

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Term 2 is well underway with lots happening already and more to come.

Congratulations to our students who took part in the Northland Secondary Schools Turbo Touch champs on Wednesday of this week. Our girls' team was extremely unlucky to come runners-up, losing in double "golden point" overtime. The boys' team won their tournament and are Northland champions. Thanks to Mr. Atkins for coaching and Mrs. Moor for managing the teams.

Preparations for the School Ball are ramping up. With only a week left to go, our students are putting the finishing touches on what promises to be a great event. As always, we expect our students to behave impeccably. This is particularly important this year as we are holding the ball at a venue off school grounds. Parents and whanau please note that our responsibility for your student ends when the Ball finishes. We do not support any "after ball" functions and urge whanau to ensure that your students are safe before and after the ball. As I mentioned last week, we will be breathalysing students to encourage them to behave responsibly before the Ball.

I also encourage whanau to consider standing for the Board of Trustees in the upcoming elections. The Board plays an integral role in the running of our kura and it is important to have a Board that truly reflects the diversity of our community. If you have any questions please contact me, any of the current board, or our Returning Officer Jenny Couchman. More information is below.

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

Board of Trustees Elections

2019 is election year. Have you ever considered standing for the Board of Trustees?

The Board is made up of 5 elected parent representatives, 1 elected staff representative and 1 elected student representative who work closely with the Principal in all matters related to school governance.

Does this sound like something you would be interested in? The school is about to enter a new and exciting phase – make sure you are a part of that.

For more information please contact Jenny Couchman (Returning Officer) 09 4019030.

Measles Update

Last week we included the Measles Fact Sheet from the Northland District Health Board. The Northland immunisation rate is too low to prevent an outbreak of measles.

This is a highly infectious disease and there is a 95 percent chance of transmission to other unimmunised children within one metre of an infected child.

The DHB has emphasised the need to stay vigilant about measles and have advised that for the next two weeks unimmunised children that are unwell with fever, a cough or cold should be kept away from school as it could be the early (pre-rash) stages of measles.

For more information phone your doctor, Healthline 0800 611 116 and visit the website below:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles>

College Calendar

Tuesday 14 May

- Mufti Day

Thursday 16 May

- Senior Curriculum Day 4 Line 1
- Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Saturday 18 May

- Senior Ball

Thursday 23 May

- School Cross Country

Wednesday 29 May

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

Thursday 30 May

- Careers Roadshow
- University of Auckland Liaison Visit
- I am Maori – Young and Hungry Performing Arts

Monday 3 June

- **Queen's Birthday Holiday**

Wednesday 5-7 June

- Nga Manu Korero

Thursday 6 June

- Senior Curriculum Day 5 Line 2

Bullying Free Week

Monday 13 – Friday 17 May 2019

An information guide to support parents, whānau and schools to work together to combat bullying is available.

<https://www.bullyingfree.nz/assets/Uploads/Tackling-Bullying-A-guide-for-parents-and-whanau.pdf>

bullyingfreenz.co.nz

Mufti Day

Tuesday 14th May

Gold Coin for mufti

Students are being encouraged to wear pink on mufti day in honour of the Pink Ribbon breast cancer fundraiser and the Bullying Free campaign this week

Plus Burger and Ice Block Stall at lunchtime for Year 13 funds

Parent Election Notice Okaihau College School Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees. A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the Okaihau College Main Office.

Nominations close at 12 noon on Friday 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours (8.00am – 4.15pm).

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7 June 2019.

Jenny Couchman
Returning Officer

Turbo Touch

Congratulations to our Senior Turbo Touch teams with our boys taking out the Northland Secondary Schools Title for the second year running winning the final against Whangarei Boys High School and the girls coming agonizingly close being tied at full time and extra time in the finals against Kerikeri going done 5-4 in golden point. Both teams played with superb skills and team work. Thank you to Mr Atkins for helping coach the teams and driving the van.



Pink Ribbon Breakfast

Interval, Thursday 16th May

**"Smoothies, Cupcakes,
Homemade McMuffins"**

On Thursday 16 May we are hosting our 6th fundraiser to support breast cancer research. Students order their pre-paid breakfast through their whanau teacher and community members can order at the Student Centre.

**Smoothies \$3, Cupcakes \$3,
McMuffins \$5**

Obviously the less we need to spend on groceries the more we can give. Donations of the following items will be gratefully received: bacon, English muffins, eggs, cheese slices, butter, yoghurt, fruit for smoothies (canned, fresh or frozen) and milk. These can be left at the Student Centre or food tech before May 16.

We feel this is a very worthy cause as all of us have been touched by a family member or friend who has been affected by breast cancer. You can donate on line by following this link:

Donations can be made online at:
<http://pinkribbonbreakfast.co.nz/page/okaihaucollegeshostpage>

Thank you in advance for your support.
Diana Henderson, Organiser.

Tony and
Danny with
their
Kaimoana
Cup
Certificates



Hunting and Fishing Kaimoana Cup

Congratulations to all students who competed for the Hunting and Fishing Club's Kaimoana Cup over the Easter holidays. Teams had to catch a snapper, kina and freshwater crayfish. The competitors displayed great determination and it was fantastic to see so many families and friends involved.

While you were safely tucked in bed students and parents were camping in the wind on 90 mile beach or slogging their way up various rivers and creeks. As always the results were close but taking out the title were Reno Whittaker and Tony de Reuck in team Find-Bail-Hold. Second place was the ever-consistent Brad and Danny Sturge aided by Coolie-Berry Maxwell in team Young Bucks. And showing persistence pays off third place Rahiri Rebels, Grace Sanders and Dylan Quarrie, should be proud of their efforts.

Big thanks to Hunting and Fishing Kerikeri and Bonze Trolling Lures for their support and fantastic prizes. We also had an opening weekend duck competition to kick off the term, followed later by a possum competition. Term 3 we will be getting stuck into the pigs so make sure you keep an ear on the notices and join the club!



AgClub

Towards the end of Term 1, our AgClub catered at the Secondary Schools Equestrian Showjumping Event held at the Kaikohe Showgrounds. We raised over \$400 during the day, which is a great contribution towards our journey to the National AgriKids finals this year. Thanks to NorthFuels for the financial support, and also to Tanya Quin and Dwayne Sanders for their organisation and for manning the stall.

AgClub Firewood Raffle: Many thanks to everyone who supported our students with the "Large Trailerload of Firewood Raffle".

Mary McHugh was our winner with ticket no. 77.