

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Congratulations to the 21 students who have passed their Learner Licences over the past couple of days. This would not have been possible without the support of the Moerewa Driver Licensing Trust and the NZ Police. Thank you for your support of our students.

Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page next week. We are looking at how our current systems support the wellbeing of our students. We have identified that our form time does not really fit with our focus on ensuring that our students and whanau feel that they belong at Okaihau College. We have two options that we would like your feedback via a Facebook poll.

Option 1: Students would join a whanau class when they arrive at Okaihau College. The students would all be the same year level (as they are currently). They would then stay with that whanau teacher for the whole time they are at school. The whanau teacher would follow the students through their time at school. This would allow the teacher, students, and whanau to develop a deeper relationship over the time the students are at school.

Option 2: Students would join a whanau class that would be made up of all year levels from 7-13. The students would be placed in a whanau class with siblings from different year levels. Like Option 1, this would allow teachers, students, and whanau to form deeper relationships as there would be only one teacher to contact for students in the same whanau. It would also allow senior students to mentor junior students.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these options. I would be happy to answer them.

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Okaihau College Senior Boys Basketball team for winning the Northland Secondary Schools Division 2 Championship. Big thank you to Mel Rameka and Mr Atkins for coaching the team. Team members were



Ethan Chapman-Herbert, Daylon O'Brien, Jhontae Rameka, Fe'ao Taulangau, Siakini Taulangau, Ammon Tipoki, Tai Walmsley.

2020 Enrolments

2020 enrolments are now open for all year levels. Prospectus packs have been sent out to all contributing schools, 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.

College Calendar

Monday 19 August

- BOT Meeting @ 6pm

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 Issued

Wednesday 25 September

- Senior Report Evening

Learner Licence Success

We've had 21 senior students go through their Learner Licence tests this week and all 21 have passed.

Congratulations to Aroha, Stella-Marie, Hayley, Brent, Evie-Marie, Jett, Kerri, Tane, Ruby, Ruadhan, Lloyd, Jade, Isabelle, Ihaia, Megan, Gabriel, Acacia, Waimaramra, Fe'ao, Aliyah and Tai.

Massive thanks to Glenda Anderson and Laurie Anderson from the Moerewa Drivers Licencing Trust, and to Neil Varton and Hoani Hippolite from the New Zealand Police who supported the students through the process. The four staff as well as the testing staff from the AA Driver and Vehicle Licencing site commented to us how impressed they were with this group of young adults, and what a credit they are to Okaihau College.

Students Signing Out During the Day

Please can parents who need their student to leave school during the school day contact the school to let us know about this.

Many students show up at the Student Centre to sign out and we have not been notified to let this happen. This can then cause an unnecessary confrontation with staff when students insist they should be allowed to sign out and staff have no verification. Staff are required to not let students sign out unless they do have direct contact from parents. Please keep in touch - this is for your student's safety.

The Student Centre contacts are:

Beth's phone – 4019030 ext. 207 – you can leave a message.

Email: bethc@okaihau-college.school.nz

Student Centre Cellphone: 021 0868 4071