

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

The third term is rapidly coming to an end. For senior students in particular, it is important that they know what they need to do in order to gain the qualification towards which they are working. Students should be thinking about prioritising their time to focus on their studies. Whanau have an important role to play in this. Please be aware that your student may be pretty stressed at this time of the year. They have lots to think about, especially Year 13s. Please be mindful of things like holidays or other big changes that you might be considering. These will have an impact on how well your student can cope with the pressure at this time of year. So if at all possible, put them off. Wait until the external exams are finished and the last internal has been handed in before you share potentially earth-shattering news or plans.

It has been on the Facebook page, but please be aware that the Board of Trustees has approved a **Teacher Only Day on September 20 (next Friday)**. This is so our teachers can both work within our own staff on what best practice looks like but also share learning with teachers from other schools in the Mid-North.

Next week we will be conducting a survey about your preferred option for whanau classes for 2020. Keep an eye out on the Okaihau College Facebook page for details.

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

## Teacher Only Day

On Friday 20 September we will be closed for the day to allow teaching staff to be involved in professional development, both on-site (in the morning), and off-site (in the afternoon).

## NZQA Level 1 Maths Assessment

On Tuesday 17 September, our NCEA Level 1 Maths students will participate in an NZQA Common Assessment (MCAT) exam. The exam will be held in the school hall from 9.00am to 10.30am, and only involves some Year 11 students.

## College Calendar

### **Tuesday 17 September**

-NZQA Level 1 Maths Common Assessment Exam

### **Thursday 19 September**

-Annual Open Day for 2020 enrolments

### **Friday 20 September**

-Teacher Only Day

### **Monday 23 September**

-Senior Reports Issued

### **Wednesday 25 September**

- 2020 Pre-Enrolments Close-off

- Senior Report Evening

### **Friday 27 September**

-Last day of Term 3

### **Monday 14 October**

-First day of Term 4

## Year 9 OPC Raffle (No. 2)

Thyrl Weber organized two raffles to help fundraise for this year's Year 9 OPC Trip (due to be held late in Term 4). We have just drawn the second Food Hamper Raffle and the winner is Ngawini Smith.

Thanks to all those students and parents who supplied goodies for the hamper and thanks also to all the people who bought tickets.

## Year 11-13 End-of-Year Reports

Senior students' reports will be issued to them on Monday 23 September. Following this, we are hosting a Parents / Teachers Report Evening in the school hall on Wednesday 25 September. Further details about the Report Evening will be included with the reports.

## 2020 Enrolments Open Day

Our 2020 Open Day is being held on Thursday 19 September from 11.30am – 1.00pm and 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Our Open Day is a great opportunity for you to meet current students and staff, and for us to get to know you too. All welcome, come along and have a look at what we have to offer prospective students. Come to either session.

## Year 8 and 9 2020 Options

Option Choice forms were due back in today. If you have not seen one yet, or your student has misplaced theirs, please contact Tara Rawiri at the Main Office.

## 2020 Senior Options

Careers staff are well into helping students in Years 10 – 12 choose their 2020 options. If you wish to be part of this process with your student, please contact Leanne Rumble on extension 212. All option choices need to be sorted by the end of this term so that we can start building the 2020 timetable based on students' choices.

## 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.

## Board of Trustees Elections Student Representative

Two students have been nominated for Student Representative to the Board of Trustees. These are Shaun Reeves and Turoa Moki-Rice. Voting papers have been issued to all students in Years 9 - 13, and their votes are due back into the Student Centre by midday next Friday 20 September.

## Far North Speed Meet

On Wednesday 10 September we hosted a Speed Meet for students to meet with prospective employees and training establishments. Participating students had to meet with all employees on offer (they were not able to pick and choose from the list), and had a timed five-minute chat with each. This was a huge success as it opened our students' eyes to all the different opportunities available to them in the future.

As well as Okaihau College students participating in this day, we hosted students from several other local schools. We really appreciated input from the following employees and training establishments; BCITO, Phi Academy, Makana Chocolate Factory, Wilsons Earthmoving, DD Gold, Competenz, New Zealand Defence Forces, Kingsgate Hotel, Keith Andrew Trucks, Waitangi Trust, Primary ITO, Teaching, MITO.

See pictures below showing the interview set-up.

