement. Students are required to arrive between 6.30pm and 7.00pm and may not leave before 11.00pm. Normal school rules about smoking, alcohol and drugs apply. There will be a breathalyser on site to ensure students are complying with the no-alcohol policy and are keeping themselves safe. Students are strongly advised to stay within the limits of their drivers' licences.

Students have the privilege of bringing a senior school-aged partner who does not attend Okaihau College. These rules also apply to them and they must sign an agreement form confirming that they will comply with our expectations. This form is available from the Main Office. **Tickets are also available from the Main Office for \$60.00 and are on sale until 4.00pm on Tuesday 30 April.** Tickets may be purchased with cash, cheque or eftpos and there are strictly no door sales.

There will be mini-vans running from Okaihau to Waitangi; this will cost students \$5 each. Places can be booked and paid for the at the Main Office, and seats will be allocated on a first-in-first-served basis.

Year 7 and 8 Disco

Friday 5th April

5.00 – 7.00 pm

Tickets \$5.00 from the Main Office

Ticket includes:

1 free Sausage Sizzle

1 Super Glow Stick

1 Insanely Fun Night

Games, Competitions, Prizes.

Come dressed as something beginning with the letter P!

Best dressed prize!