



Kōkako Pānui

Term 1 : 2025

Kia ora whanau o Kōkako,
greetings to the families of Kōkako.

I would like to begin by saying how wonderful it is to be back with your children for Term 1, 2025.

We are going to be learning some amazing things this term and this newsletter will provide you with an overview of what this will look like.

Topic - Jurassic Period This term we will be looking at the Jurassic Period and fossils. We will be learning about what this period of history looked like and what it could have felt like to live in this period.

Blue Team Sports - Swimming will be held this term and will start in Week 6. Each child is encouraged to swim on each swimming day. We will leave each day over this time to the Kawerau Pools and then return back to School. We will also have a Swimming Display later on in the term and the date will be shared with you once it has been finalised.



Country Fair - This term the School will be holding our Country Fair. This will be held on

Friday the 14th of February. Please see the activities on the notice board at the front of the school. If you can donate some of your time to support activities that would be very helpful. This is going

to be a great opportunity to be part of the community and enjoy an evening out with your family and friends. Please watch our School Facebook page for more information about this wonderful event.



Writing - This term we will continue to work on learning how to write a descriptive Report about an animal, bird and Jurassic creature.

Reading - Our class will continue to work with the structured literacy program BSLA. Some of you may remember this in Kiwi and Takahē. The BSLA program is now provided for Years 3-4 and therefore our class will be working with this program. In addition, your child will continue to read a Guided Reader from Monday to Thursday each week. If you would like to know more about the BSLA program please check out the following link:

<https://www.betterstartapproach.com/>



Structured Maths - NZ now has a renewed Maths School Curriculum. Therefore this term we will be working on Number Structure.

Mindfulness - Pause, Breathe, Smile. Our School will be implementing this Mindfulness into our daily program. This is a great program that will equip tamariki with skills to self-regulate their emotions and navigate the ups and downs of everyday life.

Can each child please bring a small cushion for your child to sit on during this time. It will be kept in class and it will be returned at the end of the year.

If you would like to know more about this program and its benefits please check out the link

<https://pausebreathesmile.nz/about-us/>

LEAD - Learning with Purpose, Engaging with Kindness, Acting with Respect and Daring to Dream.

We will be working with Korimako this term and focusing on **Daring to Dream**.

Home Learning - Kōkako will have Home Learning from Monday to Thursday each week. Home Learning is about supporting the learning that is happening in our classroom. **NOTE:** If your child has sports or other after school activities such as music lessons on any of these days, then sport and other activities are considered to take priority over their Home Learning.



Summer is still here and we are required to wear our Blue School Hats in Term 1. Each child has a named pocket to keep their hat in our classroom. If your child does not have a hat then these can be purchased from the School office. If your child does not use a school hat then they must play in the shade around the Marble Tree.

New Bell Times - Just a reminder that School now starts at 8.45am sharp and ends at 2.45pm.

Bus Pick Ups - If your child goes on the 1st bus they meet under the bus shelter at that time for roll call. If your child is on the 2nd bus then they will leave their bags under the bus shelter and play on the playground until the bell rings for roll call.

Collecting your child - If you are collecting your child you are now asked to collect them from the front of the school. Each class will be walked to the front of the school and we ask that you come into the school to collect your child from the front of the school. This is to ensure that everyone is kept safe in our carpark during this very busy time. Children will not be allowed to walk out of the gates to your car, you must come in to collect your child. Teachers will wait with children at the front of the school until their class is collected.

Stationary - When you have received your stationary can you please send it to school as a pack and I will name each item for your child. If you would like to drop it off into our class can you please put it on the Blue table at the front of our class.



Communication - If you have any questions about your child's learning please do not hesitate to contact me either via email or face to face.

The first point of contact is always with myself. My email address is emma@otakiri.school.nz

Naku Noa / Thank you for your time, Whaea Emma.