



OKOIA SCHOOL

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

Term 2 Week 8 2025

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

Rebel Sport had a fantastic time at Okioia School when they visited to donate a wonderful selection of sports balls for our students. A huge thank you to Rebel Sport for their generosity, and to Room 3 for writing the amazing thank you letters that helped make this special visit happen!

Next week marks the final session for our lucky students who have been attending the Boys and Girls Gym Club and Badminton on Tuesdays. Over the term, they have grown in confidence and skills, enjoyed trying new activities, and had plenty of fun along the way.

Reminder to All Parents and Caregivers: Privacy at School Events

We kindly remind everyone to respect the privacy of all students and families during school events. For the safety and well-being of all children, please **do not take or share photos, use names, or contact other parents about their children.**

This applies to all forms of social media and communication. Let's work together to create a safe, respectful environment for every student.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Tuesday 17th June Cluster Cross Country Whangaehu School

Well done to all our students who participated in the cluster school's cross country at Whangaehu School this week. All students completed the course and represented Okioia with pride.

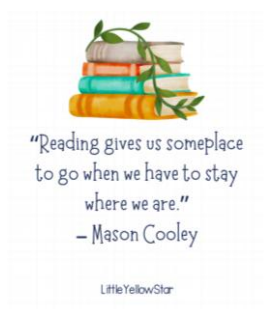
Okioia School June Readathon Fundraiser

To end our June Readathon Fundraiser we welcome all families to come to school on the last day of term, Friday 27th June at 1.30pm and visit your child's/children's classes. They can show you what they have been learning about and maybe even read you their favourite story!

AS WE END JUNE READATHON MONTH

please return sponsor sheets and money to the office by Friday 27th June.

"Book Character Day" Friday, 27th June



Remember, to celebrate the end of our June Readathon Fundraiser, come to school dressed up as your favourite book character — or get creative and make up your own! We look forward to seeing you all dressed up and ready to celebrate!

Matariki Public Holiday Friday 20th June

Matariki marks the Māori New Year in New Zealand.

The three key principles for Matariki are:

- **Matariki Hunga Nui.** Remembrance. Honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.
- **Matariki Ahunga Nui.** Celebrating the Present. Gathering to give thanks for what we have.
- **Matariki Manako Nui.** Looking to the Future. Looking forward to the promise of a New Year.



School Van Fees

Thank you to everyone who has paid in full for Term 2 and those of you making regular payments.

As a user pays agreement, to keep the van going we need all fees brought up to date each term.



Please use the bank account number at the end of this newsletter with your child's name and van as a reference. Alternatively, you can pay cash at the office (no eftpos).

2026 Enrolments

We are currently planning our classes and van requirements for 2026. If you have siblings who will require van transport next year, please ensure their enrolments are completed as soon as possible. We also warmly welcome new enrolments across all year levels. If you are considering enrolling your child, we invite you to visit and see all the wonderful opportunities our school has to offer.

Term 3 Reports and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student reports will be sent home during the **first week of Term 3**.

In **Week 2, on Wednesday 23rd July**, we will be holding **Parent/Teacher Conferences**.

Your interview time will be included with your child's report. If you need to change your allocated time, please contact the office as soon as possible.

We strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to attend these important meetings. They provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes, and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Years 6/7/8 Camp Meeting

A parent meeting will be held on **Monday, 28th July at 3:30pm in the Hub** to discuss the camp, responsibilities, etc. All parents are welcome.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on **Monday, 28th July at 4:30pm**.

These meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend.

Room 1's Autumn Adventure

Room 1 went on a wonderful walk around the school, exploring and collecting autumn leaves in all shapes, sizes, and colours. The students had a lot of fun using their beautiful collections to create stunning autumn leaf artworks. These colourful masterpieces are now hanging proudly in Room 1 — and they look amazing!



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:

Term 2 Events	
Week 8	Friday 20 th June Matariki Holiday - School closed
Week 9	Friday 27 th June - Last day of Term 2. - Book Character Dress up Day.
Term 3 Events	
Week 1	Term 3 begins on Monday 14 th July Mid-Year Reports sent home
Week 2	Wednesday 23 rd July - Parent/Teacher Conferences. School closes at 12.30pm
Week 4	Friday 1 st August - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Week 6	Wednesday 20 th August - School Cross Country from 12.30pm

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.

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

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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: Okioia School Board of Trustees

- Use your child's name as reference please

