

Kākāpō - Term 1 Newsletter

"Our Best Always"

"Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tātou mahi

Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work."

Nau mai, haere mai ki te rūma o Kākāpō, 2020

Welcome to Kākāpō classroom's first Newsletter for 2020. My name is Verbena McCauley-Walker and this is my first year at Otakiri School. I have enjoyed getting to know your child and for them to get to know me also.

We have been working on what it feels like, looks like to be a valued member of Kākāpō classroom culture based upon "The Otakiri Way"

L - Learn with purpose

E - Engage with Kindness

A - Act with Respect

D - Dare to Dream

I look forward to working alongside your child this year as their learning journey continues at Otakiri School.

Learning to Learn Inquiry

We are learning to explore and demonstrate an understanding Of "The Otakiri Way" LEAD Expectations in a range of contexts. It has been great unpacking the students understanding of what they believe a LEAD student should be.

Literacy

We are learning to write about ME through researching our Whakapapa (family tree), Pepeha (introduction) so we can share confidently with our peers. We will also review what we know about ANZAC and the Treaty of Waitangi.

Mathematics

We will be learning to review, build and extend our basic fact and number knowledge.

It would be fabulous if your child can review their times tables facts as this will definitely help them transition this knowledge division and fractions.



Nau mai haere mai ki te whanau ō

(Welcome the family of)

D'Atagnian and Taimana

Physical Education

We are learning to participate 100% in our daily fitness with enthusiasm.

Our goal this term is to improve our catching, throwing with accuracy.

We will begin swimming in Week 8.



Sporting Events:

Top School – Sunday 21st March, 2020

We are in the process of trialling and selecting students to represent Otakiri School at the annual Top School event that will be held at Awakeri School. We will be entering two teams, a Year 5 & 6 team and a Year 7 & 8 team. We can only select 5 boys and 5 girls in for each team. It is a popular sporting event that will challenge your child but is also rewarding. We are looking at their fitness, perseverance, stamina and most importantly, working as a team. Good luck to all the students who will be trialling for TOP SCHOOL!

Library Time!

Our library day is 11 am to 12 pm every Wednesday

Blended Learning – ICT Devices / Stationary

In our class we will be using both the chrome book devices and bookwork.

We have been using the Google slides app to publish your child's work and also to share their work to their peers. The **Seesaw** app is described as a student-driven digital portfolio.

Seesaw empowers students of any age to create, reflect, collaborate and share. It allows for family members to use the **Seesaw** app to keep up to date with their child's learning, and easily communicate between school and home. I will be sending further information home in order for you to follow and comment on your child's learning journey this year.

Stationery

Thank you for purchasing your child's stationery promptly. One of our goals for this year is to improve penmanship and presentation of bookwork.

I look forward to working alongside your child and whanau this year. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to see me or email me for an appointment.

Ngā mihi koutou katoa, nāku noa Whaea Verbena McCauley-Walker