

Ruru 2021 Class Newsletter-

Term 4, 2021



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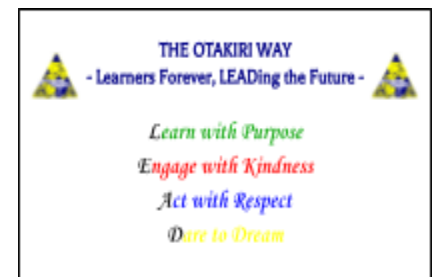
Wow, Term 4! A huge mihi to you all for supporting our Ruru tamariki to make it to this stage of the year. It has been an interesting year so far with many challenges that we have had to overcome, although many of these have been out of our control. We have been able to control continuing to move forward and make the most of the year. Again, a big thank you to you all!

As the quote above says, my kaupapa for the term is to continue to encourage every student to be the best version of themselves, in every situation or opportunity to ensure they are making the absolute most of a very busy Term 4! This all comes down to the choices that they make both in the classroom and outside of it. I strongly believe that every student has unlimited potential to achieve great things in their lives and I will be 110% supporting every Ruru student to continue to push themselves and strive for their best!

Teaching and Learning

We are learning to collaborate and be self-directed by...

- Working in a range of learning contexts; *individually, in small groups and as a whole class*. **Participating and Contributing**
- Making the most of every opportunity that comes our way. **Managing Self/ Learning with Purpose**
- Pushing ourselves to work hard to achieve our goals. **Managing Self/Daring to Dream**
- Develop our thinking and problem solving skills by working together and helping each other achieve goals. **Thinking**
- Showing respect, empathy and support for ourselves and others. **Relating to others/Engaging with Kindness**



YEAR 7-8 TECHNOLOGY @ EDGE CUMBE COLLEGE BEGINS MONDAY 18th OCTOBER

Curriculum Learning- Term 4 Concept: Exploration

Throughout Term 4, the main concept we will be looking into is Exploration. This will include more in depth exploration of some scientific concepts such as the Physical World (Forces, electricity, sound, heat) and the Material World (Chemical and Physical properties and changes). This will create many learning opportunities for the students to explore these concepts in Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Technology and the Arts.

We will also be exploring some of the early history and changes that have occurred in the National Park and Turangi areas as a part of some inquiry prior to going to camp in Week 7 as well as the students going to Edgecumbe College for Year 7-8 Technology every Monday and our PreP mahi will continue. More information about PreP will be sent home early in Term 4.



Ruru will also be exploring a trial of Education Perfect (EP) as our online e-learning tool. EP allows greater support and online learning opportunities for the students in a wider range of curriculum subjects and the students will provide feedback around the quality and benefit to them. Their feedback will help me to make the decision on whether this is used in our Year 7-8 program moving forward.

Kapa Haka will also be starting from Thursday 21st October with Whaea Keita which is exciting for the tamariki!

If there are any queries or concerns, please continue to contact me through SeeSaw, through my email matt@otakiri.school.nz or come into school. I am always happy to make time for a chat!

Ngā mihi Koutou,

Mr Brown

KEY DATES AND EVENTS- TERM 4, 2021

- **Year 7-8 Technology** @ Edgecumbe College- Begins Monday 18th October (Week 1)
- **Otakiri School AG Day**- Thursday 21st October (Week 1)
- **Kapa Haka begins**- Thursday 21st October (Week 1)
- **Labour Day**- Monday 25th October (Week 2)
- **Group Day**- Awakeri School- Tuesday 26th October (Week 2)
- **Junior Tough Guy and Gal- Rotorua**- Tuesday 26th October (Week 2)
- **Senior Athletics Day**- Friday 5th November (Week 3) *Postponement- Tuesday 9th November (Week 4)*
- **End of Year assessments begin**- Week 4
- **Rangitaiki Cluster Athletics**- Monday 15th November (Week 5) *Postponement Monday 22nd November (Week 6)*
- **Teacher Only Day** - Friday 19th November (Week 5)
- **Ruru/Kakapo camp- Turangi**- Wednesday 1st December-Friday 3rd December (Week 7)
- **Learning Conversations**- Thursday 9th December 12.30-5.30pm and Monday 13th December 3.15-7pm
- **Year 8 Celebration day and dinner**- Date TBC
- **Last Day of 2021**- Wednesday 15th December- Final assembly 10.30-12pm