



Term 1, Week 2, 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I hope everyone had an amazing Waitangi Weekend.

The weather was absolutely superb and the bay was extremely busy. It's great to have a reprieve from the heat and, looking at the long range forecast, we have a week of cooler weather and maybe some much needed rain ahead.

Banks Peninsula Junior Swimming Showcase:

Date : Friday 24 February

Time: 9:30 assemble for a 10:00 start.

The Junior Swimming showcase is scheduled Friday 24 February. This event is a great opportunity for akonga to show their parents and others in the community what they have been working on in the water.

A permission form and further information is attached to this newsletter.

School pool keys are still available!!:

We still have a few pool keys available to those who may wish to use the pool in 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 / 033048629)

150th celebration books:

A number of people have asked for copies of "150th celebration of education in Okains Bay." We have a few spare copies that can be purchased (\$15) from the school office. If you would like a copy, email office@okainsbay.school.nz or ring on 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. We are working on our school values and have created a new school motto for 2023.

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 weekend, everyone.

Te rangimarie ki a koutou

Colin, Jade, Krystal and Deb

LI 33 On Wednesday we visited the beach as part of our Enviroschools litter intelligence survey. It was amazing how little litter we found after the long weekend. I must say that Okains Bay beach must be one of the cleanest beaches in the world!! We even had time for a swim in the lagoon.



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.

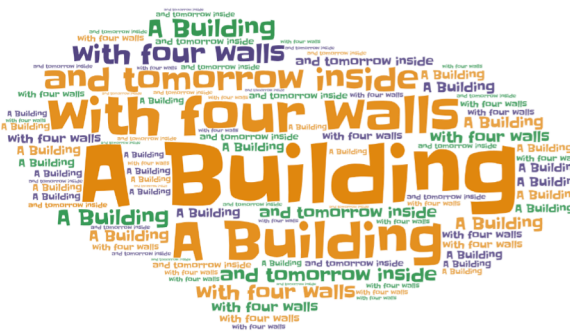
Mana Ake are now active on social media.

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

Akongā recently held a competition to create our school motto for 2023.

Congratulations to Lucas, Darci and Mailani for coming up with this profound statement.

Okains Bay School is **"A building with four walls and tomorrow inside."**



Upcoming Events

Tues 14 Feb	Barrys bay dump visit (recycling)
Tues 14 Feb	BoT mtg 3:30pm All welcome
Tues 21 Feb	Curriculum mtg with Edukate
Thurs 23 Feb	NO TECHNOLOGY
Thurs 23 Feb	Principals Mtg in Akaroa
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 dev with Edukate
Tues 21 Mar	BoT mtg. All welcome