



OKOIA SCHOOL

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

Term 3 Week 9 2025

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

The weather over the past couple of weeks has been a real mixed bag, but we've been treated to some beautiful days following the frosts. It's great to be enjoying a bit more daylight as we head into spring. We were especially lucky to have clear skies for our cross-country event and Rippa Rugby sessions. The students all gave it their best on the day, supported by an amazing turnout of whānau. Your encouragement made a real difference—thank you!

School Photos - Friday, 29 August



School photos were taken today **Friday, 29th August**.

Every child and classroom were photographed. Early term 4 you will be emailed directly from **Photo Life** a unique code to access, and you order your child's photos online.

Please note that we don't have any access to the photos and cannot order them for you.

Camp Countdown is On!

Camp is now only a few weeks away and we're excited to offer our students a fantastic experience in Wellington!



Camp payments of \$275 per student must be paid by the beginning of term 4.

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

Get Ready to Grow! Spring Seeds Fundraiser

Get ready to plant some colour this spring!



Order forms for this wonderful variety of vibrant, colourful spring flowers and fresh vegetables must be returned to the office, along with payment (internet banking or cash), by Monday 15th September.

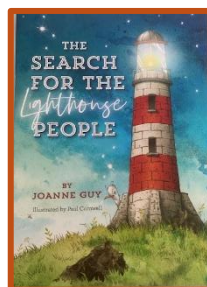
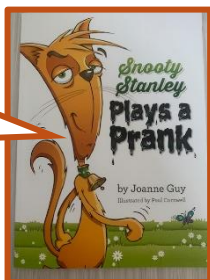
Duffy Role Model Assembly



The students were privileged to have Mrs Jo Guy visit our school and share her life experiences and challenges. Jo introduced us to her three books and the characters within them. Her talk was truly inspirational, showing us how she has overcome such tragic events with strength and resilience.



The Golden Rule!
Treat others
as you would like
to be treated.



If you haven't found
your lighthouse person
yet, keep searching.
You will feel safe and
calm when you are
with them.

Speech Competition:

Congratulations to all our students who presented their speeches this week.

The standard was outstanding - our students delivered incredible speeches that really challenged the judges, making it extremely difficult to separate the winners.



Results:

- Year 5 & 6 - 1st Place: *Lydia Rees*
- Year 7 & 8 - 1st Place: *Charlotte Hamilton & Piper Rees*
2nd Place: *Spencer Rees & Trinity Slade*

A huge congratulations also goes to Charlotte Hamilton and Lydia Rees, who proudly represented Okoia School at the cluster speech competition.

Upcoming trips/occasions/dates to be aware of:

Term 3 Events	
Week 10	Friday 19th September - Last day of Term 3
Term 4 Events	
Week 1	Monday 6 th October - First day of Term 4
Week 2	Monday 13 th to Wednesday 15 th October - Senior Camp
Week 4	Friday 31 st October - Teachers Only Day - Maths PLD
Week 5	Tuesday 4 th November - Cluster Athletics
Week 7	Thursday 20 th November - Tough Kids - Quiet hour. Friday 21 st November - Tough Kids - Yr 3 to Yr 8
Week 8	Big Day out - Date to be set.
Week 10	Thursday 11 st December - Year 8 Leaver's Dinner Friday 12 th December - Prize-Giving 12.30pm
Week 11	Tuesday 16 th December - End of Term - Close 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.

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.

