

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation with interest. It is important to remember that under alert level 2, school is deemed to be safe for students to attend. We are following the recommendations of the Ministry of Health about this alert level like having hand sanitiser and contact tracing mechanisms. Unfortunately, as a result of the national move to level 2 we were unable to hold our junior Whanau Learning Hui this week. If you wish to get some feedback and next steps for your student, please contact your child's whanau teacher to arrange a time to meet, a phone conversation, or a zoom meeting.

The other major event that the change in alert levels has disrupted is our subject selection process. Normally we would have an options evening to help students and whanau make informed decisions about their subjects for 2021. This is not possible at present and we are working on an alternative to ensure that the student and whanau have the information they need to make their choices. Course booklets and subject selection forms were given out to Year 8-12 students on Wednesday. Completed forms are due back to school by next Friday the 28th August. If there are any questions please contact your child's whanau teacher or Mrs. Bolton our careers advisor.

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

### College Calendar

**Monday 24 – Friday 28 August**

- Pride Week

**Thursday 27 August**

-Enviroschools WaiFencing

**Friday 28 August**

-The Beast Run

**Friday 28 August**

-Northtec Cookery Academy

## Towels Please

The PE Department towel stock is getting low and we would appreciate any donations of towels please. Old ones are fine as they are usually just for drying wet feet.

## Pride Week

As you may be aware the first National School's Pride Week is going to be held next week. The plan for the week is as follows:

**Monday** - Posters and flags will be up around the school.

**Tuesday** - Bake, drink, and lolly sale at interval (possibly lunch).

**Wednesday** - Mufti day and a pride kahoot will be held at lunch time for the whole school.

**Thursday** - A Rainbow photo backdrop will be out at lunchtime for selfies.

**Friday** - External speaker.

**Weeklong** - A colouring competition will be held throughout the week (prizes drawn on Friday) and there will be a whakatauki in the daily notices.

All support is appreciated!

Mika Hancock  
Teacher in Charge



## Junior Whanau Learning Hui

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the two Junior Whanau Learning Hui which were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday this week. Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 situation, we are unsure if / when we would be able to reschedule these. However, as always, we are more than happy for whanau to contact their students' Whanau Teacher or Subject Teachers. Either call the Main Office (09) 401 9030 or email [admin@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:admin@okaihau-college.school.nz) and we can put you in touch with the teacher you are keen to speak with.

## OKAIHAU COLLEGE 2021 OPEN DAY

**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.

## Okaihau College 2021 Enrolments

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.

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.

## 2021 Subject Choices

### **2021 Year 9 Options**

All Year 8 students have been issued with the 2021 Year 9 Course Choice Booklet. Students have been encouraged to take these home to share with whanau and then make their choices for 2021. Students are required to choose two options. Their Option Choice Forms are due back at the Main Office by Friday 28 August.

### **2021 Year 10 Options**

All Year 9 students have been issued with the 2021 Year 10 Course Choice Booklet. Students have been encouraged to take these home to share with whanau and then make their choices for 2021. Students are required to choose two options. All Year 9 students have been issued with Forms are due back at the Main Office by Friday 28 August.

### **2021 NCEA Level 1 Course Selection**

All Year 10 students have been issued with the 2021 NCEA Level 1 Course Booklet. Students have been encouraged to take these home to share with whanau ahead of making their course choices for 2021. Students are required to choose two subjects (in addition to Maths, Science and Language and Literature which are compulsory). Their Subject Selection forms are due back at the Student Centre by Friday 28 August. Once the forms have been handed in, students will be able to catch up with a staff member to discuss their choices. Whanau are welcome to be part of this process too.

### **2021 NCEA Level 2 Course Selection**

All Year 11 students have been issued with the 2021 NCEA Level 2 Course Booklet. Students have been encouraged to take these home to share with whanau ahead of making their course choices for 2021. Students are required to choose six subjects. Their Subject Selection forms are due back at the Student Centre by Friday 28 August. Once the forms have been handed in, students will be able to catch up with a staff member to discuss their choices. Whanau are welcome to be part of this process too.

### **2021 NCEA Level 3 Course Selection**

All Year 12 students have been issued with the 2021 NCEA Level 3 Course Booklet. Students have been encouraged to take these home to share with whanau ahead of making their course choices for 2021. Students are required to choose five subjects. Their Subject Selection forms are due back at the Student Centre by Friday 28 August. Once the forms have been handed in, students will be able to catch up with a staff member to discuss their choices. Whanau are welcome to be part of this process too.

## OKAIHAU COLLEGE Student Representative election for the Board of Trustees

Nominations are invited for the election of **ONE** student representative to the Board of Trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice are available to all eligible voters on the student roll.

Further nomination forms can be obtained from the Student Centre. **Nominations close at noon on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020** and can be accompanied by a candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the Student Centre and can be viewed during interval, lunchtime, before and after school while the Student Centre is open.

There will also be a list of candidates' names for inspection, as they come to hand, on the Student Centre notice board. Voting papers will be issued **AFTER** nominations close if more than one candidate is standing for election.

**The poll closes at noon on Thursday 17 September.**

Signed  
A.King, Returning Officer

## Roopu Hui

Our next Roopu Hui is at 5.30pm on Thursday 27 August 2020, @ Whakarongorua Marae, Okaihou College. Tena koutou katoa

### He whakatauki o Ta Hemi Henare:

*Kua tāwhiti ki to tātou haerenga, ki te kore e haere tonu. He tino nui rawa ā tātou mahi, kia kore e mahi nui tonu.*

***We have come too far not to go further. We have done too much not to do more.***

We are making progress!! At the last whanau hui the decision to move to three roopu groupings was confirmed. Thanks to those students, whanau, kaiako me nga kaiawhina who have brought us this far. The current 'House' system will be replaced in 2021.

This months hui will be to discuss:

- 1 The renaming of the three Roopu.
- 2 What values would whanau see as important to include as foundational values to be implemented for these roopu? This is an important kaupapa.

E nga hau e wha, nga whanau ma, nau mai, haere mai!!

## Congratulations

Congratulations to a former Okaihou College student Virginia Park who recently graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with a Bachelor of Architecture. We are all extremely proud of her achievements!



## Okaihou's Got Talent

Music Teacher, Mr Zee, has for the past few weeks been organising and preparing students for the OGT Final which was held on Wednesday this week. The showcase was held during lunchtime to a small audience (due to Covid-19 restrictions). Competition was tough, and the winners were ...

First Place - Awanui Wihongi  
Second Place - Maia Vaka  
Third Place - Kiana Barber and Tohu Harris

Congratulations to the placegetters, and also to the other students who participated, and made it through to today's final.

## Daffodil Day Donations

This year, Okaihou Colleges is supporting the Cancer Society's 30th Daffodil Day on Friday 28 August. The Cancer Society provides free support and information, funds lifesaving cancer research and advocates health promotion initiatives to reduce the risk of cancer for future generations. Cancer Society relies on the support from schools like ours to continue to provide free accommodation, nursing and psychology services for patients and their families.

Daffodil Day items will be available for a donation / sale at the Student Centre.

