

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa

Does our current way of doing things allow our tamariki/mokopuna to achieve their potential? This is the question that I have been asking myself over the last year. Having talked to principals at other schools, our students, and read widely, I am not convinced it does. There is lots of literature about what skills and dispositions our young people will need to deal with a world that is changing ever more quickly. The consensus seems to focus on a number of c-words:

Creativity, communication, critical thinking, collaboration. I would add **culturally secure** and **community minded**.

I am excited about the potential of our Year 11 Project Pod trial in 2020. Allowing students to use the things about which they are passionate to drive their learning. While knowledge remains important, students need to ensure that they have the skills to discern the relative value of the different knowledge/information they come across. To be able to know whose knowledge is represented and whether it can be trusted in this age of easy access to information is vital. The Project Pod also has the potential to allow students to contribute to their community in a creative and meaningful way.

Good luck to all our senior students who are sitting external exams over the coming weeks. Remember that your teachers are here to support you through what can be a stressful time. Whanau, please ensure that you are doing as much as you can to provide an optimal environment for our students to study. Try to make sure that there are no massive whanau upheavals (like moving house or going on an early holiday) to disrupt your student's focus. Also be aware that they may not be as easy to like during this time of the year as the pressure of finishing assessments and external exams ramps up. Be patient!!

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

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.

If you have any concerns please contact
Guidance Counsellor Jenny Griffin
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or jennyg@okaihau-college.school.nz

College Calendar

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

Wednesday 4 December

- Learner Licence Course

Thursday 5 – 6 December

- Peer Support Training

Tuesday 10 December

- Senior Prizegiving

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.

Whakarongorua Rewards

“Ka Kata Nga Puriri O Taiamai”
(There's good news in the north)



It is exciting to be able to share with you the good news of the positive behaviour of our senior students. Congratulations to all students who displayed our school values of manaakitanga (harmony), whakapono (truth) and kia kaha (effort).

The students below showed outstanding behaviour for the entire year. They were recognised at Senior Assemblies and rewarded with a free lunch on Monday. Tino pai, tamariki ma!

Term Four Senior Whakarongorua Reward Recipients:

Annalise Adams 11DH, Emma Aukett 11BD, Daniel Bosman 13VS, Hayley Bradley 11PW, Matthew Bradley 13RN, Denver Christie Robinson Jones 11BD, Madelene Clunie 11DH, Regan Corr 12LF, Caitlin Dalbeth 13VS, Evie-Marie Dalbeth 12CP, Alex Diaz 13VS, Zionti Haddon, Dylan Job 11BD, Kerri Johnson 12CP, Devante Lawrence 11BD, Lexus Loft 13VS, Te Wairua Loft 11DH, Ruadhan Macneil 12CP, Dylan Maddox 12LF, Lloyd Murray 11DH, Jessie Ngawati 13RN, Tyla Nisbet 13RN, Te Rerenga Piripo 13VS, Atiria Pitovao 13VS, Te Rangi Romana-McNeil-Watts 12KP, Acacia Ross 13VS, Logan Salmons 13VS, Miriama Sarich 12CP, Callie Schuster-Maihi, Levi Shepherd 11PW, Eilise Te Huia 13VS, Ngāreta Teira-Tuiloma 13VS, Harry Thomas 11PW, Jemima Townsend 12KP, Danyel Truscott 12LF, Maia Whiu 13RN, Samuel Williams 11DH.



Cookery Academy Graduates

Congratulations to Alex Diaz, Mele Livai and Jessie Ngawati on the successful completion of their Level 3 Cookery Trades Academy Course. These students travelled to Whangarei every Monday during the 2019 school year and gained 63 credits towards their NCEA Level 3 qualification. Well done.

Many thanks to our staff, students and their whanau, Northtec and the Tai Tokerau Trades Academy for their support of this programme. A special thank you also to Mrs Bella Kaka who has transported the girls this year.



Pictured are Jessie Ngawati, Mrs Bella Kaka, Alex Diaz and Mele Livai at the end of year Cookery Academy celebration.

2020 Start Dates

Monday 27 January - Northland Anniversary Day
Tuesday 28 January - Teacher Only Day / Course Confirmation
Wednesday 29 January - Teacher Only Day / Course Confirmation
Thursday 30 January - Year 7, 11, 12 and 13 students
Friday 31 January - Year 7, 11, 12 and 13 students
Monday 3 February - whole school
Tuesday 4 February - whole school
Wednesday 5 February - whole school
Thursday 6 February - Waitangi Day
Friday 7 February - closed for holiday

Kerikeri Amateur Swimming Club

The Kerikeri Amateur Swimming Club summer season will be starting in November and run through to March 2020 (school term time only).

The aim of the club is to improve swimming fitness and improve stroke techniques. Swimmers must be able to confidently swim two lengths of the Kerikeri High School pool. We run 2 sessions on the Monday and Wednesday for different abilities and Club nights on Friday's. (for ages 7-16).

If you would like further information and a registration pack, please email the club at kerikeriswimming@gmail.com

Or contact us via our Facebook page facebook.com/KerikeriASC/