

POUĀKAI CLASS NEWSLETTER - TERM 2, 2025

Kia ora Whānau,

Welcome to Term 2, 2025! We've had an excellent start to the term, and we're excited to have 39 keen learners in our class. Their energy and enthusiasm is fantastic, and we're looking forward to an engaging and productive term ahead.



Our Focus for Term 2: "Flight"

This term, our Gold Team theme is Flight. We'll be exploring the question "What is flight?" and investigating the science behind how different things achieve flight. From airplanes and birds to helicopters and hot air balloons, students will engage in hands-on learning and experiments to better understand the science of flight. It is going to be an exciting and fun inquiry!

Class Timetable and Updates

Monday - Technology Lessons

Every Monday this term, the students will be off to Technology lessons, and Whaea Catherine and I will be on release for planning and preparation.

Tuesday to Friday - Teaching Days

We will be teaching Tuesday to Friday, focusing on:

- Small group teaching in Reading, Writing, and PR1ME Maths up until lunchtime.
- In the afternoons, students will work on spelling, vocabulary and handwriting.

Due to Monday being Pouakai's day for technology, Friday is now a normal teaching day for us both. We'll continue our lessons with the same focus on small group teaching and independent learning, ensuring a productive end to the week.

Key Events and Dates for Term 2

Cross Country: Wednesday 28th May.

The Cross Country event is coming up! Students will participate in this energetic event and showcase their running skills. We're excited to see everyone get involved and have fun. Come prepared for training runs on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

School Colour Run: Friday 23rd May

We have 12 students in our class that created a profile so far to help fundraise for our school. It is not too late to jump online and help the school out. See the information that came home last week for more information, or ask Whaea Catherine. A huge thank you to everyone who has

contributed to our school fundraiser! We are excited to announce that we exceeded our target and raised over \$7,000, which means our goal was reached, and Mr. G is getting slimed!

School Camp - Term 3 Week 2 - July 22nd to July 25th

Our school camp will be held at 2 Whakapapa Ski Lodges from 22nd July to 25th July. More details and permission slips will be sent home in the coming weeks. It's going to be an unforgettable experience, and we're looking forward to it!

Whātua te Waiora:

We are very lucky this term to have Whaea Suze from Saint John working with our students on the Whātua Te Waiora program. They will learn valuable life skills and learn how to help themselves have a positive attitude and positive mindset.

This term, we will continue focusing on our LEAD values and encouraging a growth mindset. We believe that every student has the potential to succeed, overcome challenges and continue growing in their learning.

Our School LEAD Expectations:

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

Staying in Touch

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you'd like to discuss anything, please feel free to get in touch with us:

- Whaea Catherine: catherine@otakiri.school.nz
- Matua Niwha: niwha@otakiri.school.nz

Our Pouākai door is always open - we encourage whānau to come in, see your child's mahi and be part of their learning journey!

Ngā mihi nui,

Catherine Thomas and Niwha Irwin



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