

Principal's Panui

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa,

Last night we had a community hui in our marae about the naming of our new roopu and the values which go with them. The fundamental value that underpins everything we are working towards is whanaungatanga. That sense of connection to something bigger than oneself is vital to building a sense of belonging to anything. Although we are still in the initial stages of our journey, it is really important to us that our whanau feel that they are part of the journey too.

Over the next few years, there will be a number of changes that we want to make. Some of these, such as increased whanau time and more focus on Te Ao Maori we have signalled in the community hui we have held already this year and I have been heartened by the positive reaction from the whanau that attended. I hope that the model that we have started to implement this year of meeting with our community, to include you in the things we want to do to help improve the learning and achievement for our tamariki / mokopuna, will continue to grow as we engage in some of the big issues together.

One of the things we are keen to talk with you about is the idea of "success". The Ministry of Education often measures success of students and schools purely by academic achievement. I believe that "success" encompasses so much more than that. The more we know about what our whanau see as success for their rangatahi, the better we can focus what we do on making it a reality. Please keep an eye out for notifications on our Facebook page for when and where the different hui are happening.

A big thank you to all the students and staff who have made the inaugural Pride Week such a success. It is great to see so many students actively promoting tolerance and understanding in our kura.

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

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.

College Calendar

Monday 31 August

-Northtec Cookery Academy

Tuesday 1 September

-Speedmeet 2020 BOI College

Wednesday 2 September

-Project Island Song Year 10 Art

Thursday 3 September

-Year 7 Vision Testing Catch-ups

Thursday 3 September

-Nominations close for Student Election

Thursday 3 – Friday 4 September

-Project Pest Control

Basketball

With a lot of our sports events being cancelled we were pleased that we managed to enter and compete in three Northland Secondary School Basketball competitions

with some great results. Basketball is a popular sport with lots of students also competing in the local after school competition. Our two senior girls' teams played well both winning their pools. The younger B team had a very close semi just going down to Taipa Area School 17-12. This meant the A team met them in the final winning 17-12.

The B team finished a very creditable fourth. Our Division 1 boys' team had a very tough pool but played well to finish up fifth. Our young keen Division 3 Boys team had some tough games but played well to finish fourth. A big thank you to Mr Mel Rameka (parent) and Mr Paul Atkins (teacher) for coaching the teams.



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.

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 3rd 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

Breakfasts

Each morning we provide breakfast for any / all students. Weetbix, milk and tinned fruit are available (and toast when supplied). All students are welcome to come along for kai which is available from 8.10am - 8.30am in Rangimarie.

Keeping each other safe

As we move into Alert Level 2, there are a few key things that we can all do to make a difference in stopping the spread of infection. Below is the list which has gone up in all our classrooms.

- Sneeze / cough into your elbow.
- If you are feeling unwell, go to the Student Centre immediately so that we can arrange for someone to come and collect you.
- If you are unwell, please stay home.
- There is hand sanitiser available in every classroom. Please use it.
- Wash and dry your hands well, especially after using the toilet and before eating.
- Bring your own water bottle and don't share it.
- Don't share books, stationery, electronic devices etc.
- Respect other people's space - avoid the moist breath zone including on the school bus.
- No students or staff should be off-site during the day. Senior students can purchase food from the Sapphire Cafe via the Student Centre.
- If you have a device, bring this to school so that you can use it for your learning.