



Kārearea Newsletter

Term 1 2021



Greetings and Welcome

Kia Ora parents/whanau/caregivers,

Welcome to Karearea Class for Term 1. It is great to be back at school after spending a very relaxing and refreshing holiday with whanau, friends and enjoying the surf at Ohope Beach. Hope you were also able to spend some quality time enjoying your whanau, special places and people.

Kārearea, the winner of the 2019 Bird of the Year, is a very brave, versatile and unique species. We will consider these characteristics as learners in Kārearea this year. By practising the **LEAD** Expectations (**L**earning with **P**urpose, **E**ngaging with **k**indness, **A**cting with **R**espect, **D**are to **D**ream) and the principles of **Mana Potential**, Kārearea class will be an exciting and respectful learning environment.

New students: We welcome two new students; Yusif and Niamh to our class and look forward to sharing our learning and friendship with them.

Learning Assistant: To support students in their Literacy and Numeracy Programmes we are very fortunate to have Miss Gibbons as our Learning Assistant.

Teaching and learning:

We are learning to work together and self-direct our learning by:

- ❑ Developing success criteria together to complete tasks successfully (**Key Competencies-Thinking & Relating to others**)
- ❑ Reflecting and self-assessing our learning; thinking about the 'Next Steps' for our learning; being able to talk about our learning (**Key Competency-Thinking**)
- ❑ Working independently, with a buddy or in small groups to share learning (**Key Competency-Participating and contributing**)
- ❑ Focusing on Thinking skills, problem solving and Inquiry (**Key Competencies-Thinking, Relating to others & Using language, symbols and texts**)
- ❑ Understanding what self-directed learning is and using self-directed learning skills to **Learn with Purpose** (**Key Competency-Managing Self**)

Inquiry learning: This term Gold Team Inquiry Unit is:

Ko Au, Ko Takū Tūrangawaewae, Me and My Place

Students will understand that:

- Identity is a combination of many things that can change over time
- Knowing who we are helps us show self awareness in what we do

Te Reo: Every Thursday we are privileged to have Waiata and Kapa Haka with Matua Murray. We will join Tui class every Thursday from 9:45-10:30am.



Numeracy

- Number knowledge - Basic Facts. Fractions, Place Value
- Addition and subtraction
- Collaborative problem solving
- Measurement & Statistics

During the term we will conference with students to monitor their Mathletics progress. As a guide, students need to have completed 50% of their Mathletics course by the end of Term 2 if they want to complete their Mathletics course by the end of the year.



Literacy

In Writing this term we will be writing and reading for a range of purposes across the Curriculum. The children will be identifying their next steps from their writing and will use their Writing Pathways to set Writing goals. It is essential they read every day for a variety of purposes: Personal reading, Inquiry related reading and Guided Reading which requires them to respond to what they have read during Literacy Circle discussions or in Writing. Reading

Eggspress is again being funded by the BOT this year. Within this programme there is a wide range of books, Spelling, English and Grammar activities for students to enjoy.

Did you know...

15 minutes per day of independent reading can expose students to more than 1 Million words of text in one year!

Anderson, Wilson & Fielding 1988

The research shows, that the benefits of regular reading, improve performance in: general knowledge, vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling.

If you can support your child at home to read that would be really helpful for their ongoing progress. Our library day is **Tuesday**. Please make sure your child has a journal bag to carry their library books in.



P.E/Sport. Due to very hot weather we will be doing our fitness in the morning Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Those wishing to trial for the Year 5 and 6 Top School Team will train with Mr Brown and Mr Ballantyne. Year 4 students plus those not wishing to trial for the Top School Team will be participating in games with Whaea Sharon and myself. A newsletter about the Top School Cheerleading Team will be sent out shortly. Class swimming will begin in Week 7 on the 24th of March. Other sporting events we have this Term are

- EBOP Triathlon - Thursday 18th February PP date Tuesday 23rd of February (Memorial Park Opotiki)
- EBOP Touch - Thursday 25th February PP date Tuesday 2nd of March (Rex Morpeth Park)
- EBOP Softball - Thursday 1st April - PP Tuesday 6th of April (Rex Morpeth Park)
- Inter-school Touch - Thursday 15th April
- EBOP Swimming Champs - This will need to be discussed further with the Principals of the Rangitaiki Cluster due to the Rangitaiki Swimming sports being cancelled this year.
- Information about Saturday Netball will be sent out after I attend Whakatane Netball AGM this Wednesday the 10th February.

Class Trip to Manawahe Eco Trust:

On the **Wednesday 17th of February** we will be visiting the Manawahe Ecological Community Centre 1913 Manawahe Road to be introduced to the biodiversity that exists within it. The programme is from 9-2:00pm. There is no cost but we are wanting to travel by private vehicles. If you are able to spare a few hours of your precious time and can help with transport we would greatly appreciate it! Please indicate on the permission form attached.

Home Learning

Children will have Essential Spelling List/ personal words from their written work that they need to practise and learn. Reading/Reading Eggspress, Mathletics, completing classwork. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and queries. I welcome your ideas and feedback. You can contact me on anthea@otakiri.school.nz and Seesaw.

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