

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to listen to Professor Sir Mason Durie at Waitangi. He was talking about Mauri Ora-its meaning, what it is and isn't, and things that encourage a flourishing Mauri. He talked about Maori potential and this that really impacted me. It reminded me that we are so used to talking about many of our students in terms of where they are struggling. It is important that we change the way we speak about our students to acknowledging potential. Actually, to just acknowledge potential is not enough, we have to help our students and whanau reach their potential-which is considerable. Focussing on what students are good at and what they bring to the learning table is key. Using strengths to build confidence and resilience in order to improve areas needing development. This does not just mean academic performance. Outstanding academic performance doesn't mean that a student's Mauri is flourishing, particularly if they have had to compromise who they are to attain it.

Another key aspect of what Prof. Durie talked about was including whanau in the learning of their young person. No student comes to us in isolation and having whanau involvement is vitally important. We need to do this together and having a whanau voice in what we teach and how we teach it is something we are focussed on improving. There is lots of knowledge and expertise out there that we would love to partner with for the benefit of our students. We want to find better ways of forging those relationships.

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

2019 School Magazine

The school magazine is due back from the printers in early December. To guarantee yourself a copy, please order and prepay now at the Student Centre or Main Office. These are \$15 each and cover all the events and activities held during the year, as well as class photos.

We also have a few copies of previous years' magazines available, also for \$15. For more information, make contact with Tara Rawiri or Jenny Couchman in the Main Office.



College Calendar

Wednesday 20 November

- Rural Health Presentation – Year 9/10

Friday 22 November

- Year 6 Transition Day 2

Monday 2 – 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 Student Centre 2020 Opening Hours

*The Student Centre will be open for
uniform and stationery purchases
before school starts in 2020.*

Open: Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 January 2020
9.00am – 3.30pm

Late Night: Thursday 23 January 2020
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday 27 January 2020
- Northland Anniversary Holiday
Tuesday 28 January 2020
- Staff Only Day (off-site)

Open: Wednesday 29 January 2020
9.00am – 3.30pm
First Day of School – Thursday 30 January 2020

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 and all new 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

Ka Kata Nga Puriri O Taiamai "Good News"

Each week Whanau Teachers choose 1-2 students to receive a certificate in assembly.

7MB: Isabel Harrison was chosen as the star student for the week.

7SB: Kiarn Henry for being super helpful in class.

7BP: Noah Graham for always doing his mahi. Madison Johnson-Jay for communicating her thoughts and ideas clearly.

8MH: Caleb Pepper for showing maturity when dealing with others and for improvement in his learning.

8WH: Charlie Maxted for focusing on his work and improvement in Math.

8PA: Qtee O'Brien for amazing diligence and hard work in class!

Mr Zee: Taimania Hickman-Kaka and Ani Palmer received certificates for being great RockStars!

Whaea Ngawini: Petra Roper and Tyler Taito-Mokaraka for effort in Te Reo Maori.

Whaea Amy: Kiarn Henry for being a wonderful helper in Social Studies.

Sports Certificates: Congratulations to all participants for representing Okaihau College at the Kerikeri Year 7 and 8 Football Festival!

Mr Atkins: 8PA have had no negative entries in Kamar this week. They have earned themselves a game of basketball. Tino pai rawa atu!

Rural Health Careers Visit

On Wednesday 20 November we have tertiary health students visiting our school regarding careers in Rural Health. During the visit the Year 9 and 10 students will be given a short presentation to the pupils about careers in health, what it's like to be a tertiary student and what pathways and opportunities are open to them. Included are group activities and interactive workshops.

If you are not happy for your student to be photographed or filmed during this visit, please let us know.

Phone: 09 4019030 ext. 213 and leave a message.

Extra Learning Opportunity

Don't let a few missing credits get in the way of your student's future. Te Kura (formerly known as The Correspondence School) accepts short-term enrolments over the summer break for students to earn additional credits or specific internal standards in NCEA.

Courses are delivered on-line, so with access to a computer and the internet, students can learn anywhere, anytime.

For more information, contact Te Kura on 0800 65 99 88 or email hub@tekura.school.nz

Kaikohe Touch Presents

Free Community Cricket @ Lindvart Park

Fridays 6 – 8.30 pm through to 6 December 2019

Whanau Mixed Teams – Register a team or just come along and join in!

Free Kai, Free Entry & a ton of Spot Prizes

For more info contact Edina Harris

E. kaikohetouched@gmail.com

Facebook: Kaikohe TouchED M. 021 1216 4049

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.

Year 9 and 10 Volleyball

Our keen Year 9 and 10 Volleyball teams attended the Northland Secondary Schools qualifying tournament with our Boys and Girls A progressing to the Finals day against the Div 1 teams. The finals day competition was tough, but we had some close games and improved as the day went on. Big thanks you to Mr Sharp, Grace Hamlin, Tomas Grant, Sienna Munford-Stokes and Tupari Cowan for helping out with the teams.

Boys team members - Tony de Reuck, Alex-Jordan Henna, Cameron Jobe, Cody Ott, Moeke Williams-Cooper, Daniel Williams. Girls A team members - Kiana Barber, Oceane de Reuck, Nadia Job, Aimee Lawson, Maddison Stowers, Liona Whiu. Girls B team members - Eliza Brooks-Farmer, Kowhai Harris, Charlee Littin, Meite Taulangau, Gabrielle Titter, Chanelle Watson.



Okaihau Bowling Club Twilight Bowls

Wednesdays 6 - 7 pm

- Starting 20 November 2019

Guidance available for all ages, new/keen players

\$5 a night includes a sausage & bread

Bowls Provided

For more info contact: Mac Solomon, 022 600 8398