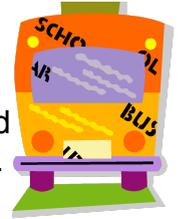


Term 3 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3. During Term 2 we welcomed Huntah Edwards to our class and farewelled Tamara Te Rangi, Rejoyce Ombi-On, Adijah Edwards and Ezra Jorgensen. I will continue to take Reading Discovery students from 9am-10.30am this term.

Mrs Richmond will be teaching in the class at that time. She will teach the Handwriting and Writing components of the Literacy curriculum. Whaea Sharon will teach in the class when I have release for my SENCo (Special Education Needs Co-ordinator) role usually on a Friday. Margaret Hamilton, Whaea Liga and Whaea Katie will be our Learning Assistants supporting the children with their learning daily.



Homework: Reading: Your child will have a book to read every night (Mon - Thurs) – this may well be a familiar book that they have read before. Please talk to your child about the story, ask them questions, ask them to retell the story, discuss the characters, see if they can sequence the events in the story, all very important skills that are part of the reading process. Reading is not just about reading the words but making sense of what we read. Sometimes they may have a poem to read instead of a book.

Spelling: Your child will have 5 words to learn each week. See their Homework book for their testing day. Please don't just learn the current words but go over previous words. Part of assessing whether a child is ready for the next level is if they are able to use the words correctly in their written work and can read them in text. Spelling lists are in the back of the Homework Book.

Mathletics & Reading Eggs: All children will have their Reading Eggs passwords and Mathletics passwords, Study Ladder passwords glued into their homework books. If you are having trouble please let me know so we can sort it out. Children should spend some time each night completing tasks on either Mathletics or Reading Eggs (alternate nights maybe).

Please make sure that all Homework books and readers are returned to school every day in a journal bag.

Library: Library books must be taken home in a library bag. Our Library day will be Wednesday. Children may also change books during their lunch hour if they wish.

Term 3 Overview:

- Our theme for the term is Culture - The Marae, Matariki, Mana Potential, Collaboration
- Visual Arts focus will be creating koru designs
- In Writing we will focus on recount and report writing and look at using full stops and capital letters correctly, using correct spelling for Essential Spelling List words and making our writing interesting for an audience
- PE will include Skipping skills and cross country running
- Maths will include Addition, Subtraction, Measurement - Time, Fractions
- Reading Eggs will be a part of our learning as an activity in class



General Reminders:

Please refer to the Otakiri School Parent Handbook (copy available from the office or online) regarding the school dress code i.e. no jewellery or make up (including nail polish), t-shirts with sleeves etc. Personal toys at school are not encouraged and will be the child's responsibility. It is suggested that if they do bring toys to show then they sit on the teacher's table till bedtime for safe keeping.

If you have any questions/problems please contact either of us as soon as possible as it is much easier to sort when fresh in mind. Do talk to your child about the importance of alerting staff to issues as they happen so they can be dealt with quickly.

Vera Pawson and Heather Richmond Kōkako Class Teachers

Learn with Purpose Engage with Kindness Act with Respect Dare to Dream