

Oakura School Junior Newsletter Term 2 2017

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We hope you have had an enjoyable holiday and have managed to get out and about to soak up the marvellous sunshine Taranaki has provided. A great big welcome to all our new families. We look forward to welcoming you to Oakura School and working with you.

Admin

Please remember that school starts at 9am. When children arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am they have time to organise themselves for their day and have some time to play with their friends. It's really important to minimise disruptions during class so would be beneficial if all children could be at school by 8:50am at the latest – thank you. Remember if you are late to sign in at the office.

Term Topics

Our “**Big Idea**” for the term revolves around the concept of ‘**Leisure and Pleasure**’. We will be looking at healthy bodies and practices, and using the local environment for leisure. Developing resilience - manawaroa is our school wide learner profile focus.

Mathematics- geometry, place value (groupings), algebraic patterns, addition and subtraction. Teachers also provide opportunities in programmes to enrich any areas children need further exposure to.

Health – we will be looking at building our self-esteem and developing skills for positive relationships. The Life Education programme will be here in Week 2 to support us in this. Our children will be focussing on developing the skill of resilience.

Physical Education – ball skills (kicking, throwing, striking and catching), Skipping, fitness – 10 minute games.

Music – our music programme will continue with Miss Butt this term.

Kapa haka – weekly sessions on a Wednesday after morning tea.

Upcoming Events

Friday the 5th to Tuesday the 16th of May - Life Education Bus at school.

Junior School Hockey Skills – weekly beginning week 5

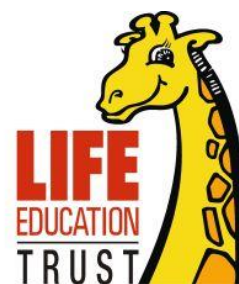
Wednesday the 10th of May - Movement Madness at Omata School

Week 4 - Children’s books or learning samples and conference sheets sent home

Friday 26th May – Marae Visit and hangi

Week 5 – Learning Conferences (except RG)

Week 5 – School Photos



Library

A reminder for your child to bring their books to school on the allocated day.

Rooms 2 and 3 – Wednesdays

Room Gecko and Penguin – Tuesdays

You could support your child in remembering their library day by prompting them the night before so they can organise the return of their books with independence.

Phenomenal Phonics

Thank you to all the parents who have paid their \$5.00 for the special equipment needed for our phonics programme. If you have not already, we would appreciate this payment to be made at the office. Our phonics programme runs daily from 11.10-11.30 (except Wednesday). The children work at their level in one of 5 or 6 groups across the team. Phonics is an important component of our reading and writing programmes. This programme ensures a sequenced and structured approach to learning the essential skills involved in blending and segmenting. If you would like to know any more about the programme please come in and ask your child's teacher or visit https://www.yolandasoryl.com/html/phonics_parents.htm for further information and ideas, or watch her lessons on You Tube <https://www.youtube.com/user/phonicsstraining>



Discovery Time www.discoverytime.co.nz

Discovery time is a student directed, play based learning programme we run throughout the Junior School every Tuesday afternoon. Learning through play is a vital part of every child's development. The focus during play is on the process not the product. Children can test ideas, work through problems, explore social interactions, develop oral language skills and make sense of the world around them. We start the programme each week with a short puppet show that introduces the skills, attitudes and values we would like to reinforce in the session.

This term we will be looking at the key competency of relating to others and building resilience. The focus for the week is chosen from observations made by the teachers in the previous weeks – reflecting the needs and interests of the children.

In the past parents and grandparents have supported the programme by taking science, art, cooking, craft and PE activities. If you are able to help and share a special interest or talent, or come along and facilitate one of the activities already set up, please see your child's teacher. We would love to have you join us on a Tuesday afternoon and share the fun, play and learning that takes place.

Play based learning is also happening throughout times of the day within individual classes. To support us with this we would appreciate any spare parts that could help children in their discoveries ie, cotton reels, pebbles, shells, buttons, small boxes and containers.

You have brains in your head
You have feet in your shoes
YOU CAN STEER YOURSELF
in **ANY** direction you choose

If things Start happening,
Don't worry. Don't stew,
Just go Right along and
You'll start happening too
-Dr. Seuss



Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting So...
get on your way. Dr. Seuss

Parent Help

We are needing some parent help this term to create classroom resources. This will involve laminating, cutting and bagging of items. If you are available in the next few weeks please come in and see Miss Proffit in Room P.

Please call in and see us if you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Anna, Kylee, Helen and Alison