

## Principal's Panui

Tena koutou katoa,

As we near the end of the term, I would like to remind our seniors particularly, to maintain their focus on learning. Although NCEA is not the "be all and end all", it is an important component of our tamariki's time at school. Good quality qualifications allow our tamariki to have more control over their futures. It allows them to have a range of choices as opposed to a small number of low paying jobs.

Next week, some of our Year 12 students will be travelling to Auckland to find out about some of the choices they may have when they leave school. They will be doing work experience, learning how to get around Auckland using public transport, and touring some tertiary providers. This has been an experience we have done for a number of years at Okaihau College, and I would like to particularly thank the staff that are supervising the students for giving up their time to provide this experience: Mrs. Kitchingman, Mr. Whitaker, and Mrs. Rumble.

Lastly, I would like to wish everyone a restful easter break next weekend but remind our tamariki that there is still important learning to do on their return before the holidays.

Nau reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.



**For further information and advice about fire safety and to set up your own escape plan go to:**

<https://escapemyhouse.co.nz/sorted>

## College Calendar

### Monday 29 March

- Duffy Role Model Assembly

### Monday 29 March - Thursday 1 April

- Year 12 Auckland Trip

- Year 12 Vocational Programme

### Wednesday 31 March

- Year 8 Choice Programme

### Thursday 1 April

- Special Olympics Athletics

- Year 7 Choice Programme

### Friday 2 – Tuesday 6 April

### EASTER WEEKEND

### Wednesday 7 April

- Year 8 Choice Programme

### Thursday 8 April

- Year 7 Choice Programme

### Monday 12 April

- Year 9 Hearing and Vision Testing

- University of Waikato Liaison Visit

### Friday 16 April

- Last Day of Term 1

### Monday 3 May

- First Day of Term 2

## “Ka Kata Ngā Pūriri o Taiamai”

### Good news of the week

### Whakarongonrua Certificates this week went to:

**7KP** Petra Choice, Mautini Korewha-Tane

**7JD** Jayden Adams, Taylor Roberts,

+ Week 7: Ricci-Lee Marsh,

Skylah Williams-Tanner

+ Week 6: Max Miers, Ella Pearson-Nicholls

**7CP** Hunter Brown and Jessica Beeching

**8ML** Mitchel Barlow, Anthea Heads

**8PZ** Lawrence Loke, Reagan Dudley

**8GS** Turangi Reid, Maia Tauri

**9DA** Mokonuairangi Te Haara-Howard,  
Willem Veldhuizen

**10XX** Tyler Fraser, Taimania Hickman-Kaka

**10JS** Seddon Harris, Diaz Stephens

**11LF** Dreziqie Moeau, Max Thomas

**11AC** Bohemia Sanders, Alex-Jordan Hennah

**11KK** Brie Pratt, Jake Needham

**12SB** Gabrielle Titter, Joel Harris

**12DF** Carol Yang

**13PW** Lloyd Murray, Te Rina Waterhouse

**13BP** Rylee Walker, Tessa Flood

**13DP** Joseph Lovini

### Pou Herenga Acknowledgements

Ngarunui 8 ML Brooklyn Haare

Ngaruroa 7JD Felise Sanders

Ngarupaewhenua 10JS Zahria Renata

## Northland Secondary School Track and Field Championships

Six keen students represented Okaihau College at the recent Championships held in wet conditions at Trigg Stadium, Whangarei.

They all did well on the unfamiliar all weather track. Stand out results were from Benjamin Clunie who won his heat in the 100m Intermediate Boys and finished a creditable 4th in the finals. Ben also placed 6th in the Long Jump.

Other results and athletes were Charlee Littin 8th Intermediate Girls 100m, Bailey Rihari 7th 200m Junior Girls, Marlee Walker 5th Intermediate Girls Long Jump, Lilly-Grace Hanley-Dadson and Jake MacCarthy.

Thank you to Mr Sharp for managing the team.



## Northland Secondary Schools Senior Touch

Two mixed teams of Okaihau College students joined other Northland Secondary School students in hot conditions for the Senior Touch competition at Lindvart Park, Kaikohe. Competition was tough with the Green team finishing 5th and the Black team 7th. Thank you to Mr Atkins for taking the teams.

Team members were Kiana Barber, Brayden Brown, Benjamin Clunie, Madelene Clunie, Te Kaapua Cooper-Rapaea, Natalia Coppins, Nikau Donelley, Roma Edwards, Freedom Haare, Nicole Moon, Leslie Nankivell, Elsie Quarrie, Meite Taulangau, Te Rina Waterhouse, Moeke Williams-Cooper and Paige Williams-Cooper.



## Northland Secondary Schools Junior Futsal Competition

Three teams of Okaihau College students got to try something new competing in the Junior Futsal competition at McKay Stadium, Whangarei. Futsal is basically indoor football which is played on a basketball sized court so it is fast flowing and demands skill with close passing and marking. Our new PE teacher Mr Whitaker trained the teams up and they all had a great day. The under 14 Girls finished 3rd, the under 14 Boys 5th and the under 16 Boys 8th against teams from throughout Northland. A big thank you to Mr Whitaker and also parent Dwayne Sanders who helped with transport and was a great supporter.

Team members were - Under 14 Boys - Noah Graham, Ashton Paraone, Benjamin Quarrie, Luke Soady, Bradley Waterhouse, - Under 14 Girls - Gaia Boserup, Ariana Craig, Holiday Gillespie, Katie Graham, Ricci-Lee Marsh, Bailey Rihari, Felise Sanders, Grace Sanders. Under 16 Boys - Harvey Beggs, Benjamin Clunie, Micheal Davis, Te Omeka Hohipa, Jake MacCarthy, Dylan Quarrie, Max Thomas, Herbert Waterhouse, Lukas Barlow.

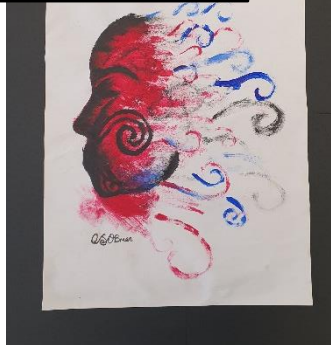
We look forward to attending more futsal events in the future.





# Electives

Electives have been taking place each Wednesday and Friday afternoon.



# Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon

Our competitors in the Kai Iwi Lakes Triathlon held last Saturday were Laura Walker, Petra Roper, Grace Sanders, Felise Sanders, Ryan Penney and Rico Edwards.

They all did amazing on the day and can be really proud of their efforts. Petra and Grace placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the Try a Tri Girls (short course triathlon).

Thanks to Deputy Principal, Mrs Crystal Jordan and parent, Dwayne Sanders for taking the team and for the early morning start!

