



Term One 2018-Class Newsletter

Terrific, Tremendous, Talented Tūī

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Tūī and an exciting new year with a really great bunch of kids. Hopefully you all had a happy, relaxing, enjoyable vacation. I sure did.

Tūī is a Year 3/4 class. Kiwi is our 'Buddy Class' and we will do a weekly activity with them. We start the year with 11 boys and 11 girls. They are a happy, positive bunch of kids and we have had a good start to the term. A special welcome to Shae and Ryder.

Our focus for the first two weeks is 'Getting to Know You'. The overriding concept for the term is *Relationships*. This focus will be integrated with all curriculum areas. We are learning about each other, our school and community and developing a strong 'Team Tūī'.

Otakiri School is also continuing to implement P.B.4.L. (Positive Behaviour for Learning) throughout the school. Each class has a new rewards system whereby the children can earn tokens which go towards special wristbands and a certificate when their token card is filled up. Our acronym for this is L.E.A.D.

Learn with Purpose

Engage with Kindness

Act with Respect

Dare to Dream

Term One is 'Hat Term'. Please ensure that your child has a **named** Otakiri blue slouch hat and also a **named** water bottle. Clothing also needs to be named please. Also, please apply sunblock to your child before school and ensure that they are covered up as the sun is particularly fierce this year. No tank tops or strappy dresses. Tops must have T-shirt style sleeves. We are a Sunsmart School.

Children will bring home a reading book daily and spelling words weekly. Library Day is Friday. Mathletics and Reading Eggs passwords will also go home, glued into their Homework books, so that your child may access these programmes at home.

Home readers and library books must go home in Book Bags so that the books are protected. If home readers are not returned the next morning, your child will be unable to take new books home. If your child fails to regularly return library books or loses them, they will not be allowed to take library books home, although they will still be able to issue books but will have to keep them in their desk.

The children will have daily guided reading with a book at their reading level. Writing also occurs daily, with a focus on The Wetlands closer to camp.

We have started Maths with a 'Maths About Me' activity sheet and some problem solving activities. Our Maths focus is Statistics, Number Knowledge and Measurement.

P.E. will consist of a variety of fitness activities and summer ball games for P.E. Swimming begins in Week 8.

Student Council Elections will occur this term. Many children have expressed interest in trying out for the Tūi Student Councillor position. A note with all the information you and your child need to know will come home later this term.

All children need to bring their lunch in a '**named**' lunch box in order to keep food fresh. Uneaten food is sent home to show parents and caregivers exactly what your child has eaten during the day.

We are on camp in Week 7 so please keep an eye open for newsletters closer to the time.

We have a busy term ahead of us filled with "Rich and Real" activities. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions.

Regards-Jacqui Graham Teacher, A.K.A. Head Tui, Miss G.

