

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Congratulations to the students who have represented our kura over the last week. I want to pay particular credit to our Ki-O-Rahi teams who swept all before them at Te Tai Tokerau Champs last Friday. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to watch them play and I was impressed with not only the high level of skill on show, but also the high degree of teamwork they displayed. Where other teams were playing a very individualistic style, the Okaihau College teams were working together effectively to either score points themselves or stop the other team from scoring. It truly showed how having a group of people working together for a common purpose can achieve great things. I look forward to seeing how we perform at Nationals next year which are being held at Waitangi.

Over the next week or two, students will be choosing their subjects for 2020. I would encourage you to have a discussion with your students about what subjects they will choose. It is important, particularly for senior students to have a wide range of learning areas covered by their subjects if they are not sure about their future pathways. This allows them to keep as many doors open for as long as possible. Obviously areas of interest are important to consider as we do better at the things we enjoy. For year 10-12 students, please take advantage of the careers team, who interview the students about their choices, and be a part of the discussion with your child rather than hearing about it from them. Making an informed choice about subjects and not just choosing subjects on the basis of what friends are doing is really important.

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

NZQA Level 1 Maths Assessment

Tuesday, 17 September 2019

Level 1 Maths students will have their NZQA Common Assessment (MCAT) exam on Tuesday 17 September in the hall from 9 am to 10.30 am.

2020 Option Choices

Year 8 and Year 9 students have been given their 2020 Course Choice Booklets which will allow them to select their option preferences for next year. Extra booklets are available from the Main Office. The Option Choice Forms need to be back in by Friday 13 September to help ensure that your child gets their first choices.

If you have any questions, please make contact with us.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students will also be choosing their 2020 subjects over the next few weeks. These students will have a subject counselling interview with Mr Newport, Mrs Griffin or Mrs Rumble at the Student Centre to help with their subject choices. Parents and caregivers are welcome to be involved in these interviews. Please phone the Student Centre to make a time if you wish to come in and see us.

College Calendar

Monday 9 September

- University of Waikato Course Planning Visit

Tuesday 10 September

- University of Otago Course Planning Visit

Tuesday 17 September

- NZQA Level 1 Maths Common Assessment Exam

Thursday 19 September

- Annual Open Day for 2020 enrolments

Friday 20 September

- Senior Reports Issued

Wednesday 25 September

- 2020 Pre-Enrolments Close-off

- Senior Report Evening

Okaihau College 2020 Enrolments

The board invites applications from parents and caregivers who wish to enrol their student/s at Okaihau College next year.

Enrolment is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school. Pre-Enrolment Forms have been distributed to contributing primary schools, and are also available from the Okaihau College Main Office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 25 September 2019. A ballot for places, if required, will take place on Wednesday 16 October 2019. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist us with planning for next year. *Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.*

The Board has determined the number of places likely to be available for **out of zone** students next year. This is approximately fifteen at Year 7, two at Year 8, five at Year 9, two at Year 10, ten at Year 11, ten at Year 12 and ten at Year 13.

For further information, don't hesitate to contact us:

58 Settlers Way, RD1, Okaihau 0475

Phone (09) 401 9030 or email admin@okaihau-college.school.nz

Far North Speed Meet

Okaihau College Learning Centre

Wednesday 11 September, 8.30 am sharp

Education to Employment Tai Tokerau has a variety of trade employers visiting for this event, each looking for their next new apprentice.

Selected senior students will 'SpeedMeet' for five minutes with each employer, rotating from employer to employer. Following SpeedMeet each student will be emailed their matches.

Any questions - please contact Mr Newport, HOD Careers - 09 4019030 ext. 214.

Health Academy Graduation



Earlier this week Megan Porter, along with 17 other students from around Northland, celebrated their graduation and the completion of the 2019 Health Academy Programme run by NorthTec. As part of her course Megan was able to learn practical skills such as taking blood pressure readings, recording vital signs and feeding people who are unable to feed themselves. She was also able to visit Whangarei Hospital and learn more about the anatomy of the human body as well as finding out about the many career options in the Health sector.

She gained 26 Level 2 credits which can be used to achieve her NCEA Level 2 qualification. Thank you to Mrs Stacey Sturge for transporting Megan each Tuesday. Well Done Megan!

Junior Netball Tournament

On Thursday 29th of August our 3 Junior Netball teams joined 23 other teams at the Northland Secondary Schools Netball Tournament held at Kerikeri Netball Centre. Competition was tough but our players tried hard and showed some awesome team work. A big thank you to our coaches and umpires - Ann Marie Moon, Keta Kopa, Pip Jobe, Chontel Radt, Kiana Barber and Charlee Littin.



NSSSA Ki-o-Rahi Tournament

Congratulations to our Division 1 and Division 2 for winning their respective divisions for the second year running at the Northland Secondary Schools Ki o rahi Championships held at Lindvart Park Kaikohe last week. Our teams showed the benefits of skills coaching and the experience of attending the NZ Secondary Schools tournament in Term 1.

Ki o rahi is played and enjoyed by students across all year levels at Okaihau College during PE classes. This Championship win qualifies our school to attend the National Secondary School tournament in 2020 which is being hosted by Te Tai Tokerau. Whilst we will be losing 7 of our Year 13 players it will be a chance for our Year 11 and 12 students to move up to this team.

A big thank you to KC Maaka and Mr Sharp for coaching the teams and to the parents and Mr Davison who came to support..us. Division 1 Team members were Freda Blaikie, Tupari Cowan, Jayden Edmonds, Kerri Johnston, Feleni Manuofetoa, Tayna-Marie Munro-Beazley, Logan Salmons, Fe'ao Taulangau, Siakini Taulangau, Eilise Te Huia, Alyssa Williams. Division 2 Team members were Natalia Coppins, Hamish Elliott, Leonora Hemopo, Linda Johnston, Tane Johnston, Mele Livai, Blake McCaslin, Elsie Quarrie, Tai Walmsley.