

Oakura Year 3&4 Newsletter

Term Three 2017

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you've enjoyed the winter holidays and have managed to get out and enjoy some of the finer days that were on offer.

New Students at Oakura

Oakura welcomes Ellie Richling, Ana Reinders, Jayden Dellow and their families. We hope that you enjoy your time with us at Oakura School.

Stationery Request:

We are half way through the year which means our stationery stocks are running low. Please ask your child if they need any new pens, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, erasers or exercise books.

Thanks in advance.

THIS TERMS TOPICS

Inquiry - 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'

Our inquiry this term is all about 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. Throughout the inquiry children will learn a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. They will learn how to verbalise their feelings confidently and can report times when they feel safe and unsafe.

Classes will be learning about fire safety and will get the opportunity to visit the local fire station.

Written language topics will include information report writing, and instructional writing. We will be linking their inquiry into their writing topics so that children can make links between inquiry and writing for a purpose.

Mathematics topics - At the beginning of the term we will focus on multiplication and division. Once all classes have covered this area we will turn our focus towards fractions. Our strand focus will be on time and temperature this term which will link nicely to learning about fractions.

Please encourage your child to watch their maths videos in their Google Drives.

KEY DATES

Senior Cross Country

Week 6: Tuesday 29th August 2017. 1pm until 3pm at Corbett park.

Anatomy Of The Piano - Taranaki Arts Festival

Week 6: Thursday 31st August 2017 at TSB Showplace.

School Disco

Week 9: Friday 22nd September 5.30 -8.30pm.

READING FOCUS

Reading will be focused around our inquiry topic 'Keeping Ourselves Safe'. Children will be exposed to texts focused on safety, e.g. fire safety. We will also teach reciprocal reading strategies with an emphasis on key words, research skills and presentation. Children will be reading for meaning and presenting their findings in small groups.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOCUS

It is an exciting term for health and physical education. We have a packed curriculum starting off with hockey skills then moving into soccer skills. We are very fortunate to be the only syndicate participating with soccer skills this year.

Term 3 is our cross country term. We will be training for cross country every day and would appreciate all children wearing appropriate shoes, e.g. trainers.

Cross Country is scheduled for:

Tuesday 29th August 2017 - 1pm until 3pm at Corbett park.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue in Term 3 with a weekly homework sheet sent home on a Monday which needs to be returned to school on Friday. Just a reminder that we are trying to encourage children to self manage their homework and take responsibility for completing their homework tasks to a high standard. Please encourage children to bring their homework book to school on Friday so that they can work independently on their learning goals.

BYOD/MATHS VIDEOS

We are now in Term 3 and all children are becoming more confident/competent in using technology in the classroom. Children are able to access their Google Drives, make new documents, write stories in their own accounts, create Google Slides and much more. We are now at the point where children are creating and sharing their learning with their teachers, peers and at home. Please ask your child to show you their Google Drive so that they can share their learning with you.

Maths Videos/Flipped Classroom Lessons:

All maths teachers have been sharing maths videos that model/teach a new strategy that the children are learning in class. Maths Flipped Classroom Lessons are accessed through Google drives - Mail/shared with me. These videos are great for learning their new strategy. A reminder that there will not always be a new strategy every week. It is important we don't move too quickly through the strategies. The students need the chance to consolidate and feel confident.

We are looking forward to a great term and welcome and appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards

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