

Board of Trustees Panui

The Board would like to acknowledge the concerns raised by some parents regarding last Wednesday's funeral procession for a former student of Okaihau College. The procession through the school's grounds was requested by the bereaved whanau and our expectation (based on discussions with the whanau) was that a small entourage would accompany the hearse to Okaihau College, pause and then continue the journey home. What eventuated was unforeseen and different than expected. The school was alerted by Police of the makeup and size of the group prior to its arrival at the school. The school followed the advice of Police keeping students on the school grounds and Police were onsite at the time the procession was at the school.

The Board will be reviewing policies around future requests of this nature and the level of involvement of the College community. Communication with all students, families and whanau will be an on-going priority to ensure events happening onsite are explained and appropriate for the school setting.

Please be assured that the Board take very seriously their roles and responsibilities regarding students, staff, whanau and families.

He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people!

College Calendar

Monday 12 October

- First day of Term 4

Thursday 15 October

- Project Pest Control Assessment Day
- Volleyball Year 7-9 Girls

Friday 16 October

- Mufti Day
- Volleyball Year 7-9 Boys

Saturday 17 October

- School Ball

Whanau Survey - Rongohia te Hau

We are continuing the process called Rongohia te Hau. It is a way for us to check "which way the wind is blowing" at Okaihau College and involves surveys for teachers, students, and whanau. It also involves teachers being observed. While many teachers and students have completed surveys, we need as many whanau as possible to fill in the survey too. The link has been shared on the Okaihau College Official Page on Facebook and takes no more than 10 minutes to complete. Please help us to find out what is working and not working for you and your whanau. The link is:

https://waikato.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0HhKHL8ILPxTEcR

Student Election Results 2020

Board of Trustees Election for Okaihau College

Votes:

Gilbert, Osgar	78
Hamlin, Grace	56
Invalid Votes	5

I hereby declare Osgar Gilbert duly elected.

Signed

A.King



Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programme

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Spring School Holidays on Tutukaka Coast & Taupo Bay. This is free for 11-18 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

11-18yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions
Tutukaka & Taupo Bay | 28 Sep-2 Oct | 5-9 Oct 2020

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment

Limited spaces | Please email to book
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Willow-Jean Prime Talks to the Year 9s

Year 9 Social Studies students were lucky enough to listen to Willow-Jean Prime speak about politics as part of their learning about the NZ government and the upcoming election. Willow-Jean shared with the students her journey to becoming a Member of Parliament and proudly representing Northland in Wellington. She explained systems of government and what a day in the life of a MP in the Beehive is like. We would again like to extend a big thank you to Willow-Jean for taking time out to speak with students.



Okaihau College Hunting Club Boar-Goat-Possum Team Challenge



Bay of Islands Arts Festival

This week we welcomed some visitors to our school who are hoping to work with our rangitahi in the region during 2021 developing a performance which will be showcased at the Bay of Islands Arts Festival (Upsurge) in early 2022. A group of students, Ms Smith, Mr Zee and Whaea Mabel met with festival directors Dave and Caroline Armstrong and performers Jamie McGaskill, Regan Taylor and Kayla Turei. These professional actors, singers, writers are looking at working with a group of students to support them to bring their/our stories to the stage. It will be an exciting project to be involved in and we will be looking for other students to join in. Those who are budding writers, actors, singers, songwriters, slam poets, street artists, breakdancers, rappers will be asked to get involved! See Ms. Smith if that sounds like you!

More Performing Arts News ...

We are hoping you have caught up on the fabulous news that one of our ex-students, Jovan Beazley, has been involved in a feature film. We would like to congratulate 20-year-old Jovan for chasing his dreams and having the courage to get out there and showcase his strengths as a natural performer. We're sure we will see a lot more of Jovan in years to come!

Performing Arts Opportunity

An opportunity for our students to get involved in the performing arts is coming up early next term. If any of our students are keen to attend FREE workshops with the amazing Sam Scott and her team at M@ssive Theatre Company please come and see Ms Smith for more details. It will be held in Kerikeri over Labour Weekend.