

# Takahē Newsletter

## Term 4 2022



Wow! What a year this has been.

This term will be 9 weeks. As it is a Summer term children must have an Otakiri School blue bucket hat to wear each day in the playground. If they don't they will be asked to play on the playground under the marble tree. It will also be important for children to bring in their named water bottles so that they can stay hydrated during the day.

As always please name all clothing that is coming to school so that it can be quickly returned to your child if left in the playground. If you find that your child is missing some clothing please check the Lost Property box. There are lots of clothes there that would love to be reunited with their owners.

Takahē students will continue to become LEADers at school, through the development of our PB4L, Mana and LEAD programs. They will be developing their ability to Learn with Purpose, Engage with Kindness, Act with Respect and Dare to Dream. This term we will be looking at setting goals around our learning and continuing to develop positive behaviour with Respect and Kindness.



Many students this term will be earning the last few tokens on their click cards and will be awarded with their pens and for those who have shown LEAD in all areas will get their LEAD certificates.



This term for Maths we are focusing on fractions, reading fractions and finding the fraction of a shape or set. Probability, the chance of an event occurring. Position and orientation and Number strategies, including

counting on and back from any number within 1000 to solve problems. Developing speed and accuracy when solving subtraction facts and finding the missing numbers to complete number sentences. We will also look at fractions, position and probability.

Please remember that on Monday to Thursday nights your child will have a reader or a Journal book to read. Reading with your child each day not only helps them to develop reading and thinking skills but also helps with developing their vocabulary, spelling and writing skills. Please take the time to let your child read to you and to read to your child.



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thoughts.

For Writing Takahē children will be developing their ability to independently write many sentences daily on personal ideas, things they have been learning about and letters. It is easier for your child to do their writing when they have many words that they can instantly spell. Helping your child to learn their spelling words each week (which are in their Homework books and have also been posted on their account on Seesaw) can greatly improve their confidence and ability to write with independence.



This term for P.E., we will be having fun improving health and building fitness and stamina as we do different activities during our fitness circuits.

We will also be developing our skills and speed when running, throwing and jumping as we train for our Athletics sports day which is scheduled for Wednesday the 1st of December. More information about this will come out closer to the time.



On Friday mornings we have Waiata and Jump Jam with Blue Team and Library time. Library books will be issued and returned on Fridays. Children can be issued with up to two library books which can come back to school at any stage during the following week. Books must be returned if children wish to get new books out.

If you find any Otakiri  
Readers or Library books  
at home please return  
them to the school.



I have an open door policy, if you wish to see me feel free to drop in before or after school for a quick chat, or call the school to make an appointment. You can also contact me by email at [maria@otakiri.school.nz](mailto:maria@otakiri.school.nz) or through messages on Seesaw.

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