

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

The events in the US are in the forefront of many peoples' minds currently. Many of us think that "this could never happen here". In New Zealand, our national identity is very much wrapped up in the idea that we have had really good race relations since 1840. It is only in the last twenty to thirty years the notion that the relationship between ethnic groups might not be as good as we thought has entered into our national consciousness. It has been interesting talking with some of our students about this over the last week. Both senior and junior students have a wealth of knowledge about what happened to trigger the events in the US and the background to it.

It is a timely reminder to us as educators that in addition to teaching content, teaching our students to recognise injustice and stand for those suffering from it, is vitally important.

It also looks as though New Zealand is heading toward Alert Level 1 in the near future. While we understand the reasons for students staying at home, it will be important for them to return to school and re-engage with their peers and teachers. We look forward to welcoming everyone back once we reach Level 1.

No reira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa



College Calendar

Monday 15 June

- Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm

Virtual Cross Country

Northland Secondary School Cross Country is going Virtual for 2020.

We will run this during lunchtime on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th of June for any students interested. Students will need a phone or watch with Strava, MapMyRun or similar run/walk app loaded. Distances are Senior Boys 6km, Senior Girls 4km, Year 9 and 10 Boys 4km, Year 9 & 10 Girls 3km and Year 7 and 8 3km. Runs can also be completed outside school hours with a snap shot of date, map of run, time and distance. For more information please come and see Mrs Moor at the Gym office

Free Entry Into Waitangi Grounds

Saturday, 6 June 2020

As a way of saying thanks to all New Zealanders for their efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic, the Waitangi Treaty Grounds has announced a free admission open day.

Saturday, June 6 marks the launch of a three-month winter events programme. All the heritage buildings and parks will be open and will include tours and cultural performances.

Treaty Grounds CEO Greg McManus says it's a way to say thank you to all Kiwis.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/.../free-entry-into-waitangi-grounds> or check out the Waitangi Treaty Grounds facebook page.

Okaihau College School Cleaner Required

We are looking for a permanent, part-time cleaner. The hours are Monday and Friday from 3.00pm. to 6.15pm, term time only. Living wage applies. Start date is Monday 15 June 2020, or by negotiation.

For further details or to request an application pack, please contact PA to the Principal Mrs Jenny Couchman on (09) 401 9030 or email jennyc@okaihau-college.school.nz

Message from NZQA Regarding NCEA Levels 1, 2 and 3

Students and schools have experienced real disruption to teaching, learning and assessment because of COVID-19, with some affected much more than others. NZQA and the Ministry of Education have worked closely with the Minister's NCEA Professional Advisory Group (PAG) to develop a set of changes to NCEA in 2020 which address these impacts. These changes have been endorsed by the PAG. Our rigorous discussions have acknowledged the need to ensure both the integrity of the qualification and equity for students. NZQA has also worked with universities and Universities New Zealand on changes to them University Entrance award for 2020, which the NZQA Board has endorsed.

The changes will mean students continue to be well prepared for tertiary study, vocational education, or employment. As a consequence of these priorities, NZQA will implement three key changes for 2020:

- Students working towards an NCEA can gain additional credits, based on the number of credits they achieve during the 2020 school year. For every 5 credits a student achieves towards their NCEA through internal or external assessment, they can be awarded an additional 1 credit. Students at NCEA Level 1 are eligible for up to a maximum of 10 additional credits while those at Levels 2 and 3 are eligible for up to a maximum of 8 additional credits. These will be known as Learning Recognition (LR) credits.
- Students will be awarded a certificate endorsement if they achieve 46 credits at Merit or Excellence level, rather than the usual 50. Students achieving 12 credits at Merit or Excellence level in a course – rather than 14 – will be awarded a course endorsement.
- Current UE requirements have been reduced to 12 credits in three UE-approved subjects, from 14 credits in three approved subjects. Students still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the literacy and numeracy requirement to be awarded University Entrance.

These changes are underpinned by the following principles:

- Students have a fair and equitable opportunity to achieve the qualifications and awards they would have been able to achieve in any other year;
- Students are engaged and progressing in their assessed learning;
- Changes are consistent with the integrity and credibility of the qualification; and
- Changes impose minimal workload on schools.

Learning Recognition (LR) credits: Students will be entitled to 1 additional LR credit for each 5 credits achieved towards their NCEA through internal or external assessment. This will apply up to a maximum of 10 additional credits for students

undertaking NCEA Level 1, or up to a maximum of 8 additional credits for students at NCEA Levels 2 or 3. The learning recognition credits are tied to a student's assessed learning. The maximum number of LR credits available to students reflects our assessment that the extent of disruption broadly approximates two assessment standards, with some additional recognition of the credit level requirements of an NCEA at Levels 1, 2 and 3. A student undertaking multi-level study will be entitled to the LR credits for the NCEA level they are predominantly undertaking in 2020. Where a student continues to work towards that qualification beyond 2020, the entitlement to access their LR credits will remain. The entitlement to LR credits will be calculated by NZQA once students' results from internal and external assessments are known. NZQA will publish a table to help students and teachers calculate entitlement as the year progresses.

University Entrance (UE): University Entrance will be awarded to students who achieve 12 credits – rather than 14 – in each of three University Entrance Approved Subjects. Students will still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet the UE literacy and numeracy requirement.

NZQA has worked with universities and Universities New Zealand to ensure UE requirements for 2020 will be achievable, given the disruption to teaching and learning, while also ensuring the award continues to be a fair reflection of what is necessary to succeed at university. Universities expect that schools will continue to ensure students are entered into the standards they need for their chosen pathway and for the course they intend to undertake at university. Certificate and course endorsements NZQA will award certificate endorsements from 46 credits and course endorsements from 12 credits, recognising that students have had reduced opportunities to reach the required thresholds. The changes continue to maintain high standards but recognise that some adjustments are necessary, given the circumstances that students have faced. As usual, the calculations for endorsements will be processed by NZQA after internal and external assessment results are known.

Results release: To provide the additional processing time to apply and quality check these 2020 changes, results release will be delayed by approximately one week.

Cross Country 2020

Well we broke the drought by planning our School Cross Country last Friday!! After the wet start which made the creek crossing a bit challenging the day improved with just the odd shower. A great effort from all students who participated. A big thank you to our adjoining farm owner Ross Macalister for allowing us to use his property to give our students a "real" cross country experience. It was great to see so many whanau along to support the runners and well done to the whanau and younger siblings who also ran.

Year 7

Girls

- 1st Regan Thomas
- 2nd Mani Ihaka
- 3rd Anthea Heads

Boys

- 1st Max Dryden
- 2nd Shea Ward
- 3rd Turangi Reid

Year 8

Girls

- 1st Grace Sanders
- 2nd Devon Littin
- 3rd Petra Roper

Boys

- 1st Ben Quarrie
- 2nd Ashton Paraone
- 3rd Isaac Quarrie

Year 9

Girls

- 1st Lily-Grace Hanley-Dadson
- 2nd Bailey Rihari
- 3rd Jada Adams

Boys

- 1st Brad Sturge
- 2nd Dylan Quarrie
- 3rd Cody Watson

Year 10

Girls

- 1st Bohemia Sanders
- 2nd Charlee Littin
- 3rd Paige Williams-Cooper

Boys

- 1st Ben Clunie
- 2nd Danny Sturge
- 3rd Rico Edwards

Senior

Girls

- 1st Kerri Johnson
- 2nd Chloe Schischka
- 3rd Madelene Clunie

Boys

- 1st Tony de Reuck
- 2nd Daylon O'Brien
- 3rd Jake Harrison



House Results

- 1st Kauri 199
 - 2nd Totara 179
 - 3rd Rimu 177
 - 4th Puriri 135
- Go Kauri!!