

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Thank you to all the whanau who completed our Rongohia te Hau survey either online, or the paper copy which came home. This will help us get a sense of the direction our school will pursue over the coming year. This is something that we plan to do annually to help us see what we are doing well and where we can improve.

Recently, there has been a lot of talk in education circles and in the media about the changes that are coming to NCEA. As a school we are already thinking about what these changes might look like for our students. While the changes will not take effect until our current Year 7 students reach Year 11, there is a lot of work to be done to prepare. What we are thinking about is the nature of schooling and who it currently benefits. What will our tamariki / mokopuna need to be successful in the world outside of school? I am not convinced that what schools do currently is necessarily serving our students well enough. To that end we are examining many of our existing systems and evaluating whether they truly meet the needs of our tamariki / mokopuna but also our whanau. We will be asking for your input for a number of these reviews and we really need you to give us your feedback. This will help us ensure that any changes we make are truly going to help our students be successful.

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 possible (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.

Year 7 and 8 Dental Message

Our last day in Okaihau is the 09 August 2019.

So the count down is on whanau.

If you are not sure whether your Year 7 or 8 child has been seen please contact 0800MYTEETH – 08006983384 to check.

Could you please make sure all your child's forms are signed and returned to help us get through the patients we have left to treat. Anyone not finished will need to follow us to Tautoro which is our next stop.

A big thank you to all those parents who made sure their child's form were signed and returned.

Your Dental Team
Sheryl and Chevau

College Calendar

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

Monday 9 September

- University of Waikato Course Planning Visit

Tuesday 10 September

- University of Otago Course Planning Visit

Thursday 19 September

- Annual Open Day for 2020 enrolments

Friday 20 September

- Senior Reports Issues

Wednesday 25 September

- Senior Report Evening

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. There are limited spots available, so don't delay signing up.

Senior Drama Trip

Senior Drama students will head to Whangarei next Wednesday to view the performance, 'Like a River I Disagree' by M@ssive Theatre Company.

This will be in preparation for their exams but will also support the material they generate as a group with their Devising and Theatre Form standards. We were fortunate enough to attend and watch the rehearsal process whilst on the Auckland careers exposure trip and question the actors as they made their work. Students are looking forward to reconnecting with these actors and seeing their finished piece.