



## School Newsletter #18 - December 2nd 2025

Dates to remember	
Thur 4th Dec	School Presentation, Omarama community hall at 5:30pm (approx 1 hour 30 min).
Fri 5th Dec	Year 8 water day
Mon 8th Dec	Board meeting @ 3:30pm
Mon 8th Dec	Camp meeting @ 5:30pm with camp helpers
Tues 9th Dec	Health nurse Y7 / Y8
Tues 9th Dec	Meeting @ 3:15pm with bus parents
Wed 10th - Fri 12th	School camp - Camp Columba (Pukerau)
Mon 15th Dec	Christmas party / dress up day at school
Tues 16th Dec Last day of school	Assembly @ 12pm at school, not the church Shared lunch to follow at school
Tues 3rd Feb 2026	Term 1 - 2026 start of term

### Principal's Message

*'Mā muri ka ora a mua'*

*Those who follow give life to those who lead*

Assembly: The end of term is approaching rather quickly and before we know it we will be celebrating the last day of term. Please note the day and time above. As we will be farewelling 4 of our senior students, it will be nice to stay after assembly for a shared lunch. School will supply some pizzas, please remember we do have the oven and heat up facility if you are bringing along hot food.

School Play: This newsletter is brief this week as we are all (students and staff) working incredibly hard to put together a nice play that reflects our Omarama history studies from term 2. We are presenting this play to the community as a 'give back' to the many people that came and spoke with our students and shared artifacts for our wall display.

Reports: We are in the midst of writing reports for each child and these will be given out on the last day of term. If your child is not going to be at school on the final day, please inform the school office so that we can make alternative arrangements.

William Pike Challenge	Community Service
<p>As we are nearly at the end of the year, we still have 3 students urgently needing to complete some Community service to complete their William Pike challenge. We had hoped to participate in the Wilding Pine project, however due to weather related events, they cancelled our working day at Aoraki and Pukaki.</p> <p>If you know of any community service opportunities that could be completed in a day, please contact the school as soon as possible.</p>	

School Play - Thur 4th Dec	Dusty Tales
<div data-bbox="587 810 997 1379" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Please come along and watch our school play, called <b>Dusty Tales</b>. Please phone the office to book your seats, so that we can keep an eye on numbers.</p> <p>The children have worked incredibly hard to “put this together” and this has meant that the focus for this term, apart from core curriculum studies, has been the Arts. Some students have been learning to play the guitar, learning to dance, and sing songs.</p> <p>I have been incredibly proud of the dedication and enthusiasm that our students have shown during the many practice sessions. Many students have learnt all of their lines from memory and taken on character roles with a positive attitude.</p> <p>We sincerely hope you can make it along on the night and please invite your friends along too.</p>	

**School Camp - 10th to 12th Dec****Camp Columba (Pukerau)**

Please check that you are up to date with camp information that has been sent home. I now have received all permission forms, so thank you for that.

Last Friday a Camp gear list was sent home, I will also email this out. There will be 1 final note to come home about camp to inform you the vehicle your child will be travelling in, the cabin they will be in, food menu and an indication of when we will be leaving school on the 10th and the approximate return time on the 12th.

It is most likely that students will need to be at school around 8am on Dec 10th, with a departure time of no later than 8:30.

We are still looking for 1 more adult to attend camp - to provide transport and support activities. Please let me know if you are interested. You would need to have current police vetting, due to the time constraints to acquire a new one.

**Bus Meeting****Tuesday 9th Dec**

After numerous meetings with the Ministry of Education, I have organized a meeting with GOBUS this Wednesday. Therefore next Tues (9th Dec) Jemma Gloag and I would like to invite bus parents along to school to discuss proposed changes to the school bus run in 2026.

We encourage you to attend, so that we can pass  
On your feedback and thoughts.

**Swimming****Pool Key**

Please contact Ange in the office if you wish to purchase a pool key for the summer period. There is a cost of \$50 and you may only allow family members to use the pool. Students must be supervised and the pool area must be left tidy.

The invitation to use the school swimming pool extends out to the local Play group community also.

Having recently had the pool building refurbished it is absolutely essential that the pool facility is looked after and treated with respect. We certainly are very lucky to have our very own swimming pool.

Class swimming sessions: - classes are having a fun time in the pool daily, so please ensure swimming togs and a towel come to school each day.



We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Duncan has announced her pregnancy. We are super excited for her and Luke.

## LIGHT Value Celebrations

There are no LIGHT certificates to acknowledge this week, however I am excited to share our new school value design with you. These will be displayed outside the school office shortly.



Banner for the playground

### Omarama School Light Values:

Leadership, Inclusion, Growth Mindset, Honesty, Teamwork.



**Birthdays to celebrate this fortnight.**  
**There have been no birthdays this fortnight.**

## Headstart, Enrolments, Website, Facebook

- Headstart is on a Wednesday afternoon - 2pm - 3pm, all 4 year olds in the area are most welcome. Please contact the school if you intend on coming along.
- School Website at [www.omarama.school.nz](http://www.omarama.school.nz)
- School Facebook page is now live.
- Skool Loop app is our preferred means of fast communication or reminders.

Please **install the Skool Loop** app as we have now been using this form of communication for the past 18 months now for fast communication.



### **New Friday take-away menu for the pub**

Chicken burger – lettuce, tomato, onion, beetroot, cheese, bacon BBQ sauce & aioli \$15.00

Beef burger – lettuce, tomato, onion, beetroot, cheese, bacon BBQ sauce & aioli \$15.00

Hot dog \$6.50

Crumbed dory \$7.50

1/2 scoop chips \$4.50 (serves 2)

1 scoop chips \$6.50 (serves 3)

Battered blue cod \$15 (160g -180g)

Fish bites \$2.00 ea (5 for \$8)

Chicken nuggets \$1.00 ea (10 for \$6)

Squeezy Tomato sauce \$1.00 ea

Squeezy Aioli \$1.00 ea