

## Term 1, Week 1, 2023

*Tēnā koutou katoa,*

*Kia-ora and welcome back to the start of term 1, 2023.*

*I hope everyone managed to have a pleasant break and that you visited your favourite holiday spot.*

*Welcome to Deb McDonald who joins us on a Thursday and Friday. Its great to have you back on deck.*

### Communication methods:

Please keep up to date by reading our weekly newsletter and viewing our webpage (<https://hail.to/okains-bay-school>) for any significant information. We also have the Skoolloop app which is great for receiving school information along with our school Facebook page.

### Board Strategic planning meeting:

Thank you to Debbie Dawson for facilitating our recent strategic planning workshop on Saturday 28 January. The schools purpose, vision, and values, were reviewed along with environmental factors. Three strategic goals were identified.

The next step is for the Board to review these goals and make any alterations if needed.

### School pool keys are still available!:

*We still have a few pools keys available to those who may wish to use the pool for the next couple of months.*

*The costs of the keys are \$50 for those with akonga at our kura and \$75 for other community members. To obtain a key, email or ring the office.*

[office@okainsbay.school.nz](mailto:office@okainsbay.school.nz) / 033048629)

### Learning Plan

We are currently working through our learning plan. This plan establishes the gold standard for teaching and learning at Okains Bay School for 2023.

*A copy of this plan will be sent home on Friday 17 February.*

*Please take the time for your tamariki to discuss this plan with you as they have crafted this with staff.*

### Have a superb and a safe long weekend, everyone.

Te rangimarie ki a koutou

Colin, Jade, Krystal and Deb

*On Tuesday we visited the local Opara stream and investigated how many creatures lived in the high, middle and low flow areas of the stream.*



## Okains Bay Community news!

### Mana Ake Website and social media

Mana Ake provides support to children in Canterbury, in years 1-8 at school, promoting wellbeing and positive mental health.

They can support children at school and at home and provide advice, guidance and workshops for parents, whānau and teachers.

Mana Ake kaimahi (workers) are employed by one of [12 NGO providers](#) and support schools, families and whānau when children are experiencing issues that impact their wellbeing such as managing emotions, friendships and bullying, parental separation and grief and loss.

**Mana Ake are now active on social media.**

<https://manaake.health.nz/supporting-your-child/>

## Are you after something for tamariki to do this long weekend??

### Make a Creature Mask

with John Harding Weta Workshop Art Director  
design, sculpt, cast a latex mask

akaroa community arts council

4 & 5 February  
10am to 4pm  
for more details  
021 527184  
[www.akaroaarts.co.nz](http://www.akaroaarts.co.nz)

Christchurch City Council

### Upcoming Events

Fri 3 Feb	Carol (RT Lit) visiting.
Mon 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Wed 9 Feb	Toni- Enviroschools stream study
Tues 14 Feb	Barrys bay dump visit (recycling)
Tues 14 Feb	BoT mtg 3:30pm All welcome
Thurs 16 Feb	Principals Mtg in Akaroa
Thurs 23 Feb	Curriculum mtg with Edukate
Fri 24 Feb	Junior Swimming at AAS
Wed 1 Mar	Liam - Canty Cricket here
Fri 3 Mar	Senior Swimming AAS
Tues 7 Mar	BIG DAY OUT!!!
Tues 14 Mar	Duffy Theatre here (1130)
Wed 15 Mar	Curriculum day with Edukate