



*Our Values:*

*Manaakitanga, Ngaki, Eke, Whakamanawa.*

Term 2, Week 8 – 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

**Illness and sickness:**

Just a gentle reminder that if tamariki are sick, please keep them at home until they are well enough to attend. There are loads of bugs around at present. Relievers are hard to find on the peninsula and staff have been (touch wood!) lucky to have dodged illnesses to date.

**Environment Canterbury funds:**

Thank you Environment Canterbury for providing funds to our kura to refresh our garden area, plant amazing fruit trees, and construct a new greenhouse.

**Thank you to Georgie Rhodes:**

A big thank you to Georgie for donating bikes to be used during our “wheels” programme. Tamariki are super excited!

**Returning Officer for the upcoming BoT elections:**

We are seeking a Returning Officer for our upcoming BoT elections. Ideally, we would like this position filled asap but by the 9 July at the latest. You do not need to be a parent of a child at our kura to fulfill this role. If you can help us out, please email [office@okainsbay.school.nz](mailto: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!*

*Mānawatia a Matariki,*

*Colin, Lisa, Krystal, and Deb*

Akongā have been practicing our Matariki waiata and actions in readiness for our lunch time performance today. If you are in the bay drop on down! 12pm.



## Okains Bay Community news

### Things happening in and around the peninsula.

- **Seniors Social Lunch** 19th June 10:30AM
- ☎ Call [Wendy](mailto:Wendy) for more details
- **Okains Bay School** Matariki lunch 12pm
- **Matariki** 20th June
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- **AA Visit** 23rd June ✉ Email [Heartlands](mailto:Heartlands) for more details
- **Roller Disco** Friday 27th June
- **School Holidays Programme** 30th June - 11th July



**COMMUNITY dental service**

The Community Dental Service will be closed for the upcoming school holidays

**Closed from:** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June,  
**Reopening on:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Five of our community dental clinics will be open during this School Holiday period:

Aramu (240 Breezes Road)  
Woolston (11 Hopkins Street)  
Kaiapoi (65 Raven Quay)  
Ashburton (18 Elizabeth Street)  
Timaru (18 Woolcombe Street)

**Tips for Healthy Teeth**

- Brush twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Choose healthy snacks.
- Choose water or milk first.
- Have regular dental check-ups

If your child is experiencing any dental pain/discomfort, you can call us on **0800 846 983** and/or email: [communitydental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:communitydental@cdhb.health.nz) and one of our clinicians will contact you.

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Te Whaitu Ora

### **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](mailto:office@okainsbay.school.nz)

### **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.

### **Upcoming Events**

- 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 2pm
- Fri 27 June End of term fun day