



Otakiri School

Karearea Term 2 Newsletter

Monday 18th May 2025

Kia ora parents, whanau and caregivers,

It's great to be back at school after spending a very relaxing and refreshing term break with whanau, and friends and enjoying the beach at Papamoa & Mount Maunganui.

Camp Adventures

We had a fantastic time at camp! It was wonderful to see students stepping out of their comfort zones and giving new activities a go. From team challenges to outdoor adventures, everyone embraced the experience with enthusiasm. A fun and memorable time was had by all!

LEAD Expectations

We're gearing up for another exciting and busy term of learning and achievement and guiding us through this process will be our **LEAD** Expectations (**L**earning with **P**urpose, **E**ngaging with kindness, **A**cting with Respect, **D**are to Dream).

Inquiry Learning – Bottle Rocket Challenge

In Inquiry, students are diving into the exciting *Bottle Rocket Challenge*. Students are learning to think like engineers and scientists as they design, test, and refine their own water rockets. This project also introduces them to Newton's Laws of Motion and the key principles of how rockets fly—a fun and educational hands-on experience!



Cross Country

Karearea class will be training most afternoons for the cross country in Weeks 1-5. Please ensure that students wear appropriate active wear this term. The cross country will take place on Wednesday, 28th from 12.30pm-3pm.

Mathematics Focus

Students will continue working through their PR1ME Maths booklets this term. To support their learning at home, they are encouraged to complete assigned tasks on Math Pro and Mathletics. Your support makes a big difference!

Literacy

In Literacy, we will focus on poetry, explanation writing and fictional narratives. We will write in different styles of poetry culminating in a shared Poetry Slam for our class, where we'll share poetry and make our own class poetry book. In explanation writing, we'll explain the process of creating our bottle rockets. In narrative writing, we will explore themes and use a story mountain to pace our narrative. During Reading, we'll be focusing on inference and exploring language in our Reading groups. Reading at home is very beneficial for your child too. Aim for 20-30 minutes per night!

Thanks for your continuing support. If you need to contact me, feel free at simon@otakiri.school.nz.

Kind Regards,

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