

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

Over the next few weeks, students will be asked to make some decisions about subjects for 2021.

For Year 10 students in particular, this is an important process to go through. Some students are lucky to know what they want to do already and should ensure that they are choosing subjects that will allow them to pursue that pathway. Both subject teachers and Mrs. Bolton (Career's Advisor) are important people to talk to in this instance.

For students who still have no idea about what they want to do, the most important message is that it's OK to be like that. They are part of a generation who will have at least five different "careers" in their lifetime. More important than subjects are the skills and dispositions that students will develop in their time at school. Another thing that's important is to keep as many doors open as possible. That means choosing a range of subjects that will allow students to go in as many directions as possible. My own 15 year old is in this situation and in choosing options with her, I am giving her the same advice...don't close any doors - keep your options open.

Another determiner of how many options students have in the future is the amount of effort they are willing to put into their studies and how they bounce back if things don't go well. Consistent effort will trump lazy talent every time. Good work ethic and a willingness to try, will open up many opportunities for our students, even if they may not think that they are good at something.

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

The Beast

Northland Secondary Schools Fullers Great Sights Bay of Islands Beast Run

Friday 28th of August 2020

5km Fun mud run over farmland at Haruru Falls - Entry fee \$35 and entries close 19th of August

More information and permission slips can be collected from the Gym office.

College Calendar

Tuesday 11 August

Auckland Uni Arts Faculty Visit

Senior Boys Basketball

Wednesday 12 August

Year 9&10 Boys Basketball

Thursday 13 August

Year 7 Vaccination Catch-up day

Friday 14 August

Barista Assessment

Year 9&10 Girls Basketball

Tuckshop

Please pre-order food daily at interval for lunchtime. There is only limited items available at lunchtime. Thank you.

Epilepsy New Zealand

Epilepsy New Zealand 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 20 August 3.15pm at Whakarongorua Marae.

R.Tucker Thompson Youth Development Scholarship Awarded

Congratulations to two of our year 10 students, Nathan Cook and Bohemia Sanders, for winning a fully sponsored sailing voyage with the R.Tucker Thompson Youth Development for sailing, leadership, confidence and teamwork and were sponsored by Top Energy for the 7 day voyage.

This was due to entering a competition called the Tai Tokerau Tall Ship Challenge and creating a poster on water safety. Their entry was in the top 6

They are both feeling happy and excited and looking forward to the adventure on 28 August-3 September on a voyage around the Bay of Islands to Whangarei.

Wishing them fair weather and happy sailing from the Okaihau College Careers and Social Science team.

OKAIHAU COLLEGE 2021 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

The board invites applications from parents and caregivers who wish to enrol their student at Okaihau College next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the Main Office. Pre-Enrolment Forms have been distributed to local primary schools and are also available from the Main Office.

The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is Wednesday 23 September 2020. Parents of students who live within the home zone should also apply by this date to assist the school to plan appropriately for next year. *Students who live in the home zone are entitled to enrol at the school.* The school has determined the number of places likely to be available for **out of zone** students next year. This is approximately:

- 20 places at Year 7
6 places at Year 8
- 0 places at Year 9
- 2 places at Year 10
- 7 places at Year 11
- 10 places at Year 12
- 10 places at Year 13

The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone. The school operates an approved special programme for students with special needs and expects that there will be approximately two places available in the programme for out of zone students next year.

Applications from out of zone students will be processed in the following order of priority:

First priority *will be given to students who have been accepted for enrolment in an approved special programme.*

Second priority *will be given to applicants who are siblings of current students.*

Third priority *will be given to applicants who are siblings of former students.*

Fourth priority

will be given to applicants who are children of former students of the school.


Fifth priority

will be given to applicants who are children of board employees or a child of a member of the board of the school.

Sixth priority

will be given to all other applicants.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceed the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot (except in the case of special programmes where the criteria in the enrolment scheme apply). If a ballot is required, it will be held on Wednesday 14 October 2020. Parents will be informed in writing of the outcome of the ballot within three working days of the ballot being held.



OKAIHAU COLLEGE

Wednesday 16 September 2020

11.30 am - 1.00 pm and 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Prospective students and their parents / caregivers are invited to attend our Open Day. Each session begins with a welcome in the school marae after which our junior students will give tours of the school.

If you are unable to attend the Open Day, or have any enquiries about enrolments, contact Deputy Principal, Crystal Jordan on (09) 401 9030.

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