



Kiwi Class Newsletter

Term 2 2018



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2. We are having a great start to the term, with all children keen to learn and have fun. We will be welcoming Payton, Emily, Sam and Alexandra to Kiwi Room and Otakiri School over the coming weeks.

The Otakiri Way - Learners Forever. LEADing the Future

Kiwi children will continue to work on our school wide expectations which are:

- **Learn with Purpose** - Be a self-manager; Have a growth mindset; Collaborate and learn with others
- **Engage with Kindness** - Use kind words and actions; Be empathetic; Support others
- **Act with Respect** - Respect myself; Respect others; Respect our environment
- **Dare to Dream** - Believe in yourself; Set goals and plan steps for success; Take risks

Each week we will focus on one skill that will help us to become positive leaders for now and in the future.


Homework Your child will bring home a reader most nights and their Homework book every night. In their Homework books you will find a Reading Log, High Frequency words, Essential Spelling Lists 1 to 3, poems, card games to practise Number and a hundreds board to count patterns. Please try to practise any of these as often as possible. For everyone who has internet please endeavour to have your child work on Reading Eggs and/or Mathletics as part of their homework. Your child's login and passwords are on the front inside cover of their Homework book. Please ensure that your child has their Reading bag every day and that all books are returned to school daily. Encourage your child to be responsible for their Reading bag at home as it is part of being a self-manager and therefore shows responsibility for their learning.

Library Our Library day is Friday. Your child's library books need to be transported to and from home in their book bag, as these are of good quality and will protect all books from minor spillages that may occur in the school bag. In addition to using our school library, Kawerau and Whakatane also have excellent libraries and I encourage you to join your child, to further benefit them from the wonderful selection of children's storybooks available. It is so important for your child's progress in Reading that you read to your child daily.

Lunch At lunch times the children are encouraged to eat their sandwiches, buns, wraps and/or pita bread first, followed by fruit and lastly by their treat food. Treat foods tend to come in packets. If your child frequently has this type of food please teach them how to open their packets independently. If they have yoghurt or dairy food, please supply either a spoon or a plastic spoon in their lunch box.

Management Release and Learning Assistants Every Wednesday morning I have release. My release this term is covered by Whaea Poihaere Knight. Mrs Julie Cook will continue to work with Kiwi children on a part-time basis and Miss Margaret Hamilton will also work in Kiwi during our Literacy block.




Units of Work Our main focus this term is Astronomy and developing the 'Otakiri Way'. We will make strong links to 'Relationships' within these contexts. We are starting with the Sun and how this influences our daily lives. Our main focus is the science behind astronomy but it will be blended into all curriculum areas. 

Our Writing focuses on what makes a good writer. We will be using report writing, recounts and retell to practise our writing skills. We are learning to put spaces between words, use High Frequency word cards, stretching words and listening for letter sounds, using a capital letter to start a sentence and for names and putting a full stop at the end of a sentence.

Maths this term focuses on Patterns. This includes number patterns to 10 and 20, patterns with time and with geometric shapes.

Our Visual Arts focus is Māori patterning and its use to interpret stories and nature.

For P.E. we are training for cross country. The Otakiri School Cross Country will be held in Week 4 and all parents and caregivers are encouraged to come and support their child. Winter sport games will also be part of our P.E. focus. 

Toys Please, no toys are to be brought to school. These tend to cause problems and lost bits can waste valuable time. Instead encourage your child to bring along a news item which they can share with the class. This could be a special book, photo or object to show. Once they have shared their news then the item either goes on my desk until home time or back into their bag. 

Clothing Please ensure that your child's clothing is named. This saves a lot of time when we find the odd bit of clothing left lying around. The lost property bin is in the carport and items still there at the end of each term are donated to charity.

If you have any queries, please feel free to come and see me. I am tied up in meetings before school on a Monday and Friday and after school on a Tuesday and some Wednesdays; all other times I am available to chat.

Wishing you all a cosy Autumn and Winter!

Kind Regards,



Eraina Attwood

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