

## Principal Appointment

The Okaihau College Board of Trustees has been conducting a thorough and nation-wide process to recruit and appoint a new principal for the college since Alan Forgie's retirement in late 2018. This was concluded over the weekend with shortlisted applicants being involved in a series of meetings and interviews with selected staff, the head students, and finally the whole board itself.

The board is proud to inform the college community that the fifth principal of Okaihau College, since its inception in 1973, will be our current acting principal, Mr Tom Davison.

Mr Davison impressed the board with his vision for the way forward for the college and the board is looking forward to seeing this vision become a reality. Mr Davison promotes inclusiveness and a shared drive for student success. There are many challenges ahead and we look forward to supporting Mr Davison as he tackles them. On behalf of the wider college community we congratulate him on his appointment.

There will be a formal welcoming ceremony in the near future, details of which will be notified soon. The Okaihau College Board of Trustees would like to sincerely thank all those who had input into the selection process.

Mrs Janet Graham  
Board Chairperson

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Okaihau College Board of trustees for their support of me during my time as Acting Principal and their faith in me as the new Principal of Okaihau College. I am excited about what we can do together to help our students reach their considerable potential. On behalf of Okaihau College, I want to extend an invitation to our community to get involved in our kura. The more we work together, the more likely our tamariki/mokopuna are likely to gain success in whatever they aim to do. We also want to promote a sense of belonging in our students and whanau because if we feel we belong, we will be able to gain success and a sense of pride in the things we have achieved together. I look forward to working with you all over the coming months and years to ensure our students achieve the success they deserve.

**Nominations for our new Board of Trustees close 12pm next Friday 24 May. It is vitally important that we have enough nominations to form a board. The Board of Trustees make decisions about the direction of the school and how resources are allocated to this work. If we don't get enough nominations before the election, the Ministry of Education has no choice but to appoint a commissioner to the school at our expense. This is then money that we can not spend on teaching and learning for our students. Please consider running for the Board. See me, any of the current Board, or Jenny Couchman our returning officer if you have any questions.**

Thanks to Di Henderson and her food tech students for putting on a great Pink Ribbon breakfast yesterday. Staff and students enjoyed some wonderful food for a good cause.

Yesterday was also International Support Staff Day. It is a timely reminder for us to acknowledge all the work our amazing support staff do to aid in the smooth running of our school. Our front office staff, teacher aides, finance officer, student support staff and sport co-ordinator do so much work to help our students get the best from their experience at Okaihau College and our cleaners and groundsman keep our environment a great place to work in. Thank you for all the work you do to help our school function well.

The School Ball is tomorrow night. Please ensure that your students are aware of their responsibilities in terms of appropriate behaviour during the evening. Our students always rise to the occasion when they are in public and I expect this to be the case again tomorrow night. Just a reminder about the presence of breath testing before the Ball and that the school does not take responsibility for any functions that may happen after the Ball has finished. Thank you to Mrs. Paraone for all the work she has done to make the Ball happen.

## 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

## AgClub

Many thanks to the Okaihau Lions Club for their very generous donation of \$200 towards of AgriKids trip to the Nationals. The Lions Club have supported us every year we have been to the Nationals (the last seven years), and their continued support is greatly appreciated.

## College Calendar

### **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

## **Cross Country – Thursday 23 May**

This is a compulsory school event but participation is our main focus so walking is an option. Please encourage your student to participate. All participants earn house points with bonus points for the first ten place getters in each year level.

Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and watch and if you would like to run or walk the course you too could earn points for your children's house. Please remind students to wear suitable running clothes as they will get wet. No Jeans.

*Seniors - Period 1 and 2, Year 9 and 10 - Period 3 and Year 7 and 8 - Period 5*

Sausage Sizzle and baking stall at Lunchtime fundraising for Senior Hockey - please support our team.

## ***I am Maori***

On Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of May we welcome to our kura once more the Young and Hungry Arts Trust. This group of talented young actors will perform their latest show "I Am Maori." It will showcase a series of scenes from NZ plays featuring Maori stories and perspectives. The show is suitable for students in years 9,10,11,12 and 13. We have subsidised the event to ensure as many students as possible can attend. Students are encouraged to pay \$2:00 to the Student Centre asap.

NB.If whanau would like to attend they are most welcome to do so and can pay at the door.



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## **Board of Trustees Election**

Our school is governed by a democratically-elected group of people who make up the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees includes the school principal, an elected staff representative, an elected student representative and five elected parent representatives. The trustees make important decisions about our school's strategic direction, student progress, management, school culture and more.

Being a trustee is an important and rewarding role. Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need to work well in a team, ask challenging questions and have good communications skills. Boards need a balance of skills and experiences around the table to ensure effective processes for planning, monitoring, reporting and reviewing of the school's performance are in place.

## **Level 2 Geography Research**

Last Thursday the Level 2 Geographers drove across Northland to collect weather data from four different locations with the aim of finding out if there is a significant difference in weather data across different environments in Northland. We visited Puketiki Forest, Bay Of Islands Airport, Doves Bay Marina and Kerikeri township and collected primary weather data for our internal research assessment. The data we collected was about temperature, humidity, cloud cover, wind direction and speed.

We also made field sketches and notes about the natural and cultural features of the four different environments. Back at school we will evaluate our data, write up our findings and draw conclusions, in order to gain 5 NCEA Level 2 credits. It was a great day, a great big thank you to Mrs. Kitchingman. She was a 'van-tastic' driver.

