

Kakapo's Term 4 Newsletter 2021

Kia ora Whanau, Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the final busy term of 2021 with the Kākāpō Kids.

This is a Summer term so it will be important that children have a drink bottle to stay hydrated and they must also have their blue school hat each day. Please name your children's clothing so if it is taken off and left around the school it can be returned easily. Last term our lost property containers were overflowing with unclaimed items.

A real highlight for us to look forward to is our EOTC adventure to Turangi during the first week in December with Ruru class. Many thanks to everyone who supported the Monster grocery raffle with donations - it's still not too late to send items along. Please return sold raffle stubs and money to the school office before 29th October. The raffle winner is due to be drawn on this date.

On a personal note, my thanks to you all for your wonderful support for the Kākāpō Kids this year. I am always humbled by the aroha, care and commitment you have for your child and their learning. It takes a village to raise a child and I appreciate being a small part of that journey.

Ma te huruhuru ka rere manu

Given the feathers the bird flies

We focus on being **LEAD** kids at Otakiri - we give **OUR BEST ALWAYS** and we;

- **L**earn with Purpose
- **E**ngage with Kindness
- **A**ct with Respect and,
- **D**are to Dream



PB4L NEWS: Over the first few weeks of this term our class will be focusing on **Engage with Kindness** and **Act with Respect**, two of our 4 LEAD Expectations. We will be looking at **negative stereotypes** and how they can impact on our perceptions and relationships with others.

On Mondays when the rest of the class is at Tech. Year 6 students will be working on a Self-Esteem unit - "What makes me Special".

As part of this unit a sealed envelope will come home with this class newsletter. It's a form for parents/caregivers to complete for their child (without the child seeing it) before returning it to school in the sealed envelope by Friday 29th October. Your child will be opening your envelope at the culmination of the learning to read your responses.

LEARNING

In Maths we're focusing first on Statistics - gathering and interpreting data, then moving into Measurement - using measures, perimeter and area, volume and angles.

In Literacy we are continuing with Book Club during reading sessions, working with others who are reading the same novel to share our knowledge and understanding.

We are continuing to use our Writing Pathway to set personal goals for our writing with a focus on providing clear self and peer feedback on our writing.

During the early part of this term our sports focus is Athletics in preparation for Gold Team Athletics on Friday 5th November.

Students all have access to Reading Eggspress, Epic and Mathletics for home learning.

ASSESSMENT - Term 4, 2020

Throughout Weeks 3-4, Kakapo will be completing end of year standardised assessments.

These are a snapshot of how student learning is developing, and are one of the many tools used to assist me with Learning Conversation report writing. Tests in themselves do not define who the students are or their learning achievements. All I am asking is that they give everything their best shot.

TERM FOCUS

Our Inquiry focus this term . . .

Exploration

Using the Material World section of the NZ Science Curriculum

Students will;

- * Appreciate that science is a way of explaining the world and that science knowledge changes over time
- * Group materials in different ways, based on the observations and measurements of the characteristics chemical and physical properties of a range of different materials
- * compare chemical and physical changes



We'll be completing lots of kitchen chemistry experiments, and having plenty of fun along the way.

CHEMISTRY!

CANDOO ART

For those students who indicated an interest in attending these Art extension classes, they will be continuing this term on Tuesday afternoons.

KAPA HAKA

Kapa Haka returns this term, and our session is on a Thursday morning with our buddy class, Takahe.



A HEADS UP . . .

Days and dates to remember:

LIBRARY

Our library time is on **THURSDAY**.

Mondays - Year 7 students to Tech. classes

Friday 22.10.21 - building and mural blessing with Kiri Allen

Thursday 21.10.21 - Otakiri AG Day

Tuesday 26.10.21 - Tough Guy and Gal

Tuesday 26.10.21 - Group Day

Friday 5.11.21 - Gold Team Athletics Day

Monday 15.11.21 - Rangitaiki Cluster Athletics

Friday 19.11.21 - Teacher-only Day

Tuesday 30.11.21 - Be Bright Magician Show

1-3.12.21 - Ruru and Kakapo Camp - Turangi

Thursday 9.12.21 - Learning Conversations

Monday 13.12.21 - Learning Conversations

Wednesday 15.12.21 - Final School assembly

CONTACTING ME

- ◇ You are welcome to contact me before and after school in person
- ◇ You can phone the school office **3048101** and leave a message.
- ◇ Contact me by email sharon@otakiri.school.nz
- ◇ Contact me through our class Seesaw

Nga Mihi Nui

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