

Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 2024

Kia Ora e te whānau



We find ourselves at the end of another term and what a term it has been. We have had many achievements for students both in and out of school. We have welcomed new students to our ODS whānau, our Board has been super supportive and action based, our Whānau and Friends of ODS group have been working hard behind the scenes, we feel very lucky to have such amazing people at our kura. We thank you all so very much.

This is just a quick note to let you know what is coming up next term and prep that you could do over the holiday break.

Calendar Art - this will be happening next term, it is a great chance to get some Christmas presents sorted. All children will do an artwork in class, however, if you wish to do something as a family on A4 paper, then feel free to do so. There is also an option to use digital images too, more details will come out early next term.

STEPS - those children that consistently spend 10-15 minutes on this programme show academic gains. Please try and prioritise a few minutes a day to work on the literacy programme.

Working Bee - on Tuesday 8th October, our amazing whānau and friends group, along with our Board are having a working bee at school. They are transforming our garden area and sorting a few things around the place. Feel free to come along and help out. We are very grateful for the time our community members are putting into our school environment. Thank you all.

Dental Nurse - I have been told to share a number with you. DHB dental nurses are operating out of Foxton at the moment and are specifically working with year 8 students, before they head off to college, some of you may have already been contacted. Cherie did offer that if someone has tooth pain over the holiday break, make contact and hopefully a solution could be found. Unfortunately we do not have a time when the dental service will be available at school. Phone Cherie on 0276166516 if your tamariki are experiencing tooth pain at all during the holiday break.

Teacher Only Day - The MoE has granted a Teacher Only Day to focus on new curriculum. We have decided to hold ours on Friday 25th October, this is the Friday of labour weekend. We thought this would cause the least disruption for our whānau, enjoy an extra long weekend.

Massive thank you to every one of our amazing teachers for all they have done this term.

Huge thanks to all of our ākonga (students) for all their efforts and being superb members of our kura.



Thank you to everyone that has supported events, been the cheer team, been the transport providers, been the uniform washers, supported home learning, given kind words and thanked our teachers and encouraged our students to be the outstanding people that they are!



Lamb and Calf Day/Pet Day - November 1

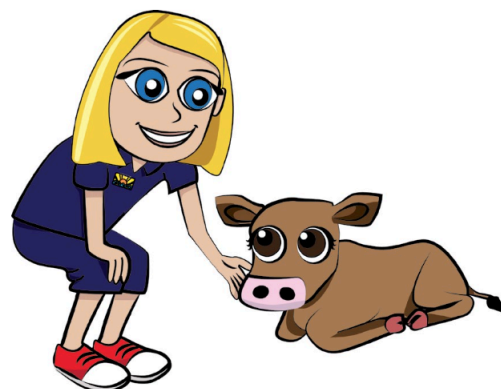
Below is a list of the craft items for this special day. If you have any questions, please contact us at school. It might be a great holiday activity to start collecting and preparing your ideas.

To be prepared, could we please aim to bring these to school the week before the event **21-24 October**. Classes will spend time making these creations, baking to be done at home and brought in on the day.

Room 1	<p>Construction: 3D Farm Animal/ scene  3D Farm animal art ideas - Room 1 please bring in pinecones or hand towel rolls etc</p> <p>Decoration: Farm/ harvest Sand tray - Students will need to bring a tray, figurines/ props, coloured rice/sand to create a farm/ harvest scene.</p> <p> Farm/ Harvest Sandtray ideas</p> <p>Decorated Cupcake- farm/ harvest theme (baking to be completed at home a brought on the day)</p>
Zone - both classes	<p>Construction: shoe box dioramas- we already have shoe boxes- doing at school (this is a school task)</p> <p>Decoration: shell sand saucers- need to bring in non smelly shells if you haven't already and a saucer - (this is a school task)</p> <p>Art shell 3d construction- again non smelly shells, small bits of driftwood if haven't already - (this is a school task)</p> <p>Decorated cupcake sea theme- done at home. Brought on the day</p>
Room 4	<p>Construction: Recycled sea creatures - will be made at school, students will need to bring in recycled materials to create their creature - made at school.</p> <p>Decoration: Ocean / beach themed sand tray - assembled at school, students will need to bring in a tray, and decorations (e.g. shells, driftwood, ocean props etc.) - made at school.</p> <p>Baking: Sea or Creature themed cake - to be made at home and to be part of the auction</p>
Room 5	<p>Construction: Under the Sea Creatures (Completed in class)</p> <p>Decoration: Sand tray: Holiday at the Beach (will need to bring tray, sticks, sea shells etc to make a holiday scene eg deck chairs, umbrellas, boat, camp fire, fishing line etc)</p> <p>Baking: Sea or Creature themed cake - to be made at home and to be part of the auction</p>

IMPORTANT DATES

14 October - First day of term 4
 25 October - Teacher Only Day
 28 October - Labour Day
 1 November - Pet Day/ Lamb and Calf Day
 5 November - Oroua Downs Athletics Day
 6 November - Board Meeting
 13 November - TK Athletics
 10 December - Prizegiving
 12 December - Last day of the year



Ngā Mihi Nui
 Tarnz and Team Awesome