



OKOIA SCHOOL

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

Term 2 Week 6 2025

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

We're already over halfway through Term 2!

A big focus for June is our whole-school **Readathon**—a wonderful way to spend those cold, rainy winter days being read to by some of our amazing readers.

Room 3 students have been busy writing persuasive letters to Rebel Sport, asking if they would be willing to donate some sports gear to our school. We're thrilled to share that Rebel Sport has kindly agreed and will be donating some sports balls to us this Friday. What a great example of student initiative and community support!

Our science topic this term is "**Spaced Out**", and students are enjoying exploring the wonders of space and learning more about what's out there in our universe.



Tuesday 17th June Cluster Cross Country Whangaehu School

A note was sent home on Wednesday with details about the upcoming event and what the runners will need.

Students in Year 4 (from 8 years old and up) will be attending the event at Whangaehu School. We expect all students aged 8 and above to take part, as this is an important opportunity to support and strengthen our relationships with our Cluster Schools.

Okioia School June Readathon Fundraiser



"Reading gives us someplace
to go when we have to stay
where we are."

—Mason Cooley

LittleYellowStar

This is our Term 2 fundraiser. Our readathon should encourage lifelong reading habits among our students. During the month of June, students try to read as much as they can, logging their reading while friends and family make donations to support their efforts.

Reading is one of the core curriculum areas and a valuable and necessary skill to have. We think that promoting reading is a positive way to support our students, their learning and our school. We thank you for your support.

Reducing School Rubbish

Last week, the School Lunch Collective removed our skip bin, as part of the original *Lunch in Schools* agreement. We have now been advised that all rubbish from school-provided lunches must be returned to the supplier.

As a result, we are doing our best to reduce the amount of rubbish generated at school. To help with this—and to avoid attracting vermin with food scraps—we kindly ask that any snack wrappers, lunch packets, and leftovers from food brought from home be returned home in your child's lunchbox.

This small step makes a big difference in keeping our school environment clean and helps reduce rubbish removal costs for the school.



Seasons by Room 2

Some amazing writing and illustrations have been created.

Ask your children about their Season Story.

If I was a season I would be Autumn and use wind so I could blow Jane's hat off her head with a swish, swoosh, swirl. I would make pots fall with a big bang then I would stop the wind and let everyone have a peaceful night until the morning and start all over again.

Written by Lydia



If I was a season I would be Autumn or Spring. If I was Autumn I would blow leaves everywhere and if I was Spring I'll bloom the flowers so I can watch the busy bees work their hardest.

Written by Billie



If I was a season I'd be Summer. I make everyone go to the beach.

Written by Phoenix



School Lunch Fundraiser

We continue to have great feedback about our lunch options. The savouries, sausage rolls, smoothies, sausage in bread and our new melts are popular. The lunch monitors with Bex and Gem do a great job every week making sure orders are ready and tasty.

Beany Melts
& Cheesy Melts
Lunch Special

\$2.00



2025 Camp - Years 6, 7 & 8

Chocolate Fundraiser

Camp is coming up fast, and we have an exciting range of activities planned to give our students the best possible experience in Wellington!

Reminder: Chocolate fundraiser boxes are still available to help reduce your child's camp fees. Each box contains 36 bars and sells for \$90, with **\$30 going directly towards your child's camp costs**. That's **\$2.50 per bar**—an easy and delicious way to fundraise!

Each box includes a mix of tasty flavours: **Hokey Pokey, Coconut, Peanut Slab, Creamy Milk, and Almond Gold. YUM!**

If you'd like a box (or more!), please get in touch with the school office.

<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 8	Tuesday 17 th June Cluster Cross Country-Whangaehu School
	Friday 20 th June Matariki Holiday
Week 9	Friday 27 th June - Last day of the term 2.

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.

