

Momona te Whānau Pānui (newsletter)

(JUNIOR TEAM YEARS 0-3)



Tēnā koutou e te whānau,

Welcome back to the new school term. We welcome Lois Amery who will be working in the Gecko Room whilst Ulla is on sick leave. Lois is a highly valued and experienced Junior teacher and we really appreciate her support during this time. Please pop in and say hello.

Important dates

Thursday 27th & Friday 28th April
- Scooter skills

5th - 16th May - Life Education
bus at kura

Friday 11th May - School photos

Monday 5th June - King's birthday

Wednesday 14th June - Puanga
breakfast (Fri pp)

Monday 19th June - Open
afternoon

**Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd
June** - Learning conferences

Friday 30th June - Last day Term 2

Starting and ending the day

Please remember that school **starts at 9am**. Ākonga (students) should arrive between 8:30 and 8:50 so they have time to organise themselves for their day and have some time to play inside with their friends. The junior playground is out of bounds before school, so tamariki must play inside with their classmates for this short time.

In order to get settled for the day, we will be ringing a bell at approximately 8:50am which will be a signal for the children to pack up what they are doing, say goodbye and to come down to the mat ready for some mindfulness and breathing.

Children should not be arriving earlier than 8:30 unless they are bus children. We cannot guarantee supervision of your tamariki if they are here before 8:30am due to meetings. If your child arrives after the 9:00 bell you will need to report to the office to sign your child in.

Rakāu Classroom Names

Our names have changed to represent rakāu (trees) that are located in and around our school.

Tōtara - Miss Des Forges - Yr 1/2

Makomako - Miss Barrett - Yr 1/2

Nīkau - Miss Begg - Yr 1/2

Kawakawa - Mr Kenny - Yr 3

Karaka - Whāea Leanne - Yr 3

Room Penguin and Gecko remain the same.

OUR TERM PLANS

Discovery - The Student Profile focus this term is Auaha - Innovation and Creativity.

Student inquiry/Pakirehua: Toys through time. Looking back and exploring how toys have evolved over time.

Te Reo Māori - Phrase of the week, Telling the time, Waiata relating to days of the week and months of the year.

Reo Matatini (Literacy) - Daily reading and writing. Developing independence and mechanics of writing. Individual reading and writing goals.

Pāngarau (Numeracy) - Addition and subtraction, Geometry:2D, 3D shapes, rotation, direction, movement & Position, Rotation (coding); Algebra: Relationships, patterns.

Health / PE – We will be visiting the Life Education bus and exploring the concepts around the Relationships and Sexuality Curriculum, Ko Au: All About Me. This involves learning and developing understandings relating to physical development, personal boundaries, personal hygiene and relationships. We will also participate in the NZ Police 'Doing the Right Thing', which involves ākonga learning about the following topics: Role Models, Respect, Honesty, and Rules and Making Smart Choices. There will be school wide engagement in the Jumping June programme.

Homework and book bags

In years 0-2, each child needs a book bag to carry notices, home reading, library books and homework to and from school. Please bring your book bag to school each day with your child's reading notebook, reader and any notices that need to be returned to school.

In year 3, each child needs a book bag to carry notices, home reading, library books and home learning to and from school. Please bring your book bags daily as they protect our school's and the library's pukapuka from being damaged in school bags. We encourage daily reading for 15-20 minutes, along with practice/revision of basic facts ([prototec](#) is a great website to utilise), and revision of spelling words (which will be posted on Seesaw weekly). If you have any questions about this, please contact your child's kaiako/teacher.

Library Days

Makomako & Nīkau - Rāhina (Monday)

Tōtara, Penguin and Gecko - Rātu (Tuesday)

Kawakawa & Karaka - Rāpare (Thursday)

Please would you ensure your child brings their pukapuka (books) in their book bag each week on their library day. ***It would be helpful if you could pop into the library and add***

your email address onto your child's school card. This way any reminders or return notices will be sent directly to you rather than the class teacher.



Poetry and Nursery Rhymes

In years 0-2, on Friday children will bring home a poem folder for reading over the weekend. These are to be returned to school on Monday. It is important that you read this poem/nursery rhyme with your child, as you would a reading book. Poetry and nursery rhymes help children with their reading fluency and phrasing.

PMP - Perceptual motor programme

PMP is a programme that prepares the child for learning, through movement. To learn more about the programme, please go to the following website.

Please click this link:

<https://www.movingsmart.co.nz/Education/Perceptual-Motor-Programme/>

This term we will be restarting our PMP sessions. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the junior classes will be timetabled to attend a PMP session in the Pohutukawa Centre.

Penguin, Gecko & Nīkau will attend in Weeks 2 - 5 beginning Monday 1st May - Thursday 25th May, 9.00 - 10.40am

Tōtara & Makomako will attend in Weeks 7 - 10 beginning on Tuesday 6th June - Thursday 29th June, 9.00 - 10.40am



We require parent help to run our PMP sessions. If you are available, please email helen@oakura.school.nz. We cannot run this programme without parent help so we would really appreciate your support so that our students can benefit from this.

Discovery Time

Discovery time is a student directed, play based learning programme we run throughout the junior school every Friday from 9:15 - 10:40am.

Learning through play is a vital part of every child's development. The focus during play is on the process not the product. Tamariki can test ideas, work through problems, explore social interactions, develop oral language skills and make sense of the world around them. Each fortnight we plan for a different focus, dependent on needs that have been observed in previous discovery sessions. This focus is based on our learner profile competencies.

In the past, whānau have supported the programme by taking science, art, cooking, craft and PE activities. If you are able to help and share a special interest or talent, or come along and facilitate one of the activities already set up, please see your child's kaiako. We would love to have you join us and share the fun, play and learning that takes place



Communication



Please ensure you have downloaded the school app to stay up to date with school wide announcements and newsletters. Weekly school newsletters will also be emailed to you, so please ensure we have an updated email address for you.

All of our classes use the program 'Seesaw' as a way to communicate classroom specific learning and information with you. We will be sending out a notice that explains Seesaw further, as well as information on how to connect to your child's individual learning journal on Seesaw. It is our goal to have 100% of whānau connected on Seesaw this year as we feel it is a fantastic way to share learning and information between home and school. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.

Any trip notices or permission slips will be sent via email as a google form to help reduce the use of paper notices.

We are all excited about the learning the tamariki will do this term. If you have any questions feel free to email us.

Ngā mihi,

Ulla, Louise, Lois, Julie, Helen, Mikayla, Matisse, Josh & Leanne.

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