



Ohaeawai School 2025

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Calendar

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

Welcome to Term four. I hope you all managed to enjoy the holidays with your children. Students all seem eager to be back at school, ready for learning and interacting with their teachers and their friends.

We would like to welcome the following families to our school: Ethan & Sussaine Albert, Koa Hindley

Golf tournament fundraiser - A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported, sponsored, koha'd or helped. We had a great day with a massive turn-out of 31 teams and raised close to \$8000. We want to thank the Kaikohe Golf Club for supporting us and sharing their great venue. The golf club is looking great.

Greats and Grands Day 17th October - At the end of last term, all students created and should have brought home invitations to send out to their grandparents. Please let your class teacher know if you have not seen this. This is always a very special day in our school year. Remember that if your child does not have a grandparent available to come on Friday, they are most welcome to bring along a surrogate "grandparent" person for the morning. The celebrations start at 9 am.

We ask that each family contribute a plate for shared morning tea eg: cakes, biscuits, scones, club sandwiches ect. Homemade old-fashioned treats are preferred.

Save the date: Pet Day at school - November 7th - Please see the attached newsletter to find out the categories your child can enter.

Teachers Only Day: We will be holding a Teachers Only on Friday, October 31st. This will be a day to look at the new refreshed Maths curriculum with other Kaikohe schools. School will be CLOSED to students on this day and our Oscar programme will be CLOSED.

A heads up: NZEI, the teachers and support staff union, will most likely be calling for Strike Action on **Thursday, October 23rd**. Technically, the union only needs to give three days' notice. If a strike is called, Ohaeawai School will be **CLOSED** for instruction as all teaching staff are union members. NZEI Te Riu Roa members are taking industrial action because the Government has failed to provide offers in negotiations that will ensure educators get the resources we need to support tamariki or the pay that will attract and keep quality professionals in our schools. We encourage you to support members and our schools, including by signing our petition calling for the Government to back our future and invest in education. This petition can be found on our school website.

Okaihau College transition dates: November 13th and November 20th from 11:20 am - 1:20 pm. This is the responsibility of whānau 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 costings 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** - If your child received a trophy last year please can these be returned to school ASAP.

Important dates:

Oct 14th - Bot meeting 6 pm
Oct 17th - Greats and Grands
Oct 23rd - NZEI Union strike School closed
Oct 31st - Teacher Only Day
Nov 6th - Navigation Homes picnic table making day celebrations
Nov 7th - Pet Day
Nov 13th & 29th - Year 6 transition days at Okaihau College
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 pro-
gramme & FUNDRAISING: Ohaeawai
School Board - ASB account 12-3097-
0205371-00. Use your child's name &
activity as reference.**

**Reminder to register any four-
year-olds who are planning on
attending Ohaeawai School in
2026 to help us plan for class-
rooms next year.**

Michelle Edwards Principal

TE MOANA Rm 7 Yr 6 Whaea Ann



Welcome back, everyone! I hope you had a restful and sunny holiday break. It's fantastic to be back at school, enjoying the warmer weather and longer days of Term 4. The countdown is on for our special Greats and Grands Day next Friday! We are busy putting the final touches on our preparations and can't wait to share this wonderful morning with our grandparents and great grandparents.

In the classroom, our focus in maths is diving into Measurement, followed by exciting units on Geometry and practical Financial Literacy.

With the temperatures rising, we are eagerly awaiting the opening of the school pool. Once the water is warm enough, we encourage ALL students to pack their togs, towel, and goggles every day so they can participate fully in our daily swimming lessons.

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



Welcome back to our final term! Christmas will be here in no time! In fact, 77 DAYS to be precise! We have a lot of business to cover this term! All curriculum areas will be touched on including PE, Swimming, Arts, Technology! We have Greats and Grands Day next Friday which we are currently in the process of making a special gift for them!

We are focusing on number knowledge this term, also some Geometry, Measurement and Statistics. Please ask your child about these learning areas and help deepen their understanding of these important maths concepts. For literacy we will continue with our reading and spelling as a focus. Asking lots of questions about texts they read is a great way to develop critical thinking skills.

Please come in and see me if you need to!

Have a great weekend!

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



It is great to see everyone back after the holidays. We have heard lots of great stories about all the exciting things they got up to over the holidays.

On Tuesday we had the Duffy Theatre Show. The kids really enjoyed it and there was lots of laughter.

This term is very busy with lots of things happening. Next week is Book Week with our dress up day on Wednesday, Mrs Sarah Mulcahy starts her five week practicum and Greats and Grands Day is on Friday. Every whānau needs to bring a plate of food such as savouries, cakes, slices, for a shared morning tea.

Later on in the term we have our Pet Day. There will be more information coming out about this.

Please keep up the reading and basic facts at home. We will also be starting our testing for the end of the year soon too.

If you have any questions please contact Alicia or Kemble.

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



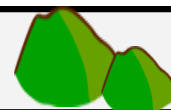
Welcome back to school. It is hard to believe it is Term 4. It is shaping up to be a busy term. This week for maths we have been learning about fractions. Ask your child if they can tell you what a fraction is.

On Tuesday we had a fun visit from the Duffy Theatre. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and laughed so much.

Next Friday is Greats and Grands Day. Hopefully the children have invited someone special to come along. We will have a big shared morning tea. Please send a plate of homemade food for our special guests. If possible - no chips or packets of biscuits. Sandwiches, cakes, slices, scones etc are great. Thank you in advance.

Pet Day is coming up in Week 5. Keep an eye out for notices and information so you have plenty of time to prepare.

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



Welcome back to Term 4! This week we welcome Koa (Maunga Iti) and Susie (Maunga) to our learning team. For the last couple of weeks we have been busy working on our Greats and Grands surprises. We can't wait to meet your whānau next Friday 17th October.

On Tuesday, we had a wonderful Duffy show. They strongly encouraged the importance of reading for enjoyment. It was very entertaining with lots of giggles.

This week staff are celebrating Angel Week. Maunga children are helping out by making special angel deliveries around the school. We are having a lot of fun dressing up to take gifts to different staff in the classrooms.

Thank you whānau for naming clothing. This definitely helps us return belongings.

It is Book Week next week to celebrate the refurbished library. On Wednesday children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or movie character.