



**OTAKIRI
SCHOOL**

Term 2, 2025

Kia Ora **Tūi Class** whanau, what a start to Term 2! Camp was an incredible experience for our tamariki with so many highlights and memorable moments. A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Mrs. Meyer had 4 lovely days in Tui class last week. I am sure the children shared their learning with you from this interesting week. She was very pleased with the class and the progress they are making.

Term 1 was fabulous and Term 2 is shaping up to be just as full on! Please continue to check your child's bag for reading journals and notices.



Cross Country will be taking place this term so children will need to be prepared to practise running daily. If your child is unable to take part in physical activities please send a note otherwise they are expected to participate. The school event will be on **Wednesday 28nd May**. Please name all clothing, lost property is piling up!

On **Fridays** we visit the school **Library** to select books for class and home reading. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible, at least 30 minutes a day at home is advised.

In class we have been and will continue to focus on Literacy (**Writing/Reading**) and **Mathematics**. The majority of our class time daily is spent on these 3 areas. We have small groups based on ability and we also have mixed ability groups working together and focusing on progressing skills, knowledge and understanding in these areas. We also integrate Te Reo Māori, Science and Thinking Skills into all our lessons.

I have been encouraging students to work independently and collaboratively, and it's pleasing to see their improvement. Most children are developing their L.E.A.D values very well. Tino pai! So good to see students learn together and encourage each other.

Thank you to the families who have helped their child at home with Reading, Maths and Spelling. Research shows that when whanau are interested in what their child is learning or helping them with challenging work, the rate of progress is much higher than normal.

I look forward to catching up with whanau later this term where we can discuss your child's progress in class. More information about this closer to the time.

Nga mihi

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