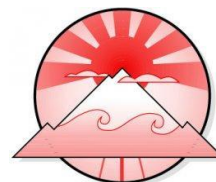


WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Oakura School Junior Newsletter Term 3 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to another busy term at school. The children have arrived back well rested and ready to learn.

Please ensure your child has warm, appropriate **named** clothing and footwear during winter. We are asking children to remove their shoes at the classroom doors this term in order to keep our carpets clean.



This term we are very fortunate to have Lois Amery team teaching with Kylee and Anna in the Gecko and Penguin Rooms five mornings a fortnight. Later in the year Lois will then become the Room 1 guardian teacher. We welcome Lois into our Junior Team and look forward to the great term ahead.



We will also have Michelle Beekman supporting some groups of children within the junior school for literacy – reading, writing and phonics.



Discovery Time

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Matt Peacock who supported us during our last Discovery Time. Matt's building skills were put to use on the carpentry table. This proved to be a hit amongst the students with lots of creative thinking and problem solving taking place.

Are you able to help us?

- Can you come in and share a passion or an interest with a small group of children?
- Would you like to come and work with one of the activities that has already been set up?
- Are you a good with a hammer and would support our budding carpenters on the carpentry table?

If so then we would LOVE to have you join us on a **Friday at 11.15** to share the fun, play and learning. Talk to your child's classroom teacher if this sounds like you.

Reading

Each day our children have the opportunity to experience different approaches to the teaching of reading. The three main approaches are:

Reading to children - picture books and poems, a class chapter book.

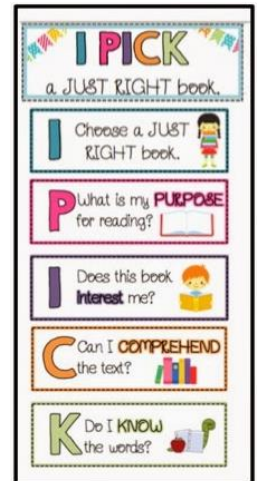
Reading with children - shared book or poem. The children and teacher share the task of reading together.

Reading by the children - guided reading sessions can include readers, poems, songs etc.

Reading support

The books and poems the children bring home to read to you should be easy as they have read them at school. As the children practise reading on known texts they are reinforcing fluent, phrased reading, successful reading strategies and building reading mileage.

Teachers may work with a group of children with one book over a number of days, providing opportunities for multiple readings, in depth understanding of the text and the print concepts involved. This approach of moving the children from a shared approach to a guided reading approach enables the children to read more difficult texts than they may be able to read independently. Sometimes children will choose to bring home a favourite book from their book box several times. These books are at or just below the level of books being taught with by the teacher. The children are encouraged to independently select these books using their 'I Pick' strategies.



Upcoming Events

Week 2 - Hockey Skills

Week 4 – Maths Week

Week 5 – Thursday 24th Aug - Arts Festival show at Spotswood Primary School

Week 10 - Junior Fancy Dress

Term Topics

Our big idea this term is around **traditional tales, nursery rhymes and legends**. We will be exploring these through the visual arts, drama and dance. We will celebrate the end of this unit with a junior school fancy dress. The children are encouraged to dress up as a literature character.

Mathematics – Symmetry, add/sub using money, time and temperature, equal sharing.

Health – Fire Wise, pedestrians and safe recreation.

Physical Education – Hockey skills, kicking and dribbling, fitness (10 minute games).

Kapa haka – whole school on odd weeks
Wednesday 11.10

Timetable changes

This term we have made some changes to our junior timetable. Please note the new changes as below:

Junior Assembly - Fridays (even weeks) 2.30pm

Junior Discovery - Fridays 11.15-12.30

Junior Singing – Rescheduled for Fridays

Rubbish Free Lunchboxes

This term we are promoting rubbish free lunchboxes in conjunction with plastic free July. Each child is allocated a house on their enrolment and they are being awarded points for having a plastic and packet free lunch box. They can reuse plastic bags and containers. As we are an Enviro School this fits with our philosophy of doing what we can to care for our environment by reducing rubbish.

If you have any questions feel free to pop on in and have a chat.

Kind regards,

Anna, Kylee, Helen, Alison and Lois.