

## Special Assembly

**The Okaihau College Staff and Board of Trustees warmly invites all members of our school and school community to a powhiri to welcome recently appointed Principal Mr Thomas Davison to the position**

**The powhiri will be held at  
9.00am on Friday 31 May 2019  
in the school hall**

**Refreshments will be served in the Whare Kai, Whakarongorua following the powhiri.**

**Nau mai, haere mai.**

### College Calendar

#### Wednesday 29 May

- **Teacher Strike Day – No school buses running**
- 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

## Teacher Strike Day

The PPTA has advised the Okaihau College Board of Trustees that teachers at our school will be taking strike action on **Wednesday 29 May 2019**.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike so the school will officially be closed for instruction on the day of the strike.

### **School buses will not be running.**

It is important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike, Wednesday 29 May 2019. If this is difficult, we can still supervise a small number of students if required. Please contact the main office or send a note to indicate if your child/children will need this.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact the Principal, Tom Davison, if you have any questions relating to this decision.

Janet Graham  
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

## Okaihau College Ball

### "Under the Sea"

Okaihau College Year 11, 12 and 13 students celebrated their annual school ball in style on Saturday 18 May with an "Under the Sea" themed evening event. The ball was held at Copthorne, Bay of Islands in Waitangi; the first time the ball has been held off-site for many years.

The Year 13 Ball Committee led by Head Students Mele Livai and Siakini Taulangau put in many hours of preparation to get the venue ready. The room was set up beautifully with a red carpet leading up the stairs and into the entranceway. 130 students attended the ball, and all had made an effort to look stunning. Former student Marama Blaikie was DJ for the night, and she was supported by her Uncle who came and saved the day when the amp blew up!

The following students are the winners of categories as voted by their peers on the night.

**King and Queen** -  
Siakini Taulangau and  
Mele Livai

**Prince and Princess** -  
Daylon O'Brien and Jade  
Ngawati

**Duke and Duchess** -  
John Higgins and Ruby  
Langford

**Best Dressed (Male)** -  
Shaun Reeves

**Best Dressed (Female)**  
- Leonora Hemopo



Thanks to all those people who supported the students to help make this a memorable evening. Year 13 students would like special acknowledgement made of Digital Technology Teacher Mr Mike Donaldson who took all the photographs, and Design and Visual Technology Teacher Mrs Karen Paraone who put a huge amount of time and effort into helping students get organised for the ball. Special thanks also go to Mr Robert Newport and Mr Brian Dunckey for helping with set up; students Ammon Tipoki and Karena Harris for emceeding the event; Jenny Couchman for assisting with ticket sales; Mrs Sue Beggs for making decorations; Emily Beggs for designing and making all the promotional material including tickets, Fe'ao Taulangau for being our roving student photographer, Leonora Hemopo for preparing the goodie bags, Freda Blaikie for helping with Music and Mele Livai and her whanau for their support and assistance with the setting-up and packing-up afterwards.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to former students of Okaihau College, Colin and Isabella Beazley who won the National Share Farmer of the Year 2019 in the New Zealand Dairy Industry Awards.

Okaihau Lions Present



Tickets are limited. Contact:

Hazel/Neil MacMillan -  
09 4019232 [nh.macmillan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nh.macmillan@xtra.co.nz)

Anne Ivey - 021-344019 [ami@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ami@xtra.co.nz)

## Relief School Cleaners Required

We are looking for relief cleaners to cover for illness and busy days. Monday to Friday 3.00 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Minimum wage applies.

For further details phone 4019030 ext. 210 or email [karenco@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:karenco@okaihau-college.school.nz)

## Orienteering Report

Our team of 12 students attended the Northland Secondary Schools Orienteering Championships held at Springbank School recently. The team and individual events were held over their farm and involved students finding marker points within the fastest time. The use of team tactics also came into play. Congratulations to our Team Ma (Bohemia Sanders, Ardyn Alexander, Danny Sturge and Nathan Cook) who finished 1st in the Year 9 & 10 section and Lilly-Grace Hanley-Dadson who finished 3rd in the Year 7-8 girls. Other team members were Maia Harris, Tommy Lawson, Charlee Littin, Drezique Moeau, Brad Sturge, Max Thomas and Laura Walker. Thank you to Mrs Anson for driving and supervising the team.



## Year 7 and 8 Dental Service

Kia Ora Whanau

Your Dental Team are Sheryl and Leeanna

We will be treating the Year 7 & 8s this year. Unfortunately the Dental Mobile will not be moving over to the College and will remain in the Okaihau Primary School grounds. In order for them to be seen by us they will need to cross the road.

Whanau if you would rather make an appointment with us and bring your Year 7 or 8 here yourselves please ring 0800MYTEETH.

If you are happy with this arrangement then we will send Beth an appointment book each day so she knows who we want to see and what time.

Enrolment forms were sent home last week for those not already enrolled with the DHB. Please return these to the Student Centre if you wish to have your child enrolled for dental care through the school and have not already done so.

Kia Ora  
Sheryl and Leeanna

A banner with a green top section containing a fruit icon and the text "Eat a range of healthy foods Kaingia ngā kai hauora". The middle section is white with the text "The best food is food that is fresh and in season". The bottom section is purple with the text "Need a dental appointment for your child? CALL 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384)" and a cartoon tooth character.

## Northfuels Fuel for Schools

Northfuels have generously given us 3 Chromebooks which is all thanks to the nominations by local Northfuels customers. We would like to thank the members of our community are that have contributed to our school:

Driver Whitehills Farms Limited  
Okaihau Pastoral Limited Partnership  
Aratoro Farm Limited  
Clifford M & T

## 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 to 13 and we are pleased to announce it is now fully funded.

NB.If whanau would like to attend they are most welcome.

