

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Next Wednesday afternoon we have our Senior Whanau Learning Hui. This is an important opportunity to speak with your student's teachers. The aim of the evening is to update you on your student's progress and put plans in place to ensure their achievement in the various subjects that they take. I encourage you to book appointments online using the information below so you can be involved in your student's education and support their achievement over the coming weeks which will be a stressful time for many.

Congratulations to our senior 7s teams who competed in the Northland Champs this week and all the best to our junior teams who are competing today.

Whanau Learning Hui

End-of-Year Senior Reports are being issued to all students next Monday 23 September. Then from 4.30pm - 7.00pm on Wednesday 25 September we are hosting our final Whanau Learning Hui for the year. This will be held in the school **L Block classrooms**.

As with our earlier Whanau Learning Hui this year, we are operating an on-line booking system. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz, click on the "Make a Booking" and enter our school code which is **t9cqb**. Then just follow the prompts.

If you do not have internet access, or would prefer to book in person, you are welcome to make contact with Tara or Jenny at the Main Office and they can help.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Immunisation

In light of the recent New-Zealand-wide measles outbreak, our Public Health Nurses have advised us to ensure that our Immunisation Register is up-to-date for all students. We do have the immunisation records for many of our students, but there are a few gaps. Students who immunisation status is currently unknown will be coming home next week with an information sheet and return slip. We encourage you to get these return slips back to us as soon as possible to assist in this process.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to make contact with us.

College Calendar

Thursday 19 September

- Annual Open Day for 2020 enrolments

Monday 23 September

- Senior Reports Issued

Wednesday 25 September

- 2020 Pre-Enrolments Close-off

- Senior Whanau Learning Hui

Friday 27 September

- New BOT Student Rep Takes Office

- Last Day of Term 3

Monday 14 October

- First Day of Term 4

Monday 21 October

- Level 1 Art Folios Due

Friday 25 October

- Level 2 Art Folios Due

Monday 28 October

- Labour Day Holiday

Monday 4 November

- Level 3 Art Folios Due

Tuesday 5 November

- Last Day for Seniors

Friday 8 November

- NCEA Exams Start

SENIOR ART FOLIO DUE DATES

Level 1 – Monday 21 October

Level 2 – Friday 25 October

Level 3 – Monday 4 November

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

Measles - What you need to know

There have been 35 confirmed measles case in Northland so far this year. The Northland District Health Board has put out a warning for those planning to travel to Auckland, where there's a measles outbreak, to be vaccinated against the disease at least two weeks before their trip.

What is measles?

Measles is a virus that can make adults and children very sick. It is highly infectious and can spread quickly and easily through breathing, sneezing and coughing. If you are not immune to measles, you can catch the disease just by being in the same room as someone who has it.

How serious is measles?

Measles can lead to hospitalisation, serious complications (such as pneumonia and swelling of the brain) or, in rare cases, death. It is especially serious for pregnant women who are not immune, babies and people with weakened immune systems.

What are the symptoms of measles?

Measles symptoms include a high fever, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes. A few days later a rash starts on the face and neck, and then spreads to the rest of the body. You can have measles and spread it to others before you feel sick or show any symptoms.

What should I do if I think I or a family member has measles?

If you think you have measles, stay home and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116. Healthline operates 24/7 and has a translator service available. If you are going to visit a medical centre or after hours clinic, please phone before you go. When you arrive, you must be isolated and not sit in the waiting room. This is to prevent spreading the disease to others.

How can I protect myself and my family against measles?

The best protection against measles is to be vaccinated with two doses of the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine. One dose of MMR will protect around 95% of people, while two doses protect around 99% of people. In New Zealand, the MMR vaccine is routinely given to children at 15 months and four years old, but this timing can change during an outbreak. In the current Auckland outbreak, the vaccine is available to children from 12 months old. It can take two weeks for a person to be fully immune after being vaccinated.

For more information, contact:

- Ministry of Health: www.health.govt.nz
- Immunisation Advisory Centre: www.immune.org.nz (0800 466 863)
- Healthline: 0800 611116

Kapa Haka Roopu Committee

Parents and Caregivers of Nga Wheinga a Rahiri members are invited to attend a meeting at Whakarongorua Marae on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 4.30 pm. I encourage as many parents and caregivers as possible to attend as your input is greatly appreciated. Hope to see you there.

Chairman of Kapa Haka Committee