



Our Values:

Manaakitanga, Ngaki, Eke, Whakamanawa.

Term 2, Week 6 – 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Winter looks like it is knocking at our doorstep so here is a quick reminder of what happens in the event of a localised emergency.

Emergency school closure process:

The Board has reviewed this policy at our recent meeting. In the event of an emergency/weather event and it looks like kura may close, I will work with the Presiding Member (Andrea), and we will inform all whanau and staff of the decision. Here's hoping we have an incident free winter.

Matariki celebration/lunch at kura:

Come along to our special Matariki celebration at kura. We would love to share some of our Matariki learning with you. Please see the invite attached to this newsletter.

School Board of Trustees elections:

Wednesday 10 September 2025.

Have you ever considered being a school trustee? Triennial elections are scheduled for September so please give it some thought and, if you would like more information about what is involved, email office@okainsbay.school.nz

Remember the best time to arrive at kura is between 8:30 and 8:45am so tamariki can spend time with their friends before kura starts.

Have a superb weekend everybody! Keep warm!

Ma te Wā

Colin, Lisa, Krystal, and Deb

Solar power installed at Okains Bay School:

As part of our ongoing commitment to being a sustainable kura we have had solar panels installed. Thank you to Pub Charity Ltd for providing us with this funding and Aru from Energion Electrical for installing the system.



Okains Bay Community news

Things happening in and around the peninsula.

- **The Seafood Kitchen** (previously Mandala) Opening Thursday 5th June
- **IRD Visit** 12th June ✉ Email Heartlands for more details
- **Seniors Social Lunch** 19th June 10:30AM
- ☎ Call Wendy for more details
- **Matariki** 20th June
- **AA Visit** 23rd June ✉ Email Heartlands for more details
- **Roller Disco** Friday 27th June
- **School Holidays Programme** 30th June - 11th July

Houses for rent in and around Okains Bay:

If you are considering renting your house/AirBnB/holiday home, in Okains Bay, can you please consider placing a family with school aged tamariki into it. The Board is seeking ways to attract more tamariki into our amazing kura.

Term time routines- Attendance matters!

As my research on anxiety and student agency comes to an end, several points have resonated with me. One important aspect is making sure good routines are in place for tamariki at home. Bedtime should be consistent and the routines leading up to sleep need to have consistency. Screen time stimulates the brain so please minimise this in the evening. Tamariki attendance at kura matters! My anxiety toolkit website is still a "work in progress" but please feel free to have a look at it and provide me with feedback. The web address is...

<https://sites.google.com/okainsbay.school.nz/anxiety-digital-toolkit/home>

Upcoming Events

- Tues 10 June BoT mtg 3:15 all welcome
- Sat 14 June Mini conference BoT
- Thurs 19 June Matariki school luncheon
- Fri 20 June Matariki -school closed
- Wed 25 June BP Sports day
- Thurs 26 June End of term assembly followed by an afternoon tea. All Welcome
- Fri 27 June End of term fun day