

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

It was great to see the Year 6 students at school for their second transition day on Wednesday. They visited a variety of classes to get a taste of what life at Okaihau College is like - one of the students lit a match for the first time in the science lab! We look forward to welcoming them into our whanau at the beginning of 2021. Thanks to all the teachers and students who helped make the experience a positive one for our new students.

NCEA external exams are in full swing and our seniors and their teachers are working hard to ensure they do well. We welcome students who are on study leave to come into school to work on external revision with their teachers, this needs to be by appointment, and we ask that they sign in and out when they come. Please make sure that if seniors have decided not to do the externals, they tell us so we don't try to track them down to ask why they are not in their exam. Similarly, students who have not got their qualification should still be coming to school and working with their teachers on internal standards. This will help them get what they need for NCEA this year.

On Friday December 4, we are holding an assembly to celebrate the career of Whaea Ngawini Smith. Whaea Ngawini has been at Okaihau College for 31 years and has decided to retire at the end of this year. We invite you to join us at this assembly to help us acknowledge the contribution that Whaea Ngawini has made to our kura.

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

Thomas Davison  
Principal

## Farewell for Whaea Ngawini Smith

We invite members of our school community to come and celebrate her retirement with us. We will be holding an assembly in the school hall at 2.00pm on Friday 4 December. This will be followed by kai and korero in Whakarongorua Marae. Nau mai, haere mai.

For catering purposes, RSVP by 30 November to [admin@okaihau-college.school.nz](mailto:admin@okaihau-college.school.nz).

## College Calendar

**Monday 16 November - Tuesday 8 December**

- NCEA External Exams

**Monday 23 November**

- Watersafety Dryland Sessions

**Tuesday 24-26 November**

- Year 10 Camp – Takou Bay

**Friday 27 November**

- **School Closed – Northland-Wide NCEA Day**

**Monday 7-8 November**

- Year 11 Surf Camp – Taupo Bay

**Wednesday 9 December**

- Senior Prizegiving @ 7.00pm

**Thursday 10 December**

- Year 7 and 8 Prizegiving @ 12.30pm

- Year 9 and 10 Prize-giving @ 2.00pm

## OKAIHAU COLLEGE 2020 PRIZEGIVINGS



*Parents / Caregivers / Whanau  
All Welcome*

### SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

**7.00pm on Wednesday 9 December**

Students are expected to wear  
a high standard of dress.

Please bring a plate of food  
for a shared supper.

### YEAR 7 AND 8 PRIZEGIVING

**12.30pm on Thursday 10 December**

### YEAR 9 AND 10 PRIZEGIVING

**2.00pm on Thursday 10 December**

All junior students are expected to be  
in perfect school uniform.

Invitations will be sent out closer to the time.

## Northland-Wide NCEA Day

### School Closed – Friday 27 November

We will be closed on Friday 27 November to allow all teaching staff to attend a locally organised NCEA Training Day. All secondary schools in Northland will be involved in this event. This means that there will not be any classes running, and no teachers on-site for the day.

## 2020 School Magazine

The 2020 school magazine will be back from the printers in the last week of school. Due to the interruptions Covid-19 has created for us, the magazine will be a few pages shorter this year, and this is reflected in the price. Magazines are \$10 each and can be pre-paid / ordered at the Student Centre or Main Office.

## 2021 Enrolments

We still have limited spaces available in all year levels (except Year 9) for new enrolments next year. If you would like to enrol your student (or check their enrolment status) please contact Tara Rawiri at the Main Office (phone (09) 401 9030 extension 200 or email tarar@okaihau-college.school.nz).

## Year 10 Camp

Approximately 30 Year 10 students are off to Urupukapuka Island next week for a few days of camping and outdoor activities (swimming, fishing, surfing, team-building). Many thanks to Mr Nick Fulton and Mrs Lisa Fulton for all their work in getting this trip organised, we hope you have perfect weather, and a successful week away.

## 2021 Start Dates

School starts back on Tuesday 2 February next year for all students. Please see below for our 2021 Student Centre opening dates. Uniform and stationery price lists will be available from our website from mid-January onwards.

The Student Centre will be open for uniform and stationery purchases before school starts.

Monday 25 January open from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Tuesday 26 January – closed for staff training.

Wednesday 27 January open from 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Thursday 28 January open from 9.00am - 4.00pm and 5.00pm - 7.00pm (late night).

Friday 29 January open 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Monday 1 February – Northland Anniversary Day.

Tuesday 2 February – first day back for all students.

Monday 8 February – Waitangi Day Observed.

## Te Puna Ako

Please could students ensure all library books are returned before the end of the school year.

## Sports Uniforms

If students have any sports uniforms lying around at home, please return these to Mrs Moor in the Gym so that these can be used again next year. Thank you.

## Year 6 Transition Days

On Wednesday 11 and Wednesday 18 November we hosted nearly 60 Year 6 students for their two Transition Days. Students rotated through different classes including Design and Visual Communications, Digital Technology, Science, and Physical Education. We loved hosting the students here and are really looking forward to welcoming them here in 2021. See pictures below for a couple of pictures of students in action in Digital Technology taken by Mr Donaldson.

