



Terrific, Tremendous, Talented Tui
Class Newsletter-Term 3 Week 1

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. Judging from the Holiday Collages that your children have made, you obviously have all had a fun, relaxing holiday. Thank you for taking the time to help your child collect their holiday momentos. Your support is much appreciated. The children will share their collages with the class as part of Oral Language. They will be displayed for all to enjoy.

Tui would like to welcome Aaron Gavin to our class. He comes to us from Onerahi School in Whangarei. We know you will enjoy Otakiri School.

For Inquiry we will continue to focus on Scientific Relationships using Astronomy. Tui have enjoyed finding out about the planets and space and are creating some very interesting slideshows on their chosen topic. Thank you again for supporting your child with research at home.

For Reading Tui are reading and presenting plays to the class. It has been very entertaining and a really valuable way to develop expression, phrasing and self-confidence. It is pleasing to hear how big brothers or sisters are helping out by reading other parts. Home readers will continue to come home daily. Please ensure that your child has their book bag to protect reading and library books.

A new list of the Essential Spelling Words has been stapled into your child's Homework book. You will be able to see the words that they can spell correctly and the ones they need to learn. I have also included a weekly Maths activity sheet after requests from parents.

Our Writing Focus for the beginning of Term 3 is Narrative Writing where we will have an opportunity to use our imaginations and 'spice up' our writing by adding detail and description.

For Maths are learning to read and tell time; using different strategies to solve number problems; Place Value and giving and following and giving simple directions.

We are practising and using soccer, rugby, netball and hockey Winter ball skills for P.E. The children are working in their Houses. This is a good way to get to know who is in your House and to build up House Spirit. We are waiting with great anticipation for the hall to be reopened after renovations to the Supper Room, so that we can use it for Jump Jam. This activity is a fun way to get fit and develop co-ordination.

To support our Te Reo program we have been reading Matariki legends and stories and watching Matariki videos. We have learnt that Matariki is a time for sharing, talking and being with whanau. Our Matariki Community night on Friday 3rd, August is a chance for us to put this into practise. I hope many of our Tui whanau are able to come and celebrate with us.

As you know, we are not having calves for Agricultural Day this year due to the Micro Bovis. If your child would like to raise a lamb, Michelle is taking names at the office to put on a waiting list. If you would like a kid (goat), please see me and I will try and source some.

Tui continue to 'Step Up' and '**Dare to Dream**'. I am very proud of Ellie, Nate, Myla-J, Kieran, Connor, Ryder, Cooper, Zach and Kayden who represented Otakiri at Manawahe Cross Country and to Ellie and Myla-J who went on to represent at Eastern Bay Cross Country at Opotiki. Well Done

Looking forward to a term filled with Rich, Real and Relevant experiences.

Regards-Miss G. Head Tui.

