

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Nau mai, haere mai ki te hui o nga whanau o tenei kura

Part of our vision at Okaihau College is "Ka whiwhi ia tamaiti te taumata - Every Child Succeeds, Ka whakanuia e ia whanau - Every whanau celebrates. In order for this to become a reality, everyone needs to be invested and involved in our students' education. Talking together about students' learning and progress is an integral part of this.

Next week on Wednesday and Thursday, we are holding Whanau Learning Hui for our senior students. This is a really important opportunity for students and their whanau to make a plan for each subject to ensure that they can get the best academic outcomes possible from this disrupted year. If they are to achieve the qualifications they need for future success, it is vital that all of us are on the same page. Knowing what the plan is and being able to monitor that from home and school will make a huge difference for all our students - if for no other reason than they can't say they have nothing to do!! Also important to us is the sense of partnership that having whanau as part of the conversation encourages. The more we work together to support our rangatahi, the more likely they are to gain success in their chosen areas.

I urge whanau to make the time to korero with your student's teachers next week.

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

Fabric and Wool Wanted

The year 10 Food & Soft Materials class is again this year making blankets to donate to Oranga Tamariki to support local whanau with warm blankets. We would welcome donations of wool and soft fabrics such as polo fleece. Old duvets make great fillings. Donations can be left at the student centre or directly to T4 the food technology room. Many thanks in advance

College Calendar

Wednesday 5 – Thursday 6 August

Senior Whanau Learning Hui

Thursday 13 August

Year 7 Vaccinations Catch-ups

Friday 14 August

Barista Assessment

Wednesday 19 – Thursday 20 August

Junior Whanau Learning Hui

Senior Whanau Learning Hui

Senior Whanau Learning Hui will take place from 3.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 5 August and from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Thursday 6 August. Please note that on Thursday school will finish at 12.20pm and buses will be leaving early.

The hui will be with subject teachers and focus on ensuring each student has a clear plan for achieving in each subject in 2020, given the disruptions we have had due to Covid-19. Each hui will be ten minutes long.

To make a booking, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the event code eybhb.

If you have any issues with making a booking, you are welcome to contact Tara or Jenny at the Main Office and they will be able to assist you.

Junior Whanau Learning Hui

Junior Whanau Learning Hui will take place from 3.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday 19 August and from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Thursday 20 August. Please note that on Thursday school will finish at 12.20pm and buses will be leaving early.

The hui will be with Whanau Teachers, will be 15 minutes long and be a check in and reset of goals for the rest of the year given the disruptions we have had due to Covid-19.

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Year 7 Vaccination Forms

Vaccination forms were given out to students who did not get their Boostrix Vaccination last term. If you still have these at home, please can they be completed and returned to the Student Centre as soon as possible. The next vaccination day at Okaihau College is Thursday 13 August.

The form is available at this link: https://www.healthed.govt.nz/system/files/resource-files/HE1312_Year%20%20immunisation%20Boostrix%20consent%20form.pdf

Kaiawhina from the DHB will be visiting homes to check about those that have not been returned.

If you wish to check we have received your child's form, please contact the Student Centre 09 4019030 ext. 207, 021 0868 4071 or bethc@okaihau-college.school.nz.

Epilepsy NZ

Epilepsy NZ are holding a presentation for all staff, whanau and local community to better understand epilepsy in children and teenagers. All are welcome to attend.

Thursday 20th August 3.15pm at Whakarongorua Marae.



Winter lunchbox

Wholemeal toastie: + Choose one or more from **each** wholemeal bread, baked beans and cheese



 broccoli and/or pumpkin	 apple and/or kiwifruit
 egg and/or yoghurt	 nuts and/or grainy crackers

For more information, visit www.heartfoundation.org.nz



Winter lunchbox

Pasta salad: + Choose one or more from **each** tuna, broccoli, sweetcorn and light dressing



 kūmara and/or carrot	 apple and/or orange
 cheese and/or yoghurt	 popcorn and/or nuts

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