

Prizegivings

You will have noticed that we have been advertising our annual prize-givings in the last few newsletters, and on our Facebook page. This week we have also sent out prize-giving invitations to the parents, caregivers and whanau of all students. We encourage you to come along to your students' prize-givings as a way to acknowledge their hard work during the year.

There are a number of significant awards being given out this year;

* Over \$50,000 of scholarships from universities and tertiary institutions (including the Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Award).

* The P&SM Bullen and sons \$6000 scholarship awarded to the Dux of the School at the senior prize-giving.

* Three Cleo Jane Memorial scholarships being awarded to a student in Years 7 and 8, Years 9 and 10, and Years 11-13 who have shown kindness and compassion. Each of these is worth \$1000 and the money has been given to us from Mrs Shirley Tubbs in memory of her granddaughter Cleo Jane.

* The Alan Forgie Memorial Cup for Leadership is a new award this year and will go to a senior student who has shown outstanding leadership.

End-of-year prize-givings are our opportunity to celebrate our students' successes, and we would love to have you there with us.

Ka Kata Nga Puriri O Taiamai "Good News"

7SB: Te Kaha Awa - Ratima for making an effort with his mahi.

7BP: Terei Walker for awesome improvement in reading. Shimano Wiparata has 100% attendance!

8MH: Cody Watson for persevering through some challenging high level work, and working well with others to solve them.

8WH: Tamyrah Ihaka for consistently displaying an excellent attitude and focus. An all-around awesome person.

Great news from Mr Platt! Terei Walker and Beau Edwards in 7BP have made considerable gains in literacy levels.

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

Sunday 1 - 6 December

- Year 9 Hillary Outdoors Trip – Great Barrier Island

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

- Year 7 - 10 Reports Issued

- Last Day of Term 4

Tourism Trades Academy

Huge congratulations to the following students on the successful completion of their Tourism Trades Academy programme.

Lexus Loft, Jemima Townsend, Jake Reihana, Aroha Anderson and Evie-Marie Dalbeth spent every Friday during the year at the QRC Tai Tokerau Campus in Paihia learning and developing skills and knowledge that are essential for a future career in the Hospitality and Tourism industries. Each student gained a number of Level 2 and Level 3 credits which have been credited to their respective NCEA qualifications.

Thank you so much to QRC Tai Tokerau, in particular Nick and Jo Madden, the Tai Tokerau Trades Academy and to all of our staff, students and their whanau for their wonderful support of our programmes.



Pictured are Lexus Loft, Jemima Townsend, Jake Reihana, Aroha Anderson and Evie Marie Dalbeth with Mr Newport who was instrumental in establishing the Tourism Academy programme for our students.

Special congratulations to Lexus Loft who received the Outstanding Student Award. Not only did Lexus gain all of the credits that the course offered, her attendance for the year was 94%! Lexus is pictured with her course tutor, Jo Madden.



Teacher Aide

We are looking for three Teacher Aides to join our Special Needs Department in 2020. Experience working with students with special needs would be an advantage. The position is five days per week, 9.00am to 3.00pm, term time only.

Please contact PA to the Principal, Mrs Jenny Couchman, for an application pack or if you have any questions about this position. Phone (09) 401 9030 extension 210 or email jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz. Applications close at 4.00pm on Monday 9 December 2019.

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.

Northland Secondary Schools Year 7 and 8 and Year 9 and 10 Beach Volleyball Tournaments

Once again the Okaihau College Sports Department hosted these popular tournaments with a total 37 teams from 5 schools attending over the two days. Whangaroa College, Kerikeri High School, Dargaville High School and Panguru Area School joined our school teams for fun days of competition. Some close games throughout saw players improving and enjoying the sand courts.

Okaihau College 8PA team came out winners over KKHS Volley team and KKHS Rotten Avo's 3rd for the Year 7 & 8 Day. Okaihau College Special K took out the Year 9 & 10 Competition with Dargaville High School 2nd and Okaihau College TMMN 3rd.

A big thank you to our Senior Sports students who came in to help with set up and refereeing for the days. We received numerous compliments from the visiting schools on how great they were and how awesome our grounds are.

8PA Team –
winners of the
Year 7 and 8
Tournament



Tess was
popular with the
visiting teams



Special K



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 – 4.00 pm

First Day of School – Thursday 30 January 2020

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Student Centre Cell: 021 0868 4071

Email: bethc@okaihau-college.school.nz

Phones and Power Cuts

Please note that during a power cut our landlines are unable to be used as they are internet based. You can probably still leave messages, but these cannot be retrieved until after the power comes on. Please text messages for students to the Student Centre cellphone in the above advertisement.

Activity Days

December 5th and 6th (Thurs/Friday Week 8) - Whanau can visit any of the activities during the two days. Report to reception to sign in and get a list of activities and rooms.

Creative Writing

Japanese

Street Food

Action World/Paintball (off-site)

T-Shirt Printing

Survival Skills (off-site)

Murder Mystery Forensics

Jewellery

Flag Trail

T Shirt printing

Maori Mural Designs

Clay Pendants

Xmas Decorations

Robotics/Minecraft

Rock Stars Recording

Word Art Murals