



Oakura School Junior Newsletter Term 4 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back after the holidays. We have an exciting term ahead and look forward to seeing the learning in action. A BIG thank you to all of you for helping make the school production a huge success. We are very grateful for all those who helped with student supervision, costuming and make up. Everyone looked fantastic, we were very proud of the children.



Situations Vacant

Do you have a spare hour in the week and some energy and enthusiasm to engage with our wonderful children?

Who: Parents who are able to come in and help with our Discovery Time

When: Friday from 11.10-12.40

Where: The Oakura Junior School

Remuneration: Joy from the delightful interactions and connections with great children.

Satisfaction from helping our children follow their passions.

Pleasure in seeing children's smiles.

Priceless!

Classroom Support:

We are also looking for some parent help within our junior rooms to support the classroom teacher during reading and/or writing times.

Please see your child's teacher if you or a friend may be able to help with either of these.

Dates to remember

Week 1 (and 2)	Calendar Art on display in classes. Orders taken – see school app.
Week 2	Puanga Festival Labour Day
Week 4	Tabloid Sports with Omata Junior Disco
Week 6	Junior Cross Country
Week 8	Reports go out
TBC	Marae Day
TBC	School Fun Run
Week 10	Last day of school 18 th 12pm

Term Topics

Our big idea this term is around space – planet earth and beyond. The children will be investigating and making discoveries about space through the **science**, **technology** and **arts** curriculum.

Mathematics – Number knowledge: groupings, measurement: mass, volume and capacity, fractions, geometry: movement and position, statistics: interpreting data and probability.

Health & Physical Education – PMP (The Perceptual Motor Programme), school cross country, tabloid sports day, cricket skills, and athletics.

Other Term 4 Information



Let's Go

Just a reminder that Oakura School is a Let's Go school. Let's Go is an initiative that was established in New Plymouth by the District Council to encourage children to lead active and healthy lifestyles and to reduce road traffic. Oakura School encourages children to walk, bike, scooter, park and walk, or bus to school when they can. This will also help reduce the amount of road traffic up and down Donnelly Street. We also ask that you please take some time to educate your children on road safety to ensure they are kept safe, this includes; sneaky driveways, pedestrian crossings and road sense.

Sunhats, drink bottles, sun block

We are a Sun Smart School and all children must have a named black or red school sunhat to wear every day during term 4. These hats can be bought from the office for \$7. No caps please. Remember to apply sun block to your child at home in the morning and make sure children have a named drink bottle every day.



Bell Times

Please remember that school starts at **9am**. All children should arrive **no later than 8:50** so they have time to get organised for the day. In the morning the main road crossing is patrolled from 8.30am with volunteer parents, it is preferable that children use the crossing at these times to ensure their safety.

The end of the school day is a busy time with packing up classrooms and getting bags ready to go home. Distractions outside the classrooms can often hinder this process and children can lose focus. We ask that parents be aware of this while waiting outside classrooms at bell time. A bell is rung at **3.15pm** and it is expected that children will be taken home at this time. At the moment we are focussing on safe play in the playground area and are asking the children not to be playing running games and tag on the playground, and we would appreciate your support with this.

Toys

We ask that all toys and personal sports equipment remain at home to avoid any disappointment from damage or loss.

Discovery

We are on the search for the following items to assist us in our Discovery Time. If you have any of these could you please bring them into your child's classroom teacher. Many thanks.

- Thin pieces of wood for the wood work bench
- Nails – small and thin
- Plastic milk bottle lids
- Cotton reels, corks
- Buttons
- Pine cones
- Fabric, wool, ribbon, elastic
- Boxes – empty cereal/food cartons etc.
- Pipes – guttering, drainage etc.
- Bubble wrap
- Shells (clean)
- Little rocks/pebbles
- Construction materials



Kind regards,

Anna, Kylee, Helen, Thais and Lois.