

Ruru 2020

NEWSLETTER Term 3, 2020



Kia ora e te whānau, a very warm welcome back to you all this term!

We have been full on already in the first two weeks, with a field trip to Iramoko Marae and another to Manawahe Eco Trust as well as the associated learning opportunities back here in Ruru. It has been great to see the students so keen and enthusiastic to get back into their learning journeys here at Otakiri School! Term 3 will continue to bring many opportunities for the students to make those deeper connections with the significant events, environment and wider community and develop a greater sense of what it means to be from Otakiri School.

Other opportunities that are coming up include a range of sporting activities such as EBOP Rippa Rugby module, EBOP 7s as well as the exciting E-Pro 8 Technology Challenge taking place later on in the term for the students who put their names down.

Our key themes for Ruru during Term 3 are;

- **Making the most of our opportunities** - *Thinking, what can I get out of this opportunity? How can I use this opportunity to help me push forward in my learning and towards my goals? Am I making the most of every opportunity that comes my way?*
- **Using the people and tools available** - *Participating and contributing to group and whole class discussions, relating to others eg. supporting our classmates in their learning journeys, we are all on the same waka, if one of us succeeds, we all succeed! Finally, managing ourselves to ensure we are seeking support and guidance when we need it.*

Learning in Ruru, Term 3, 2020

New Zealand Wars and Place Based focus

- *Inquiry/Social Studies/Literacy/Art/Mathematics Integration*

As mentioned on Seesaw, Ruru will be exploring the New Zealand Land Wars as well as digging deeper into our local environment and community, throughout Term 3. Our focus will be around deepening our understanding of the timeline of the Wars and unpacking some of the key figures and significant events prior to, and following the signing of Te tiriti o Waitangi in 1840. This will provide the students with a range of learning opportunities in Mathematics (Statistics), Reading and Writing, Research skills, Social Sciences eg. Understanding Actions and consequences of these on groups and communities as well as finding the connections back to us here at Otakiri School. I am hoping we can make it back out to Iramoko Marae for an overnight stay to deepen these connections and understanding of the NZ Wars on our area and all of Aotearoa. We will also return to Manawahe Eco Trust to continue to strengthen our relationship with them and our local environment.

Google Classroom, Seesaw and Mathletics will still be used as online tools to support these learning opportunities.

Science, Technology and Passion Projects

Based on the student voice survey at the end of Term 2, one common theme was that the students wanted one thing... MORE SCIENCE!! Ask and you shall receive!

Ruru will be looking at a range of Science concepts throughout Term 2, this will include one theory session and one practical session per week. To make the learning even more meaningful, the students will then pass on what they have learned to their younger buddies in Takahē during our Tuakana/Teina time on Tuesday afternoons. The practical sessions will combine with some technology challenges/experiments to give the concepts a more hands on experience and allow students to see the concepts in action.

Passion Projects will also continue however these are to be revamped to ensure all students are working through a process and making their projects more meaningful to them. To again reiterate, these Passion Projects are not free time, they are opportunities for students to work on a project based around their passions, interests and skills. A class project will also continue which will be designing and creating Pou that will be based on our school Pepeha and associated legends.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns, queries or just want to catch up about anything, either through email matt@otakiri.school.nz, calling the school, Seesaw message or coming to see me face to face!

Ngā mihi kia a koutou!

Mr Brown

Mauri Mahi, Mauri ora!- *Do the mahi, Get the treats*

