



24-7 IMPACT REPORT

Term One 2026



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24-7 youth mentors

Team

Simon– Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Grace - Tuesday
Renee - Wednesday

Term One Focus

- Connect with Guidance Team and get to know new staff
- Set new routines and effective scheduling with new timetable
- Consistency and intentionality
- Interval activities/sport to reach wider student body

Term Four Outcomes

Mentoring

- Grace - 19 students
- Renee - 13 students
- Simon - 33 students

Brief

With Katie going on maternity leave early in term one this year we have had the privilege of welcoming Grace Bridge to our 24-7 team. Grace worked as a Salt youth worker at Wainui School last year and it was lovely to see some excited year 7 faces when they saw Grace on their first day at Ōrewa College.

It has been a delight for the team to meet and get to know Penny-Laine the new Head of Guidance this term. She along with the rest of the guidance team have been a great support for our youth workers.

We enjoyed attending Monday morning staff meeting and familiarising staff with our work

Reaching out to year 7 and 8 HODs and getting approval for youth workers to join year 7 and 8 classes if/and when they have downtime is a great new initiative for 2026.

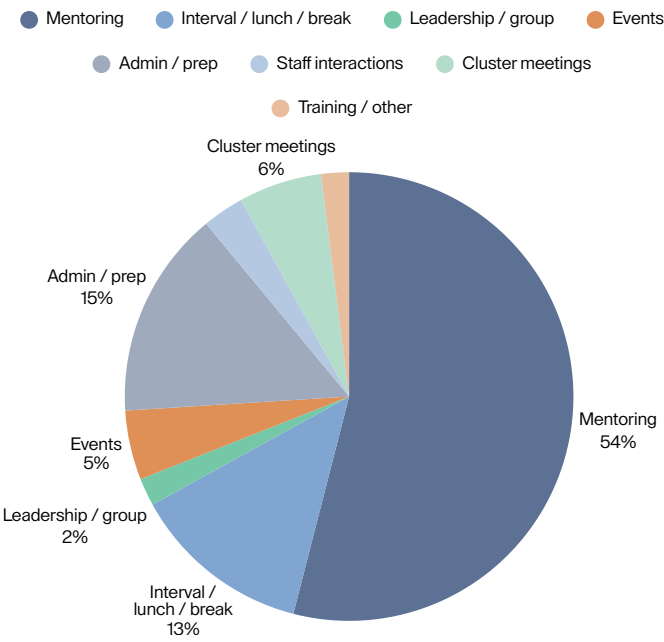


Our team loved being part of the wider school events in term one such as the New Student Pōwhiri/Year 9 Orientation Day and OC House Party.

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Mentor Stats

Youth Worker	Grace	Katie	Renee	Simon
Connections - mentoring	35	24	64	104
Connections - group	134	24	43	238
Connections - event	100	25	65	300
Total	269	73	172	643



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Highlights

I have thoroughly enjoyed connecting with the girls and hearing their stories! It has been beautiful seeing the difference just one session makes with how the girls come for a second session more at ease and aware of the purpose of the meetings. It has been a pleasure to have the girls share their stories and worries with me, so soon after meeting me, and I hope to provide a safe space where they all feel comfortable to be vulnerable.

Another highlight this term has been playing sport with some of the year 8 girls. They have welcomed me in to play netball, volleyball and handball with them. Getting to connect with girls outside of the youth worker room has been a lovely way of growing more connections. I look forward to the opportunity to run a board games club and I hope it will cultivate many more fruitful connections with the students.

This term I met two year seven girls who now come to visit me every interval. On a particularly cold day, I saw they were sitting outside of the youthworker room and invited them inside. We ended up having a wonderful conversation. They now come and hang out with me every morning tea and lunchtime and we continue our conversations. I have loved cultivating this connection with these two girls and that they know they can come and see me every Wednesday and spend intervals with me. I have learned so much about them already and they have assured me that they will keep coming to see me next term. I genuinely enjoy our conversations and look forward to reconnecting with them.

I have really enjoyed connecting with the counselling team this term. It's always a joy to walk into the guidance department and know I will be greeted with their peaceful presence.

A highlight for me this term was helping run the 'slip 'n slide' (alongside the rest of the youthwork/guidance team) for Ōrewa College's annual House Party. It was an awesome day of connecting with students and staff and being able to witness the positive school spirit and joy experienced by students throughout the day.

Another highlight has been connecting with intermediate students through basketball games at interval and being able to encourage really positive sportsmanship and comradery amongst the students.



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Student Stories

Story one

One of the students that I see has dyslexia, and one of the goals he set for himself at the beginning of the term was to get better at reading this year. Towards the end of the term I checked in with him to see how he was going with that goal and he said that he was stoked that he was already achieving it. It's been so awesome to see his confidence grow throughout this term through his perseverance and willingness to keep on trying things even when they are hard to do. I look forward to continuing to see this student grow in his self confidence and achieve his goals.



Story two

It's also been really cool to see another one of my students really thrive in the new Rumaki class so far this year. Last year this student was doubting his ability to learn and do well in class, however this year I have had the privilege of seeing him grow heaps in his self confidence and ability to learn, and his confidence as a leader/role model in his class.

Story three

A lovely moment from this term was my second meeting with a girl that I see. We spent much of the session talking while doing some water colour painting. What was beautiful about it was hearing the student's heart and openness to others. She talked about politics and many other topics that could bring about controversy, but she continually spoke in a way that showed she respects other people's opinions and choices, while maintaining her own views. It was cool to hear her passion for the world and the amazing insights she brings at such a young age. For a middle schooler to be so open-minded and respectful of others is truly beautiful to see.

Story four

A few of my girls have been struggling with friendships this term. It has been cool to see their progress and growth in empathy each time they update me. There is still a long way to go for some of them but I have appreciated being let in on their friendship situations and being a safe person for them to discuss things with. Most of the time I simply listen and offer the occasional piece of advice. The impact that listening alone has is significant. Having someone to talk to about frustrations, annoyances, or grievances allows them to share the load - most of the time they seem to leave the youthworker room looking a little bit lighter.

I have also been able to reconnect with one of my students who left OC but has now returned. I've really appreciated being able to reconnect with her and being updated on her life.

