

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Tuesday next week is the last day for our Senior students before the NCEA externals begin on Friday 8th November. I would like to wish all those involved with sitting external exams the best of luck and encourage them to work hard toward them. To those who still have internal assessments to complete, make sure that you don't give up. There is still time to complete those pieces of work and get the qualifications you need. Our staff are here to support you to achieve the best you can and will have time for you to come in and work on those assessments.

I am also sad to announce that Mr. Blue Newport, our careers advisor has indicated his intention to retire at the end of 2019. This is in many ways the end of an era at Okaihau College. Mr. Newport has been part of our staff since 1975 and has made a huge contribution to the lives of countless students over those years. On behalf of the students, staff and community of Okaihau College, I would like to pass on our sincere thanks for all the work you have done in numerous areas of school life, from EOTC to Auckland Trips. We wish you all the best for your retirement.

Whanau of year 10 students will have received a letter about an opportunity to be involved in a "Project Pod" for 2020. This is an exciting trial that will allow students to learn in a different way to the traditional classroom. It leverages the interests and passions of the students and allows them to create something that reflects their learning. If your student is interested, please come along to the whanau information evening next Wednesday in the Marae from 6pm.

Congratulations to our year 9 and 10 Touch teams who performed well in the Northland Secondary School Champs earlier this week. Our boys came 2nd and the girls 3rd. Well done to all involved.

Also congratulations to Emily Beggs in year 13. Emily has been awarded an AUT Scholarship for 2020 that recognises her academic results and contribution to school life. Well done Emily, we wish you all the best for your endeavours next year.

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

College Calendar

Monday 4 November

- Level 3 Art Folios Due

Tuesday 5 November

- Last Day for Seniors

Friday 8 November

- NCEA External Exams Start

Tuesday 12 November

- Year 9 Vision and Hearing Tests

Thursday 14 November

- Year 6 Transition Day 1

Wednesday 20 November

- Rural Health Presentation – Year 9/10

Friday 22 November

- Year 6 Transition Day 2

Sunday 1 – 6 December

- Year 9 Hillary Outdoors Programme

Wednesday 4 December

- Learner Licence Course

Thursday 5 – 6 December

- Peer Support Training

- Junior Activity Days

Tuesday 10 December

- Senior Prizegiving 7.00 pm

Wednesday 11 December

- Year 7 – 10 Prizegivings

- Last Day of Term 4

Okaihau College 2019 Prizegivings

Parents / Caregivers / Whanau
All Welcome

Senior Prizegiving

7.00pm on Tuesday 10 December

Students are expected to wear a
high standard of dress.

Please bring a plate of food for a shared supper

Year 7 and 8 Prizegiving

12.30pm on Wednesday 11 December

Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving

2.00pm on Wednesday 11 December

All junior students are expected to be in
perfect school uniform.

Invitations will be sent out closer to the time.



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Project Learning Pod Pilot

We have an exciting opportunity for a small group of this year's Year 10 students to be part of a project learning pod pilot next year. This is an alternative approach to learning and achieving NCEA.

What does this mean?

This means that these students will have the opportunity to work on projects that they are passionate about for three out of five classes in a 'homeroom' type situation. Students will complete between one and three projects throughout the year depending on the scope and scale of the project. The projects are completely driven by the students, who could work individually or in peers and will be mentored by three of our outstanding teachers.

What does this mean for NCEA?

Students will gain credits through their projects - their projects will drive what standards are sat. Students will work with teachers to find standards that align with their projects before the project commences. Level one will be achievable, (students will also gain credits in the two other classes they attend) and Level 2 will be accessible to students from the pod.

What happens next?

We are seeking applications from interested students, this could be in the form of a video, letter, email or some other form of their choice. The application is sent to me and will be followed by interviews to ensure that the students are fully informed and that project learning will be suitable to their individual learning needs. Whanau consent will be obtained for students who wish to enter the pilot.

You are also welcome to attend our whanau information night at 6.00pm on Wednesday 6 November in Whakarongorua Marae.

If you have any further questions, or would like some more information please feel free to contact Sarah Morgan: sarahm@okaihau-college.school.nz.



▲ Year 9/10 Boys Touch team with their runner-up trophy



◀ Year 9/10 Girls Touch team

Okaihau College Itinerant Music Teacher Vacancy (Multiple Instruments)

We are seeking itinerant music teacher(s) to cover a variety of instruments starting February 2020. Instruments we need covered include piano/keyboard, vocals, flute, clarinet, trumpet, saxophone and violin. Successful applicants will be joining a growing Music Department with the aim of creating a school band and getting students ready for performances.

Hours for positions will depend on what instrument(s) you can cover. Total hours available up to 0.4 FTTE (up to 10 hours per week).

All potential candidates need current teacher registration, Limited Authority to Teach (LAT) or be willing to apply for a LAT.

To apply for a pack, or for more information, please contact Mrs Jenny Couchman by phone (09) 401 9030 or email jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz

Year 9 Vision and Hearing Tests

Tuesday 12 November 2019

Northland DHB staff will be in school to test hearing and vision for all Year 9 students on Tuesday 12 November. This will take place at the Student Centre.

Year 7 Food Sculptures

Year 7 Art students have been making sculptures with Mrs Beggs. Here are a few of their awesome creations.



Year 9/10 Touch Tournament

Our Year 9 and 10 touch teams joined 23 other teams to compete at the Northland Secondary Schools Year 9 and 10 Touch Tournament held at Lindvart Park Kaikohe. The boys were undefeated in pool play to meet Bay of Islands College in the semi-final which they won. They then met a fast running Whangarei Boys High School team in the finals and lost 8-3 to end up Runners up. The team played some great games and special mention to top try scorer Nikau Donelley.

The girls team improved throughout their games finishing 2nd in their pool and 3rd overall. Kiana Barber ran some strong plays and Haylee Sutherland some great runs on the wing. Thank you to the parents and Mr Atkins who supported our teams. Some photos taken on the day are also on the school sport Facebook page.