

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

We are into the swing of things now at Okaihau College with this being our first full week at school. The students have settled back into school well and I have been really happy with the work I've seen when walking through classrooms.

Congratulations to three of our year 13 students from 2019 who achieved great results in the Scholarship exams. Daniel Bosman, who gained Scholarship in Chemistry and Physics, Acacia Ross, Scholarship in Art Painting, and Tupari Cowan, Scholarship in Physical Education. These students worked incredibly hard, along with their teachers, and have been rewarded for their efforts. Each Scholarship exam passed results in \$500 for the student.



Acacia Ross with her Art Painting Folio

Uppermost in many people's minds at the moment is the water situation for those that live in Kaikohe and in rural areas. The supply in Okaihau is still relatively secure and in order to help out we have decided to offer the use of our washing machines at school for whanau who need to wash school uniforms for their tamariki/mokopuna. We have 3 machines available; in the Food Tech room (T 4), the Gym, and in Rangimarie. If your students need their uniform washed, please send them to school with it and ask them to go to those rooms before school or at interval. Please make sure that uniform items are **clearly named** so the right uniform gets back to the right students.

Our initial whanau learning hui will take place next week on Thursday from 3:30-6:30 and Friday from 9-4 (please note the slightly different times from the original facebook post). These 20 minute hui are for you to make contact with your student's whanau teacher, get to know them better, and share your hopes and aspirations for them with us. There is also the opportunity to set some goals with your student's whanau teacher for the year in a range of areas and think about a plan to support your student to achieve them. **It is really important that your student is at this hui so that they are included in the conversation. Please bring them with you.**

Swimming Sports take place next Wednesday, and we welcome any whanau who wish to come in to support their students. The House relays and many of the finals will be taking place during period 5.

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

College Calendar

Monday 17 February

- Year 11 Activities Day
- BOT Meeting @ 6.00 pm

Tuesday 18 February

- Head Student Interviews

Wednesday 19 February

- School Swimming Sports

Friday 21 February

- Whanau Hui Day

Wednesday 26 February

- School Athletics Day

Whanau Learning Hui

On Thursday 20 (3.30pm - 6.30pm) and Friday 21 (9.00am - 4.00pm) February we will be hosting whanau learning hui. This means that classes will not be running as normal on Friday. We would like whanau to book a time with your student's Whanau Teacher to talk about your hopes and aspirations for your student as well as goal setting for 2020 and beyond. Please follow these instructions to make a 20-minute booking for your child / children. Your 20 minute appointment should be made with their Whanau Teacher only.

* Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz.

* Click on Make a Booking.

* Our Event Code is xqq6n.

* Enter your details to make the booking and click Go.

* You will be sent a confirmation email.

If you have any problems with this process, at all, please contact us at school. Your child's Whanau Teacher or the staff in the Main Office can assist you with making a booking.

Sports Days

School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 19th February

Year 7 & 8 Periods 1 and 2, Year 9-13 Periods 3 & 4
Senior Finals and Relays after lunch

School Athletics Day

Wednesday 26th February

Whanau are invited to come along to the sports days to support the students and enjoy the competitions

Okaihau College App

You can download the SchoolAppsNZ app for free from the Playstore (android) or App Store (apple) and then click on Okaihau College as your school. We use the school app to get messages (particularly urgent messages) out to students and their whanau. You can also access the school calendar, contacts, newsletters, term dates, sports information, alerts, daily notices and absentee notifications.

Attendance

If your student is away from school, it is really important that you let us know. You can do this via:

Phone: (09) 401 9030 extension 200

App: Okaihau College App

Email: absences@okaihau-college.school.nz

Text: 021 0258 3715

Or reply to automated texts which are sometimes sent out

Instrumental Music

We are offering instrumental music lessons again this year. If your student is keen to learn an instrument, encourage them to come and see Music Teacher Mr Paul Zeedijk.

PPTA Paid Union Meeting

The school branch of the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) has advised the school that members will not be available to teach on the afternoon of **Friday 28 February 2020** as they will be attending a Ministry of Education approved Paid Union Meeting, as they are entitled to do under Section 26 of the Employment Relations Act 2000. As a result, we will finish our school day at 12.20pm and students will be sent home. The buses will leave by 12.30pm.

Board of Trustees

The Okaihau College Board of Trustees meet once a month, usually on a Monday night. Keep an eye out in the Breeze calendar for upcoming meetings. If you wish to make contact with the chairperson of the board you are able to do so via email - boardchair@okaihau-college.school.nz or phone the school and we can pass a message on.

Board members include Mr Thomas Davison, Mrs Michelle Harrison (Chairperson), Mrs Fran Clayden, Mrs Andrea Donalson, Mr Alex Graham, Mr Mark Clunie, Mrs Karlene Kitchingman (Staff Representative), Miss Turoa Moki-Rice (Student Representative) and Mr Shaun Reeves (Student Representative).

Kapa Haka Roopu

Our kapa haka roopu, Nga Wheinga a Rahiri, will be performing at this year's Te Tai Tokerau Festival. Students should be keeping an eye out on the notices for practices days and times. There is also a wananga at our school marae on 22 February for people interested in helping create new piupiu for our roopu.

Youth Health Clinic

A **FREE** School Healthcare Service for 12 to 19yr olds!

When: Wednesdays 10 am – 1 pm
Thursdays 10.30 am – 1.30 pm

Where: Okaihau College Student Centre – Clinic Room

How: See the Student Centre to make an appointment
Drop in during **Interval** or **Lunch** time

Text Nurses: Ruby 021 573 974 or Tracey 021 574 823

Services include: * Nursing & Medical Support * Access to Mental Health & Drug/ Alcohol Counseling * Support to become Smokefree, access Dental Health Services, link into other Youth Health & Support Services * Health Information & Advice on Sexual Health & Contraception*

*** We are Non-Judgmental, Confidential and Private**

Junior Young Farmers and AgriKids Win at Northland Finals



Northland got off to an early start with the Young Farmer of the Year competition held on 1st February.

Congratulations to our Junior Young Farmers and AgriKids teams for their superb performances on the day.

Cousins Nick and Zoe Harrison won the Junior

Young Farmer Competition and Year 8 students Ben Quarrie, Grace Sanders and Gemma Harrison came third in the AgriKids Competition.

Both teams have earned places in the National Finals to be held in Christchurch in July. This will be the eighth year in a row that Okaihau College has had a team at the Nationals!

(News in the Farmers Weekly this week)



U16-U18 DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

BOI Rugby would like to invite all potential U16 and U18 players:

When: Saturday 22 February 9.00am to Sunday 23 February 3.00pm

Where: Northland College Gymnasium

What to Bring: Mattress, Bedding, Gym Attire, Boots & Mouthguard, a pack of Biscuits

Why: BOI Development Weekend - including 5&C, Core Skills (RCP, Ball into Contact, Tackle, Breakdown), Game Analysis, Team Building, Pathways, Referee Queries, Position Specific (Tight 5, Loosies, Inside and Outside Backs), Unit Skills (Forwards and Backs) and Games

RSVP: Kylie - 021579204, kylie.harper@bdo.co.nz or Kylie Harper on Messenger

All players in attendance will be considered for the BOI Junior Academy beginning March 2020