



Kōkako Term 4 Newsletter

October 2021



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

I trust you have all had a refreshing break. The Kōkako habitat is now finished so all the Kōkako chicks and the adult Kōkako are now back in their own room. We look forward to being able to use our new deck space.

Mrs Jensen (Melissa) and Whaea Liga will continue to be our Learning Assistants supporting the children with their learning daily. We will also have Whaea Jess working in the class again this term to support a student. Mrs Smith aka Miss D will work in the class on a Wednesday afternoon while I have release time.

Homework Reminder: 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: Students will have 5 words to learn each week. 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 & Seesaw: All children will have their Reading Eggs, Mathletics & Seesaw passwords/QR codes. These are glued into the back of the Homework book. Children should spend some time each night completing tasks on either Mathletics or Reading Eggs (alternate nights maybe). If you are having trouble please let me know so we can sort it out.

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 Friday.

Term 4 Overview:

- Our theme for the term is 'Connections' and we will inquire into our connection with the environment (Science and Technology) with a focus on plants, composting and cleaning up our environment
- 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 1- 4 words and making our writing interesting for an audience
- PE will focus on then athletic skills of run jump throw in preparation for our Athletics day
- Maths will include Addition, Subtraction, Temperature and Probability
- Te Reo we will be learning about Ngā Kau (Numbers) Te Huarere (weather) Ngā Tae (Colours)
- Reading Eggs, Mathletics & Seesaw will be a part of our learning as an activity in class

General Reminders:

Please remember to send book bags to school each day with their homework books and their reader.

Remember that this term all children need to wear their school hat when outside. Please name your child's hat.

If you have any questions/problems please contact me 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. You can contact me at vera@otakiri.school.nz or leave a message at the office.

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