



OKOIA SCHOOL

I try, I do, I achieve; We succeed!

Term 2 Week 4 2025

Kia ora, hello to all parents/caregivers/whanau,

Okioia remains a vibrant, nature-rich environment where learning flourishes.

Our school community takes great pride in upholding the strong reputation we've built, both locally and among other schools. Surrounded by nature, we are uniquely positioned to offer a learning experience enriched by the outdoors. From the changing colours of the trees to the sounds of birds and the activity of insects, our setting provides daily opportunities for exploration, curiosity, and growth. It's a truly special place to learn, play, and thrive.

Technology-Woodwork

Woodwork technology with Mr Priest is in full swing with some amazing pieces being constructed and finished already! The tumblers are very cool and fascinating to see in action. Design skills, following instructions and measurement skills as well as using a variety of tools are resulting in students being really engaged and excited about their projects.



Ask your young woodworkers about their technology projects. The hard work, especially all the sanding, gives them pride in their abilities. Pictured are the completed tumblers, work on the storage boxes and practise using the poker.

Cross Country Training

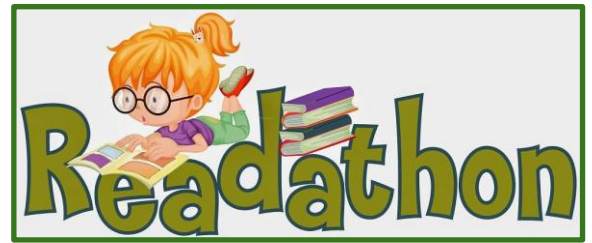
All students are training for cross country daily, weather permitting.

Their goal is to maintain their pace and run continuously for a required number of time/laps.

The students are trying very hard to increase the time they remain jogging.



School Readathon Fundraiser



This Term we are holding an **Okoia School June Readathon** as a fundraiser. All donations will go towards the development of a junior play area.

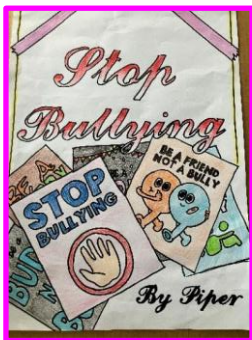
We think this is a great way to raise money while supporting one of the core curriculum areas **Reading/Literacy**. Students will gather sponsorship and read, read and read their way through June! More information will be sent home soon.

Some Action Shots from Gymnastics/Badminton

Our very lucky Year 5 & 6's are having a great time every Tuesday learning Gymnastic skills followed by Badminton sessions. We join Mangamahu School for these activities which is a great way to include some more cluster school's activities.



Pink Shirt Day



Last Friday we had a very positive day of supporting the **Anti Bullying** message by wearing pink clothing, and accessories. An amazing poster was made and a skit by Room 3 students was presented. Room 2 are all thumbs up in this photo having talked about and reinforced the

message of being kind to everyone and reinforcing that bullying is a non-negotiable at Okoia School.



Beany Melts
Lunch Special

Starting week 5.

\$2.00



2025 Camp Years 6,7 & 8 Chocolate Fundraiser

REMINDER: We have chocolate boxes available to raise money for camp fees. The boxes are \$90 for 36 bars and \$30 goes towards your child's camp fees from every box sold. **\$2.50 per bar.** A great way to reduce your camp costs.

<u>Term Dates for 2025:</u>	<u>Term Dates for 2025:</u>
School starts: 9.00am - First Break: 11.00am - 11.45am - Second Break: 1.15pm - 1.45pm School finishes: 2.40pm	Term 1: Monday 3rd February - Friday 11th April (Easter break is in the holidays) Term 2: Monday, 28th April - Friday 27th June Term 3: Monday 14 July - Friday 19th September Term 4: Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16th December

Upcoming trips/occasions/dates to be aware of:

<u>Term 2 Events</u>	
Week 6	Monday 2 nd June King's Birthday Holiday
Week 8	Tuesday 17 th June Cluster Cross Country-Whangaehu School
	Friday 20 th June Matariki Holiday

Facebook & Email link



All notices will be emailed out as well as being posted on Facebook.

Any announcements e.g. postponements/cancellations/changes will be posted on our Facebook page and we will also send out a text message. We hope that this ensures that everyone receives these updates.

Okoia School Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087980075883>

School Contact Details

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Reminders:

➤ Van absences or changes:

For any **Van absences or changes please phone, text or message 027 342 4761** only.

No one is in the school office after 12.30 each day and we don't want to miss your message.

➤ Absent children: **Phone, txt or message 027 342 4761** or email office@okoia.school.nz

➤ School Bank Account: **030791-0552011-00 Westpac, Whanganui.**

Account name: Okoia School Board of Trustees

- Use your child's name as reference please.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.

