



OKOIA SCHOOL

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

Term 4 Week 3 2025

**Kia ora, hello to all parents/caregivers/whanau,
Welcome Back to Term 4**

Kia ora koutou, and welcome back to Term 4! We're looking forward to another great term of learning and activities. This term we are studying "Dem Bones" through House of Science with some neat hands-on skeleton/bones to explore and connect together. We are also working on "Moo For You"! From the cows chewing grass in the paddocks to milk production we buy from supermarkets or at the farm gate.

STRIKE DAY. School will be closed for staff to attend strike actions on

THURSDAY 23rd October.

Thank you for your support as we know this can be very inconvenient.

Friday 31st October is a Teacher Only Day for Maths Professional Development.

Our New Website Is Live!



We're excited to announce that our new school website is now live:
www.okoia.school.nz

Be sure to save this link — it's your go-to place for our school calendar, important updates, and key information.

School Van

A reminder to please **contact the Van by phone (027 342 4761)** if your child will be **absent** from school. This helps keep the timetable working for everyone.

Please ensure van fees are up to date from last Term and continue payments for Term 4.

Van spaces are at a premium with a few students on the waiting list.

Thank you for your support to keep our van running.

EXTRA School Lunches

Week 4 Thursday lunches is a change from Nachos to **MINI HAMBURGERS** for the rest of the term. \$2.50 each.

Option: 1- Beef Burger = Bun, sauce, Meat Pattie.

Option: 2 - Cheeseburger = Bun, sauce, Meat Pattie, Cheese.



Lunch Switch Trial



From November, we're trialling a change to lunch—**play first, eat second!**
We'll see how it goes and decide if it's a yay or nay after the trial.

Senior Camp Adventures

In Week 2, we farewelled our senior students as they headed off to camp.

They enjoyed an exciting, action-packed three days, with an amazing itinerary of trips and visits.

Highlights included visits to Wētā Workshop, Parliament, Wellington Zoo, Te Papa, the Cable Car and trains, and a refreshing swim at the Porirua Aquatic Centre. The group stayed at Camp Elsdon in Porirua, which provided a perfect base for their adventures.

A huge amount of organisation went into making this a memorable experience for our students, teachers, and parent volunteers. We've loved hearing their stories and reflections from three fantastic days full of learning, laughter, and adventure.



Fantastic Christmas Raffle

We have been amazed with the level of support from local businesses for our big fundraiser of the year. **There is sure to be something for everyone in the prizes to be won!**

If you would like to donate any items for the raffle hampers e.g. treats, sweets, coffee, canned food, Christmas items please send them to school or drop them in. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

Tickets will be issued by family, please contact the office if you don't wish to sell any.



WOW! Writing Room 2

Axton has written a great story about being abandoned on an Island. These are only the first 2 pages..... he has written about 10!

Year 112 Number One
I was abandoned on
a Island I was
left there by my
captain I was really
really angry. But in
2 weeks I made a
small raft And
took fruit with
me. I made it to
a town where there
where Briton I eat
my food and had a look
by Axton
around I got
new cloths with my
30 peels. then I went
to the harbor I found
a ship with no
british on board I went
to sleep and the next
day I got a little
Crew. We took the
ship over. the british
put a bomb on me
we took a bluff ship.

Harlo shared a story about the day an astronaut went on a mission.

One day a astronaut
went to work and
his boss said you have
to go on a mission and
he crashed his ship and
he couldn't get home.

Lydia wrote about the day she woke up on the moon and all the exciting adventures she enjoyed while on the moon.

clouds
fly
books
one I woke up on the
moon it was beautiful. I saw
saw clouds and 3 hot air balloons.
I had books which me and
then when birds everywhere.
The moon had a face and
it was smiling. I was it was
happy but I was so excited. I also
thought that I could fly so

What
I was like when the book
so I jump and it jumps
out I come but lucky there
was a pool under me
and I was OK and it started
dripping the next day.

Alice warned us about the evil cowboy and how he is wilder than the wild west.

15.10.25 the evil cowboy
once there was a cowboy that
was evil everyone was scared
of him because he was
more crazy than the wild
west. one day he met a
funny cowboy and a
And a horse. the thing is
he didn't have a horse
luckily the horse didn't have
a other so the cowboy
adopted him and they
became friends

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4 Events

Week 3 Thursday 23 rd October	Teacher's Strike School Closed
Week 4 Friday 31 st October	Teacher's Only Day - Maths PLD
Week 5 Tuesday 4 th November	Cluster Athletics at Cooks Garden Whole school participation.
Week 7 Thursday 20 th November	Tough Kids - Quiet hour.
Week 7 Friday 21 st November	Tough Kids - Yr 3 to Yr 8
Week 9 Tuesday 2 nd December	Big Day out - Rooms 1 & 2
Week 10 Thursday 11 th December	Year 8 Leaver's Dinner
Week 10 Thursday 11 th & Friday 12 th December	Technology Showcase
Week 10 Friday 12 th December	Prize-Giving at 12.30pm
Week 11 Tuesday 16 th December	End of Term - Close 12.30pm

Website, Facebook & Email link



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

Any announcements e.g. postponements/cancellations/changes will be posted on our Facebook page, and we will also send out a text message.

Okoia School

- Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087980075883>
- Website: - www.okoia.school.nz

School Contact Details

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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.

