

Term 4, Week 9, 2022

Tēnā koutou katoa,

This week is the last week of what has been another Covid affected year. Hopefully we are past the worst and now can look ahead to 2023 with much more optimism.

Thank you:

*A humongous **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped out our kura in any way. Being a small school we need as many helping hands as we can get. So thank you to those who have played their part!*

School pool keys are available NOW!!:

Pools keys are available to those who may wish to use the pool during the Christmas holidays.

The costs of the keys are \$50 for those with akonga at our kura and \$75 for other community members.

Pool keys are available from the school office up to and including Friday. If you require a pool key after this date you will need to visit the Okains Bay Camp Ground (ask for Amour) to secure a pool key.

Holiday work around our kura:

Starting Monday 19 December there will be a range of different workers in and around our kura. If you are coming onto the school grounds please be extra vigilant and careful, as there will be diggers and trucks operating.

Staffing for 2023:

We would like to thank Jo Hazeldean for working at our kura for the past few terms as a Learning Assistant. Jo has decided to concentrate on other adventures and will be replaced by Deb McDonald. Thank you Jo for all your hard work!

Start of Term 1, 2023:

Okains Bay School will be starting back on Monday 30 January 2023.

Have a superb and a safe holiday break, everyone. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 30 January 2023!!

Te rangimarie ki a koutou

Colin, Jade, Krystal and Jo

Congratulations to our major award winners at our end of year assembly today. You have all been amazing this year. Akonga and staff have voted and the major award winners are:

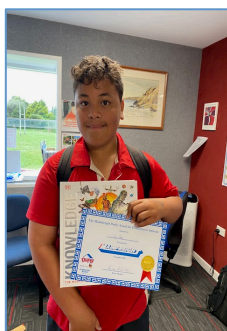
Eke- Achievement- Grace Mills,

Whakamanawa – Confidence- Maikara Wilson,

Ngaki- Effort- Eli Mills,

Manaakitanga- Respect- Savannah Hurst,

Mainfreight Award for Excellence – Ezra Brown.



Okains Bay Community news!

Our 150th celebrations were a huge success and it wouldn't have been possible to create such an event without the help of those in and around the community. Thank you to all of those wonderful people who helped out at our recent 150th celebrations.

A big thank you to:

- * **Nigel Intemann** – the 150th celebrations organiser
 - * **The Okains Bay Museum** for working so closely in with us.
 - * **A Ryan** - for working tirelessly with others to ensure the day was perfect.
 - * **J Pachatz** for ensuring the school/hall looked amazing
 - * **Tira Brown** for doing an amazing job at staging the community hall
 - * **Philipa Hay** and the Christchurch City Council for providing funding for this event.
 - * **Kylie Rochford** and the ASB Team for providing the ASB Marquee
 - * **Keith Molloy** for donating \$500.
 - * **Trev Brownie** for arranging the transport for our event
 - * **Ken Baker** photography for being that amazing photographer.
 - * **Howard Pettigrew** for sourcing the display boards and constructing the 150 booklet.
 - * **Kerry and Judy Thacker** for their kind donation towards our tamariki.
 - * **Ben and The Grand Hotel** – for assisting us with the refreshments
 - * **Deb McDonald** for organizing the fun afternoon treasure hunt.
 - * **Happy Hire** for the hire of the 2 marquees
 - * **Denis Brittenden** for providing the musical entertainment.
 - * **Michael and the Event Hire team** for the bouncy castles
 - * **Canty Country Spit Roast** for providing kai for our event.
 - * **Krystal Thacker** for working tirelessly in the office and having exceptional organizational skills!
 - * **Jade Gardner** for being an exceptional organiser leading up to and on the day.
 - * **Charmaine Bradford** for making the most amazing 150th celebration cake
 - * **Emma Huckstep** for organizing the liquor licence and sourcing the refreshments.
 - * **Bex Pendle** for providing a 150th master class cake.
 - * **Matt and Lesley-** the Vinyl Countdown- for providing entertainment during the night.
- Most of all thank you to everyone who came along and was part of this special occasion.

Upcoming Events

- Thurs 15 Dec End of Year assembly / Afternoon tea /BBQ sausage sizzle.
- Fri 16 Dec Last Day –Funday – Sausage sizzle.
- Mon 19 Dec Septic tank work commences
- Sat 28 Jan BoT Strategic planning mtg
- Mon 30 Jan Okains Bay- First day back Term 1