



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

Term 3 Week 1 2025

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

Welcome Back to Term 3!



A warm welcome back to all our students and whānau for what promises to be an exciting Term 3. The year is certainly racing by! Our thoughts are with communities across the country affected by the recent severe weather events. The resilience and community spirit shown across Aotearoa is truly inspiring.

Room 2 Update - Le'Anne Steedman

Over the school holidays, Le'Anne Steedman was hospitalised with pneumonia. She is a real fighter and is now on the road to recovery. However, she will be away from school for some time while she focuses on regaining her strength.

In her absence, we are grateful to have Jo Cosford teaching in Room 2 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and Rosalie Irwin on Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you both for your flexibility and support during this time.

We wish Le'Anne a smooth and full recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to her students and colleagues when she is cleared by her medical team.

School Board of Trustees Elections



Do you want to make a real difference in your child's education? Standing for the school board is a powerful way to support student success, share your voice, and help shape the future of our school. Bring your ideas, skills, and passion

—our community needs you! Please consider becoming a BOT member.

Timeline for the elections:

- Wednesday 16th July - Nomination forms and Election outline sent home
- Wednesday 13th August - Nomination close at 12pm
- Wednesday 20th August - Voting papers issued, (if an Election is required).
- Wednesday 17th September - BOT Elections close at 4.00pm
- Tuesday 23rd September - Votes counted
- Wednesday 24th September - Board Takes Office

Student Reports and Interview Times

School reports will be sent home today (**Wednesday**) along with your allocated interview time.

Please **check your child's school bag** and ask them for their report and interview slip.

It's important to read through the report to understand your child's learning progress and come prepared with any questions or comments for the interview.

Please confirm your interview time by signing and returning the slip as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in your child's learning journey.

Early School Closure - Wednesday 23rd July - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please note that school will close at **12:30pm on Wednesday 23rd July** for parent-teacher interviews.

The school van will begin its afternoon run **2 hours earlier than usual, departing at 12:15pm.**

Van Payments

This is a reminder that our school van is a **user-pays service**.

All payments must be brought up to date by **Friday, 18th July**.

If payments are not current by the end of this week, you risk losing your child's seat, as we have a **waiting list** for van places.





Teacher Only Day - Friday 1st August

Please note that school will be closed on **Friday 1st August** for a Teacher Only Day. All staff will be taking part in their first professional development session focused on the new Maths Curriculum.

Camp Parent Meeting - Monday 28th July

We will be holding a **Camp Information Meeting** on **Monday 28th July** at **3.00 pm** in **Room 3**.

It is **very important** that **all parents of students attending camp** are present.

At the meeting, we will outline key details about the camp and distribute the necessary paperwork and documents that need to be completed.



Upcoming trips/occasions/dates to be aware of:

Term 3 Events	
Week 1	Wednesday 16th July - Mid-Year Reports sent home
Week 2	Wednesday 23rd July - Parent/Teacher Conferences. School closes at 12.30pm
Week 3	Monday 28 th July Camp Meeting 3.30pm followed by BOT Meeting 4.30pm Friday 1st August - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Week 6	Wednesday 20th August - School Cross Country from 12.30pm
Week 7	Friday 29 th August - School Photos
Week 10	Wednesday 17 th September - BOT Election Close Friday 19th September - Last day of Term 3

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

Principal	Maria Johnstone	principal@okoia.school.nz
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Room 1	Leah Smith	lsmith@welearn.school.nz
Office administrator	Helen Prince	office@okoia.school.nz



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

