



Korimako- Term Two 2024- Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a fun, relaxing time with your families. It was great to have some lovely, sunny weather at the beginning of the holidays, before 'it turned to custard'.

We continue to incorporate our **L.E.A.D.** values across the curriculum, encouraging our children to demonstrate these values and 'Walk the Talk'.

L.E.A.D. stands for -

Learn with Purpose,
Engage with Kindness,
Act with Respect,
Dare to Dream

Critical Thinking across the Curriculum is ongoing with a focus on thinking, managing ourselves, participating, contributing and relating to others. Also, understanding that we are responsible for what we do and say; we are in control of our actions.

For our main Inquiry we will continue to focus on 'Being our Best Self', self-directed student inquiry and teacher guided inquiry. Other areas to inquire about will be A.N.Z.A.C. and Matariki. It will include geography, history and ancestry. This will be incorporated into our Writing and Art.

Our Maths has started with rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and then 100. This is followed by addition and subtraction to 1000, word problems and multiplication.

Daily readers will continue to go home each night. In your child's Homework book you will find a list of spelling words to be learnt at home. Library day is Friday although your child can go to the library any day to get books. Please make sure your child is using their journal bag to transport their books to and from school to protect the books.

Our Māori unit for this term revolves around 'Kai', learning and using familiar food vocabulary and using some words and phrases associated with celebrations. This is quite relevant as we lead up to Matariki. We continue to use simple greetings, commands, count and name colours in Māori to support our Te Reo programme. We will also be reading myths and legends and creating art, with a Māori theme, as we near Matariki. Blue Team Kapa Haka is on Thursday afternoon.

We continue to have Mandarin lessons, every Thursday, with a new teacher, Whaea Luna. I am amazed at how quickly the children are picking up phrases in Mandarin.

For P.E. We will be running daily, for fitness and stamina, as a lead up to our school cross country. It would be a good idea for your child to have a pair of shorts to change into as we will be running through the paddocks behind the school and it can be quite muddy. Otakiri School Cross Country is Wednesday 28th, May. More information will be posted on the school app, Facebook and a Cross Country newsletter.

A notice has been posted on the school Facebook page with upcoming sporting events:

*Friday 23rd, May. 1.30p.m.-2.00p.m. Colour Fun Run. 2.00p.m. Mr G is getting slimed.

*Otakiri Cross Country-Wednesday 28th, May. Otakiri School.

*Girl's Future Ferns Years 3-8 Rugby- Thursday 29th, May. Rugby Park, Whakatane.

*Rangitaiki Cluster Cross Country 8-12 year olds that qualify through school event-Thursday 5th, June. Manawahe Road.

*E.B.O.P. Cross Country 8-12 year olds that qualify at Woodlands School, Opotiki.

*E.B.O.P. Gymnastics Years 1-8 Friday 13th, June. Whakatane.

*B.O.P. Cross Country 8-12 year olds that qualify through E.B.O.P. event Tuesday 24th, June. Waipuna Park, Welcome Bay.

It is great to see 'Korimako Kids' intending to play rugby, hockey, netball and soccer this term. I am intending to catch a game or two. Keep Daring to Dream.

Kokako and Korimako will be going to Pikowai on June 12th to plant spinifex. We will need parent help for transport and planting. More information to come.

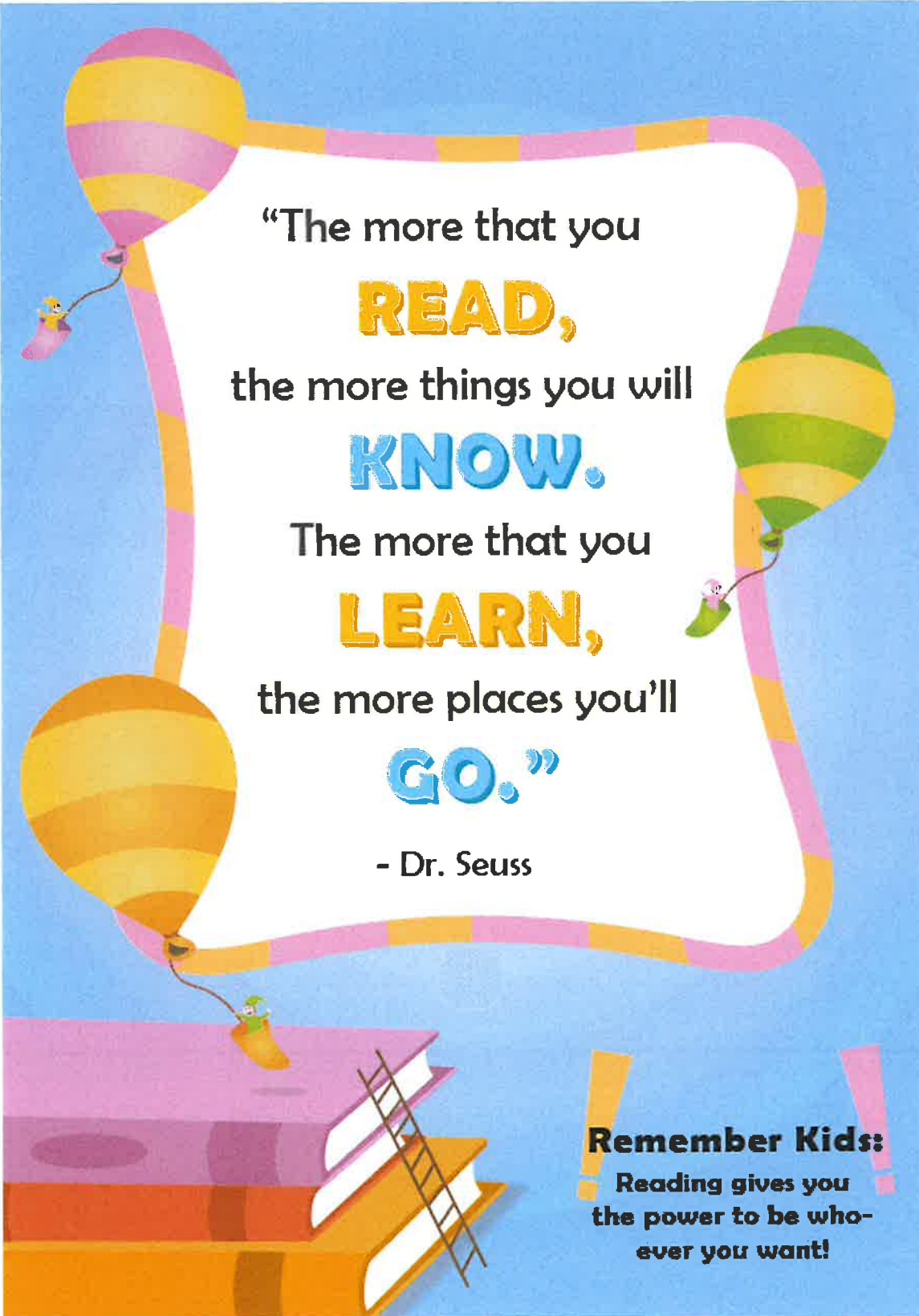
Korimako Kids will experience a variety of arts and crafts using a variety of media such as pastel, water colour paints and dye. I can already see that we have some very good artists in the class. We will focus on a piece of work for our Calendar Art.

We have a Discovery Table in our classroom so if you or your child have anything interesting that you would like to share with the class it would be much appreciated. Sharing 'treasures' with the class is a great way to promote self-confidence in speaking in front of the class and helps to develop Oral Language which is so important in all aspects of school life.

All children need to bring their lunch in a named lunch box in order to keep food fresh. Uneaten food is sent home to show parents and caregivers exactly what your child has eaten during the day. You may also wish to provide a named water bottle for your child to have access to in the classroom.

All teachers continue to escort their class to the front of the school to be collected by their parents/caregivers. If you need to pick up your child earlier feel free to pick them up from class after you have signed them out at the office. If you are going to be late picking up your child please let Michelle know; you will find them playing around the back of the school or in Pouakai on wet days.

We have a busy term ahead of us filled with "Rich and Real" activities. Please feel free to contact me any time at jacqui@otakiri.school.nz if you have any questions or just pop in for a visit. Regards-Miss G.



“The more that you
READ,
the more things you will
KNOW.
The more that you
LEARN,
the more places you’ll
GO.”

- Dr. Seuss

Remember Kids:

Reading gives you
the power to be who-
ever you want!