



# Oakura Year 3&4 Newsletter

## Term One 2019

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome back! We hope you have enjoyed spending quality time with your families these holidays. This year our team is made up of:

**Room 4** - Year 3 and 4 with Mrs Renee Nightingale.

**Room 5** - Year 3 and 4 with Miss Mikayla Barrett.

**Room Kauri** - Year 3 and 4 with Miss Janine Williamson. (Team Leader of Year 3/4)

#### New Students at Oakura:

Oakura welcomes Theo Fisher and Samantha Sera and their families. We hope that you enjoy your time with us at Oakura School.

#### Morning Talk/News Items:

Due to children with allergies; It is important that all teachers are informed a day prior to bringing in any:

- plants
- animals
- or germ related science projects

We thank you in advance for your careful consideration.

### THIS TERM'S INQUIRY

**Inquiry - Big Idea** is investigating "The hero in me, the hero in you!" Throughout this inquiry we will focus on how we can be a hero and heroes in our community. We will also be looking closely at the Treaty of Waitangi and what this means to us, the history of the Treaty and what connections we can make to our identity, family and where we come from. The children will learn and present their Mihi/Pepeha in preparation for the marae visit.

**Written language topics** will include writing recounts of our holidays and some of the fabulous school experiences this term including the beach clean up and marae visit.

**Mathematics topics** - At the beginning of the term we will

focus on **statistics** then move onto **place value** and **number knowledge** (ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, forward and backward counting, decimals at the higher levels), then moving on to **addition and subtraction** towards the end of term.

**PE**- We will be swimming most days for 6-8 weeks dependent on the weather and finishing off the term with ball skills.

#### Te Ao Māori

Our syndicate will be focusing on preparation for our school marae visit. We will teach marae protocol as well as how to present our own pepeha with confidence. Pepeha is a way of introducing yourself in Māori. It tells a story of the places and people you are connected to.

### KEY DATES

#### Wednesday 6th February 2019

Waitangi Day - No School

#### Tuesday 12th February 2019

Meet the Teacher - 5.45pm

#### Monday 11th March 2019

Taranaki Anniversary - No School

#### To Be Confirmed

School Marae Day

Beach Clean Up Day

Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming Sports

## SWIMMING

Each class has a swimming lesson timetabled most days for the first eight weeks of this term. Teachers are following the Swim Safe programme which develops water confidence, basic stroke development, and water safety. Please ensure that your child brings their togs and a named towel every day. We ask all students to wear a bathing cap to avoid hair blockages in the filters and the spread of head lice. Swim caps are available at the school office in the colours of the school houses.

## HOME LEARNING

We are trying to develop a love of learning and self-motivation in our students. We see home learning as a way of developing the partnership between home and school and encourage you to put aside some time each night to share in your child's learning. They will bring home some spelling, reading, maths and inquiry related tasks which support what they are doing in class. Please sign your child's book each week and feel free to come and see your child's teacher if you have any queries. If they are unable to complete their homework for any reason a note in their homework book would be appreciated.

*Home learning starts at the beginning of week 3.*

## REMINDER - SUNSMART

As we are an accredited "Sunsmart School" we have a school obligation to see all children wearing the school black or red bucket pōtae (hats) during our summer terms ie. Terms 1&4. Our policy is that any child not wearing a pōtae will spend their playtimes under the shade. While the school provides sunblock in each room, we would like to see each child bringing their own sunblock and have put this on the stationery list. Thank you for your support.

## BYOD/BLOGS

We will be updating our blogs regularly as part of our learning and see them as a great way of opening up more communication between home and school. We would like to see most students using our blogs as a resource for their learning and would love you to use it as a window into our classes, so please visit them regularly and contribute if you can. They can be accessed through our school home page at [www.oakura.school.nz](http://www.oakura.school.nz)

All children will have their own Google Drive accounts where they can share their learning with family. It's a great way to celebrate learning and make a strong connection between school and home. Our syndicate would appreciate parent support with children bringing their own device (BYOD). Please encourage technology as a tool in the classroom and at home.

We are looking forward to a great 2019 and welcome and appreciate your support. Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Janine, Mikayla and Renee

## MUSIC WITH SAM

This term our syndicate will have the opportunity to learn beat, rhythm, body percussion and confidence in Sam's music lessons. The children get to create their own music and share their music in a team assembly closer to the end of Term 1. This is a great opportunity for our tamariki to express themselves in a

musical way and show their strengths in the arts.



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