



OKOIA SCHOOL

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

Term 3 Week 5 2025

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

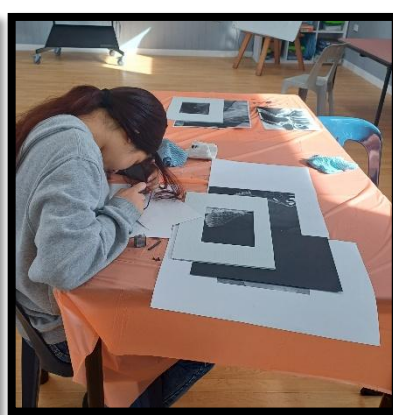
Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter! As we continue through another exciting and productive term, we're thrilled to share the latest highlights, achievements, and upcoming events from across our school community. From classroom successes to extracurricular adventures, there's so much to celebrate and look forward to.

We hope this newsletter keeps you informed, connected, and proud of all that we accomplish together.

Technology- Art and Sewing Spotlight!

Art and sewing classes are well underway, and we've already seen some incredible creativity and enthusiasm from our students! From expressive artwork to detailed pattern making, there's been a high level of interest in exploring artistic processes and mastering sewing machine techniques. It's been a joy to watch students bring their ideas to life through both visual art and textile construction.

Gem and Jo C present the Art Intensive and Jo G is the seamstress!



Important Notice: Online Safety and Cyber Bullying

We have received several concerning reports from parents and caregivers regarding incidents of cyber bullying occurring on devices at home. We want to remind all families that **cyber bullying is a serious matter and is considered a criminal offence.**

Please be aware that any incidents of cyberbullying that occur at **home or outside of school hours** are the responsibility of families to address.

While we are committed to providing a safe environment at school, our authority is **limited to school-related matters.**

If a serious incident of cyberbullying comes to our attention, we will be obligated to refer it directly to the police.



School finishes at 2pm on Wednesday 20th August for all teachers to attend a compulsory paid union meeting.

Please collect your child/ren from school at 2pm. The school van will run starting at 1.45pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Cross Country

School cross-country day (Wednesday 20th August). **Starting 12.00pm/noon** the paddock.

(Weather permitting. Cancellation will be posted on our Facebook page Wednesday morning.)

Parents/caregivers all welcome to come and support your child/ren and take students home when they have finished their run.



School Photos - Friday, 29 August

Photolife will be at school on **Friday, 29 August** to take **class, individual, and sibling photos**.

More information and order forms will be sent home as soon as we receive them.

Photolife is a trusted and long-established school photography company, and their ordering system is easy to use. **Keep an eye out for the forms coming home soon!**

Camp Countdown is On!

Camp is coming up quickly, and we're excited to offer our students a fantastic experience in Wellington!

Next camp meeting **Thursday, 11 September at 3.30pm**.

We are still waiting on a few of camp documents to be completed. Please return the forms to school **as soon as possible** so we can finalise numbers.

Thank you for the camp payments received so far. Please use the bank account number in this newsletter to make payments, with your child's name and camp as a reference.

The cost is \$275 per student.



Chocolate Fundraiser

We still have chocolate fundraiser boxes available to help reduce camp costs. Each box sells for \$90 (36 bars), with **\$30 going directly towards your child's camp fees**. Flavours include Hokey Pokey, Coconut, Peanut Slab, Creamy Milk, and Almond Gold—yum!

If you'd like a box (or more), please contact the school office.

Lunch Extras

Watch this space for some new additions to the lunch fundraiser orders as we trial some new yummy options in the next few weeks.

We will do a taste tester for the students before adding to the menu.



Get Ready to Grow! Spring Seeds Fundraiser Coming Soon

Get ready to plant some colour this spring!

We're excited to announce our Spring Seeds Fundraiser, coming to you over the next few weeks.

This is a fantastic way to support our school while creating a beautiful garden.

You'll find a wonderful variety of seeds that will result in a vibrant, colourful spring.

Keep an eye out for the **Seeds Order Forms!**

They'll be sent home soon with all the details you need to get started. Happy planting!



Upcoming trips/occasions/dates to be aware of:

Term 3 Events	
Week 6	Wednesday 20th August - School Cross Country from 12.00pm Wednesday 20th August - Early finish - 2.00pm
Week 7	Friday 29 th August - School Photos
Week 10	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>

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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.

