



Our Values:

Manaakitanga, Ngaki, Eke, Whakamanawa.

Term 2, Week 5 – 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I am writing this newsletter from the Rural Teaching Principals' conference in Christchurch. As part of the organising committee my role has been introducing our speakers and ushering principals' back to their seats after morning tea etc. I can tell you it's easier herding cats!

The speakers have been amazing with the Minister (Rt Hon. Erica Stanford) attending. She announced well needed property money investment in the Selwyn area. Dr Lucy Hone captured everyone's attention speaking about resilience. Tomorrow Dr Sue Bagshaw and Wiremu Gray are our host speakers.

Houses for rent in our area:

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 kura.

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! A reminder that Monday is Kings birthday so school will be closed on that day.

Ma te Wā

Colin, Lisa, Krystal, and Deb

We had an amazing time at the recent BP Cross Country event held at the Duvauchelle Pony Club last Friday. Congratulations to Arwyn, who finished 2nd and Jackson, who finished 3rd.



Okains Bay Community news

Things happening in and around the peninsula.

From the Christchurch City Council:

Sefton Park Grazing Tender- running until 30 May.

For information and/or the tender documents please contact felix.r.dawson@ccc.govt.nz, ph 941 5445

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

- Wed 28 May Rural Principals conference – (Colin away)
- Wed 28 May Krystal working today
- Thurs 29 May Rural Principals conference – (Colin away)
- Fri 30 May Rural Principals conference – (Colin away)
- Mon 2 June Kings birthday
- Tues 10 June BoT mtg 3:15 all welcome
- Sat 14 June Mini conference BoT
- Fri 20 June Matariki celebrations