

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa,

I saw two things on Wednesday that made me think about the state of equity in New Zealand education. The first was a photo of all New Zealand's top scholars with the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education. The other was a big glossy booklet of the national NCEA statistics for 2018. The thing that struck me most about the photo was that all but 3 faces were white. Reading the short biographies of some of the students, they invariably came from large, high decile, urban schools. This pattern was repeated in the NCEA booklet. When I looked at the ethnicity of the students who gained the top scholar awards, Maori and Pasifika students were almost non-existent, in addition high decile schools were disproportionately represented. Equally, achievement at all levels of NCEA are very different depending on what ethnicity you are. Maori and Pasifika students achieved significantly fewer qualifications and endorsements than other students. As did lower decile students.

The question for me as a Principal is how can we disrupt this system that seems to advantage some people over others? Our students are no less talented, have no less potential than the students in that photo and yet are overall less likely to achieve in the current system.

So where to from here? I believe that we need to examine what we value as outcomes for our tamariki/mokopuna. We are currently working on the fundamental idea of Mauri Ora and what it means for us as a kura. Not only success in learning but also a deep sense of belonging and cultural confidence. How can we do things differently to ensure that BOTH of these goals are realised is something we are grappling with as a staff. This is where we need your help. I would love to hear from you about what you value, what you see as being important for your tamariki/mokopuna. Call, email, visit-but please be involved in the journey on which we are embarking. I want us to be responsible for changing that photo...

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

NCEA Information Evening

**Whakarongorua Marae, Okaihau College
Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 5.30 p.m.**

In the coming weeks, students will be making some important decision about the subjects they will study in 2020. So that students, their parents and caregivers and wider whanau are able to understand this process and the need to choose the right subjects that relate to their future goals, we are holding an information evening especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents/caregivers. We look forward to seeing you.

5.30pm – Light Supper and Refreshments

**6.00pm – Presentation by Robert (Blue) Newport,
Careers Advisor – NCEA and Subject Selection 2020**

**6.30pm – Opportunity to talk to Okaihau College
Staff about Subjects for 2020**

College Calendar

Wednesday 28 August

- Options Evening

Thursday 29 August

- Daffodil Day @ Okaihau College

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

NCEA Practice Exams

Practice exams for senior students are being held from Friday 30 August to Friday 6 September (though only Year 13 students have an exam on Friday 30 August so there are normal classes this day for Year 11 and Year 12 students).

Students should remain at home if they do not have an exam. When they are at school they should be in the correct school uniform and normal school rules will apply. If you wish your student to come home after the morning exam, you will need to complete and return the permission slip which was given to all students. Students without permission slips will be expected to attend normal timetabled classes until the end of the day.

All students travelling in cars must have written permission from their caregiver that nominates their driver. Only students with full licenses may carry passengers.

It is expected that students who are not at school will be at their own home studying. The village will be out-of-bounds to all students during the school day with the exception of Year 13 students at lunchtime.

Exam expectations include:

- Students must be in correct uniform.
- Students must remain in the exam room for the allotted time.
- No eating, chewing or drinking.
- Students need to provide their own equipment (pens, paper, calculator etc).
- Cell-phones, watches and other electronic devices are turned off and left in students' bags which are left on the stage or at the back of the classroom.
- Students are allowed to bring items for an emergency evacuation into the examination room in a clear, sealable plastic bag. This pack must stay under the chair and not be touched or opened without the permission of the supervisor. Contents could include a mobile phone (switched off), watch or other electronic devices, keys, money, bus ticket and medicines.

Okaihau College Student Representative Election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of ONE student representative to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice are available to all eligible voters on the student roll. Further nomination forms can be obtained from the Student Centre.

Nominations close at noon on Friday, 30 August 2019
and can be accompanied by a candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the Student Centre and can be viewed during interval, lunchtime, before and after school while the Student Centre is open.

There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection, as they come to hand, on the Student Centre notice board.

Voting papers will be issued AFTER nominations close if more than one candidate is standing for election.

The poll closes at noon on Friday, 20 September 2019.

Signed
E Crawford
Returning Officer

Okaihau College will hold Daffodil Day on

29 AUGUST 2019

due to Senior Exams on the 30th August.



On Thursday 29th August the Student Support Leaders will be collecting donations and selling daffodils to raise funds for this very important work. You can also make donations online at <https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/> Or TXT 'Hope' to 336 to donate \$3.

Cross Country

Well done to our awesome team of runners who represented Okaihau College at the annual Kaikohe and Districts Cross Country held at Ohaeawai Primary School.



Grace Sanders and Ashton Paraone ran well to place 1st in their age group races. All the team finished in the top 15 with some close finishes - Kiarn Henry 10th, Jada Adams 14th, Lilly-Grace Hanley-Dadson 7th, Ben Quarrie 2nd, Tarelle Williams-Tanner 3rd, Brad Sturge 2nd, Tommy Lawson 4th and Dylan Quarrie 5th.

Senior Exam Timetable

Friday 30 August	Monday 2 Sept Line 1	Tuesday 3 Sept Line 2	Wednesday 4 Sept	Thursday 5 Sept Line 6	Friday 6 Sept Line 4
LAL330 (PLA)3hrs LAL330 (FUL)3hrs	ART110-3hrs CST110-3hrs DGT110 DRA110 FDT110-3hrs GEO110 REO110-3hrs	LAL110(FUL)-3hrs LAL110 (BUR)	SCI110(FOX)-3hrs SCI110(DSN)-3hrs	MAT110(HAN) MAT110(ANS)-3hrs	ART110-3hrs PED110-3hrs DVC110-3hrs HIS110
	ART220-3hrs CST220-3hrs DRA220 GEO220 PED220-2hrs PHY220 TOU220	CHE220 DVC220-3hrs FDT220-3hrs	MAT220(FOW) MAT220(ANS)	LAL220(FUL)-3hrs	ART220-3hrs BIO220 TOU220 DGT220 HIS220 REO220
	ART330-3hrs MWS330 TOU330	DGT330 FDT330-3hrs MWC330	Line 5 DRA330-3hrs DVC330-3hrs GEO330 BIO330	ART330-3hrs PED330-3hrs CHE330-3hrs	ART330-3hrs HIS330 PHY330-3hrs REO330-3hrs TOU330

All other exams are 2 hours - all commence at 8.45 am

Kangen Water Demonstration

**Mokonuiarangi Marae
Wednesday 28th Aug 2019
10am**

Bring a plate
AND a bottle of your household
drinking water and have your ph
level tested

This is a community notice and does not indicate
endorsement by Okaihau College.