

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa

Welcome back to term three.

For senior students, this term is really important for ensuring that they are giving themselves the best chance of achieving the qualifications for which they are aiming. It is vital that students are prioritising their learning and maybe looking at what else they are doing and making some decisions about how much time is spent on them.

At present, we are in the process of something called Rongohia te Hau. It is a way for us to check "which way the wind is blowing" at Okaihau College. This involves surveys for teachers, students, and whanau. It also involves teachers being observed. While many teachers and students have completed surveys, but we need as many whanau as possible to fill in the survey too. The link has been shared on the Okaihau College Official Page on Facebook and takes no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please help us to find out what is working and not working for you and your whanau. The link is <https://tinyurl.com/Okaihau-whanau-2019>.

Congratulations to those students that have been selected to trial for representative teams, and those that played in them over the holidays. Particular congratulations to Oceane de Reuck who has been selected for the Northland U16 Girl's Rugby team.

Congratulations also to Maia McGee who is the first Year 12 student to achieve NCEA Level 2 in 2019. This is a reflection of Maia's hard work in the initial part of the year of which she should be really proud.

I look forward to celebrating more successes throughout the term.

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

2020 Enrolments

2020 enrolments are now open for all year levels. Prospectus packs have been sent out to all contributing schools this week, and you can also collect a pack from the Okaihau College Main Office. We encourage all prospective students to get their pre-enrolment forms back in as soon as possibly (both in-zone and out-of-zone) to help us with future planning.

If you have any questions about enrolments, please contact the Main Office.

Whanau Survey

We are currently running a Whanau Community Survey. Please go to our Facebook page to follow the link. The survey is anonymous and totally voluntary although we encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey to help us shape the future of our school.

Kapa Haka Performance

Nga Wheinga a Rahiri will now perform for the school community next week on Tuesday 30 July at 2pm in the College Hall.

College Calendar

Monday 29 July

- Board of Trustees Meeting – 6pm

Tuesday 30 July

- L3 Geography Research Trip
- Kapa Haka Performance – period 5

Wednesday 31 July

- Year 7 Vision/Hearing Testing

Wednesday 31 July – 1 August

- Project Pest Control Course

Friday 2 August

- Netball Umpire Development Course

Monday 5 August

- Year 10 Trip to Waitangi

Monday 12 August

- Maori Liaison Visit

Tuesday 13 – 15 August

- Learner Driver License Course

Tuesday 20 August

- Primary Schools Cross Country @ Ohaeawai

Thursday 22 August

- Barista Course Assessment

Wednesday 28 August

- Options Evening

Friday 30 August – 6 September

- Practice Exams Years 11-13

Learner Driver Licence Course

Following the success of the courses we hosted in 2018, we are organising another Learner's Drivers Licence Course again this year. This is being run through the New Zealand Police and Moerewa Drivers Licensing and will be held in Term 3, Week 4.

The course will probably be held here but students will be transported to and from Kaikohe or Kerikeri to sit their licenses at the testing stations.

Students must be:

- aged 16 or older
- have a photo identification **and** Birth Certificate
- currently attending Okaihau College

There is a charge of \$15.00 to confirm your place (compared to \$94.00 if you sit it elsewhere) and this is payable to the Main Office by Friday 9 August.

Equipment Checks

We have noticed too many students turning up to class without the correct equipment. All students should have the following basic stationery for all classes:

2 Blue/Black Ballpoint Pens – 1 spare in case 1 runs out
1 Red Pen
1 Ruler
1 Pencil Sharpener
Colouring Pencils
1 Pencil
1 Eraser
SSR Book

Please can parents and caregivers help make sure students

Moturoa Island Senior Girls Working Week

Another successful week of wildlife and conservation work was achieved by three senior students from Okaihau College and one from Kaipara College on Moturoa Island during the July holidays.

This year the girl students were: Leonora Hemopo, Eilise Te Huia, Tyla Nisbet and Robinn Asquith – Sanchez.



The girls with Paul Asquith at Lower Ponga

With an almost perfect week of weather this year the girls with the help of David Ward (Wildlife Chairman), Paul Asquith (ex-Wildlife Chairman), Linda Crothers (Caretaker) and granddaughter Ellah completed all tasks expected and a few extras.

The following work was completed:

- Releasing earlier years' plantings, in fill planting to replace losses and new plantings in the following enclosures - Boat Shed, Farmhouse Face, Ponga Pines, Kauri Paddock, 9 Pin Enclosure, Pines 2 Enclosure and Lower Ponga. A total of about 1200 releasings and 450 new plantings.



Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

The year 10 Food and Soft Materials and Business Studies classes are exploring non-profit organisations and ways to contribute on the social level to our community this term. They are going to make reusable shopping bags as well as scarves, blankets and beanies for prem babies. This is the perfect opportunity for you to clear out that cupboard! All donations of fabric especially polo fleece for blankets, wool, acrylic "wool", ribbon and haberdashery will be gratefully received and put to good use. These can be left at the Student Centre or delivered directly to the Food Tech room. Thank you in advance.

Year 7 Vision Testing

Northland DHB staff will be in school on Wednesday 31st July to test Year 7s' vision at the Student Centre.

- Cut a good area of tobacco weed infestations on Alcatraz Face and treated stumps with herbicide to prevent regrowth.
- Carried out bush track upgrades from Long Beach entrance into Secret Camp and on the Generator House track. Maintenance around the Orchard walkway.
- Shadehouse activity including washing, sorting and storing empty planter bags and polystyrene storage boxes for future use. Collected and potted up 50 native seedlings for future planting.
- Participated in a successful night of Kiwi Count on Moturoa. In pairs the girls spent 2 hours listening and recording the Kiwi calls heard in their area distinguishing male from female calls.

All the girls proved to be very responsible, hard working and quick learners. They were all extremely organised looking after themselves and turned up every morning on time with the necessary gear, equipment and supplies; with smiles on their faces. On the job they worked well both in pairs and as a team completing tasks correctly and confidently.

The girls impressed us on their enthusiasm to sit out on a very clear cold night after a full day's work to help the island with our Kiwi Count. Their assistance was very much valued.

They were excellent representatives for Okaihau and Kaipara Colleges and we acknowledge the outstanding work they have achieved at Moturoa wish them well in their chosen careers and for the future.

David Ward
Chairman of
Wildlife

The girls busy
planting and releasing
in Kauri Enclosure



Year 8 Technology

Year 8 Kauri students finished their glass technology projects at the end of last term and took home some beautiful ornaments. Well done to all the students.

