



OMARAMA  
SCHOOL

## School Newsletter #17 - November 4th 2025

Dates to remember	
Fri 7th Nov	Pet day
Mon 10th Nov	Year 8 - HPV (Health nurse)
Thur 13th Nov	Youthtown sports (Y3 - Y8)
Thur 4th Dec	School Production
Fri 5th Dec	Y8 Water day
Mon 8th Dec	Board meeting
Wed 10th - Fri 12th Dec	School Camp at Camp Columba

Principal's Message	<i>'Mā muri ka ora a mua'</i> <i>Those who follow give life to those who lead</i>
<p>We are certainly into the busy end of the term now, with multiple events happening over the term. We have had school athletics, North Otago athletics, school photos, consultation evening and Board meetings. There are Youthtown sports coming up in Oamaru, Pet day this Friday, William Pike events, Year 8 events, weekly guitar lessons with Anne Sweeney, a school production and of course our end of year camp.</p> <p>I apologize in advance for all the communication taking place, however we are trying to keep you up to date and informed, in a timely manner. I believe our school google calendar is almost 'live' and available for you to refer to.</p> <p>As crazy as it sounds, in such a busy term, we are in the middle of putting a school production together in the community centre. This is a small production that retells the stories we learnt through our local history unit about Omarama. We hope this serves as a 'give back' to all the locals that came and visited us and shared artifacts and stories about the old Omarama days.</p> <p>The production is booked for Thursday 4th December. Keep an eye out for school communication as you may be asked to look around your own property to find suitable props to help us retell our stories. We thank you for your support in advance.</p>	

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*Learning and thriving in the place of light - Ki te Whei Ao, Ki te Marama e!*

## Skool loop Calendar

## “Live at last”

The school google calendar is now live on Skool Loop and our school website.

Please advise us if you have any further questions, as we endeavour to keep this updated. You may have to adjust your phone settings to avoid world event dates being displayed...according to Skool loop advice.

## North Otago Athletics

Yesterday 10 of our students participated in the North Otago athletics event in Oamaru.

We had students participating in sprints, long distance, discus, shotput, long jump, and high jump. I will share the results with you as soon as I receive them.

Mr Hannagan said it was great weather and the students all had a great sports day out. Thanks to Mr Hannagan for driving the school van and supporting our students.



## Ahuriri sharing

## Pet day creation

As part of our preparation for pet day this Friday, Ahuriri students have been writing profiles about the animal they intend to bring along on Friday.

As well as this they have been creating and designing a 3D pet. There has been a lot of hard work and design gone into these creations, so please look out for them on Friday. They will be displayed inside the community centre. There are cats, dogs, snakes and turtles...so far.



Consultation Meeting	Feedback
	<p>Thank you to those parents that attended our consultation evening a couple of weeks ago. Your input is vital as we set a new strategic direction for the school over the next 3 years. Some headings are placed equal as you can see below.</p> <p>Feedback from the meeting signalled the following priorities as important to our parent community.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Communication - parents appreciate timely communication around trips, behaviour, attendance and conversations around learning.</li> <li>2) Building confidence, independence and empowerment - parents appreciate learning conferences, leadership opportunities for their children.</li> <li>2) Love of learning - parents like when their children are engaged in their learning - eg, (Omarama history unit) and motivated to improve.</li> <li>3) Resilience and determination - Parents like to see resilience woven through learning and appreciate when effort is acknowledged.</li> <li>4) Respect and good manners - Parents understand our school value system and believe this teaches our students life long skills.</li> <li>4) Kindness, Empathy and Consideration for others - Parents think this begins at home but needs to be supported at school through our school values.</li> <li>5) Curriculum that reflects our place - Parents like to see our curriculum topics often show relevance to our rural farming community and this is positive.</li> <li>5) Sense of belonging - Parents feel welcomed to our school community and appreciate the school / community interactions with people / resources.</li> </ol>

Pet Day	Friday 7th November
	<p>A final reminder about Pet day this Friday at the community centre, starting around 11am.</p> <p>Two notices have previously been sent home about this event. However if you are unsure about any of the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school.</p> <p>We would appreciate some baking for the bake sale on Pet day please.</p> 

## **Sun Hats**

## **Term 4 requirement**

Please ensure your child has a suitable sunhat to wear for the warmer weather in term 4. The wide brim school hats offer the best protection. Please inform the office if you need to purchase.



## **Halloween dress up day**

Liam and Brooklyn took out the best dress prize in the Ahuriri classroom.  
Conrad and Tom in Clay cliffs classroom.

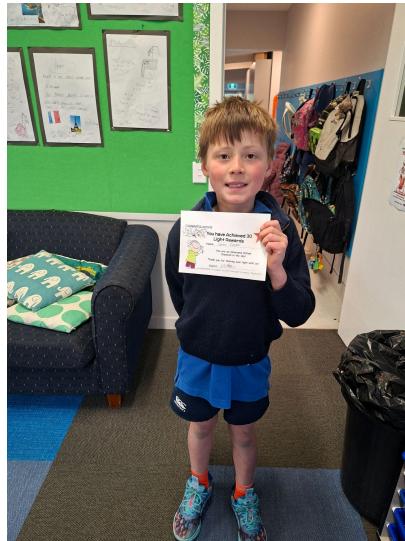


## LIGHT Value Celebrations

Congratulations to these students for receiving LIGHT awards recently. Well deserved and great to see you all upholding our school values! Keep it up.

Carter - 30 Light awards

Briar - 20 & 30, Charlotte - 30, Mazie - 30 (this may have been missed last newsletter)



**Birthdays to celebrate this fortnight.**



**Maddie turned 11 - Happy Birthday Maddie**

### 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 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.

**See you all at Pet day on Friday - please advise school if you are arriving at school at 9am or at the community centre around 11am with your pet.**