



Ohaeawai School 2025

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Calendar

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

Pet Day at school - TOMORROW Friday, November 7th:

Come dressed up as an animal to win prizes

8:25am: All animals to be onsite

Room 1 - Small animals

Room 2 - Entries we have made at school

Library - Entries made at home and photos

8.45am: Judging starts

10:30am: Morning tea / sausage sizzle \$3

11am: Grand Parade and large animal prizes

12pm: All animals to be taken home

Okaihau College transition dates: November 13th and November 20th from 11:20 am - 1:20 pm. This is the responsibility of whanau to transport students to this but we can help with organising carpooling if you let us know early.

Save the Date: Year 6 Graduation Dinner, **Monday, December 8th.** This is being held at Northland College this year, as we have employed their catering department to cater the night. More details around costs and payment will be sent home when this is finalised.

End of Year prize giving celebration:

We will be holding our end-of-year prize-giving celebration at school under our canopy DURING THE DAY. Hopefully, by sharing this now, you will have enough time to organise time off work. The date set is **Friday, December 12th, starting at 12 pm Please remember to return trophies from last year!!!!**

Attendance: 59 students achieved 100% attendance for the first three weeks of Term 4. We are noticing more and more students arriving late for school. This can impact on your child's learning and make them feel anxious. Please make every effort to have your child(ren) at school by 8:20 am so they can be part of our morning karakia and so they can hear the important messages shared each day.

School uniforms for 2026: Our board of trustees have decided to go with a mandatory school uniform for 2026. As we advertised, we will have a red tee shirt/sports top, a polo shirt and a sweat shirt you can purchase. It is hoped that black bottoms can be worn. We are happy to offer payment options, including automatic payments to help whānau if necessary. Lauren is also happy to track payments if you wanted to start paying for this a little at a time now.

Year 3s (2026 Year 4s) Chromebook meeting - this meeting is being held on Tuesday, November 18th at 5:30 pm. This meeting is to explain the processes for the purchase of Chromebooks for next year. We look forward to meeting with as many parents as possible. This is also a good opportunity for our new families to find out more about our digital learning environment. We will also send out an email closer to the time as a reminder.

Important dates:

Nov 6th - Navigation Homes picnic table making day celebrations

Nov 7th - Pet Day

Nov 13th & 20th - Year 6 transition days at Okaihau College

November 18th - Chromebook Meeting

Dec 8th - Year 6 Graduation dinner

Dec 12th - End of Year prize giving

Dec 15th - Last day of term 4

2025 Term Dates

Term 1: 30 January – 11 April

Term 2: 28 April – 27 June

Term 3: 14 July – 19 September

Term 4: 6 October – 15 December

Wheels Days: Seniors Tuesday;

Everyone Wednesdays; Juniors Thursdays

Newsletter commonly every 2nd Thursday

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INTERNET BANKING PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL & CLASS ACTIVITIES, OSCAR programme & FUNDRAISING: Ohaeawai School Board - ASB account 12-3097-0205371-00. Use your child's name & activity as reference.

OSCAR: Please remember to send a named hat in with your child for OSCAR, this needs to be kept in their bag until the end of the day. We have started swimming, please NAME your child's togs and towel. Please remember to sign your child out each day and also let the office or Toni/Aimee know if your child will/will not be in OSCAR

Michelle Edwards Principal

TE MOANA Rm 7 Yr 6 Whaea Ann

I can't believe that we're half way through the term already. The class is busy getting ready for pet day tomorrow, when they're not grouped around the incubator avidly watching the chicks hatch. We have 4 chicks so far and another will be out by the end of today.

Swimming has started. We are Thursday afternoons at this stage. Don't forget to bring togs and make sure everything is named!

TE AWA NUI Rm 9 Yrs 4 & 5 Mrs. Atkinson

Week 5 has come around quickly! This week we welcomed Ezra to our class! We have PET DAY on Friday - please keep an eye out on Facebook for a weather call for large animals.

The Waimate Show is on Saturday - Entry Fees - children under 12 are free and adults (13 and older) are \$10.00 - lots of children from Team Awa Nui have entered some artwork. It would be great to see Ohaeawai families there!

Hopefully the weather is lovely and we can enjoy the day. A reminder that for now, we are swimming on a Monday afternoon. We are hoping as the weather warms up that we will swim more regularly in the middle block. PLEASE NAME ALL TOGS AND TOWELS! ALSO! PLEASE NAME SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND JERSEYS!

We are in the middle of testing and reports at the moment. I am pleased with the progress so far! Please feel free to come in and see me anytime to discuss your child's learning or any other concerns you have, my door is always open. My email address is deanna@ohaeawaiprimary.co.nz

TE AWA Rm 1 Yrs 3 & 4 Mrs. Craig & Whaea Kemble

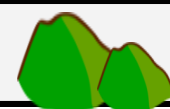
Kia ora whānau ma. Pet Day activities, end of year testing and writing our Term 4 writing samples have kept Team Awa very busy this week. Our tamariki have done well to remember their School Pou amongst the busy timetable. Mrs Craig and I are incredibly proud of the amazing Writing samples our tamariki produced, it was so cool to see our kids using the skills they have learnt this year. They are encouraged to feel PROUD of their efforts! We have Pet Day tomorrow and we are excited to see the animals people bring in.

We look forward to seeing our whānau who visit too.

TE AWA TUATAHI Rm 2 Yrs 2 & 3 Mrs. Clarke

We are halfway through the term already. It is flying by! We enjoyed our first swim this week. It was cold and some kids didn't stay in long, but it was great fun. Thank you for naming your child's clothes and togs. As the weather warms up we will swim on more days.

Tomorrow is Pet Day. I look forward to seeing all the pets and creations the children bring from home. We have been working on a few things in class and the children have enjoyed being creative with their egg carton animals. They have also created some fun new animals by combining the parts of 3 animals together. They have loved this task.

TE MAUNGA Rm 5 & Rm 6 Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Stewart & Mrs. Gardiner & TE MAUNGA ITI Rm 4 NE & Yr 1 Mrs. Stevenson

This week we welcome Rex to our Maunga class.

We are all looking forward to Pet Day tomorrow. We have been busy working on our recycled animals, vaseline saucers, photos and other creations ready for judging.

For maths we have been learning about money, Year 1 - \$1 & \$2, Year 2 - all coins. A focus for lots of children is adding more than two numbers together, eg. $\$1 + \$2 + \$2 = ?$ Also if I give the shop \$5 or \$10 for something that only costs \$4, how much money will they give me back?

Remember that we are a "water only" school and please no lollies in lunch boxes.

Swimming has started for the term. Thank you for the wonderful help of naming all belongings. This really does help with returning clothing to the right person.

Just a reminder about reading logs on the back page of your child's yellow learning journal in bookbags. Please add in the date and book each day, a comment is not always needed only if you would like to add something. Keep up the fantastic daily reading at home!