

Tēnā koutou katoa parents, whānau, carers and staff,

Update from our Principal Louise

Thank you to those of you who have returned responses to two surveys.

1. **Government Donation Initiative Scheme 2021.** After consultation with the community, it was clear that the majority of responses were to 'opt into' the government scheme therefore the Board of Trustees made the decision that Oaklynn will opt into the scheme for 2021.

1 If your school/kura opts in to the donations scheme:

- » The board of trustees cannot ask you to make a donation **unless** it is for an overnight **school/kura camp** - and then you can **choose** if you **want** to pay none, some or all of the donation. If you choose not to make a donation, your child cannot be stopped from attending a camp if it is part of the school's core learning programme (curriculum).
- » You cannot be asked to make either a general or specific donation e.g. a donation for a day trip to a museum or a field trip to a hiking track.

2. **Wellbeing Survey** So far we have only had 23 responses 😊
We are really interested in how we did during **LOCKDOWN?** We worked hard during Lockdown to ensure quality learning continued for your young person, and now we would like you to tell us how you think we did. If you haven't already – could you please spare five minutes and fill in the Wellbeing Survey by clicking [here](#) Thank you for your time and support.
Louise

COVID 19 update



Since we have returned to school after lockdown I have reported that students' numbers have been on a steady increase right up to last Friday when we were at 150 - things were looking good. This week however, our numbers have dropped again. This may be because of a couple of reasons.

- a. You may be feeling less confident about sending your child / young learner back to school after the recent news around the break down in COVID 19 measures at the border / quarantine for visitors returning from overseas - it appears that this may be having a knock on effect in the community - and this is understandable. Please be assured school is a safe place to be.
- b. Your child or young person is sick and you are keeping them home - thank you - we know this is the right thing to do during these winter weeks.

At school we are also taking our own advice and trying not to share bugs by staying home when we are unwell - we had 11 staff away today and two senior leaders have been away for three days. This COVID period – where we have to be extra vigilant – is definitely having an impact on the whole community.

Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping school a happy and well place to be.

What's happening around the school

Junior School - Arahoe, Chaucer, Glenavon, New Lynn and St Leonards Rd schools

This week's focus: New Lynn Primary, Te Whare Manawanui – a few words from Georgina Wright
Te Whare Manawanui means 'House of the Big Heart'

We were all so happy to be back together after Lockdown. We had missed each other so much. There has been some great learning at home and everyone seems to have grown at least another centimeter. Our topic at school this term is: Me and My Friends, and as these photos show we are a friendly bunch in our class. We have loved learning through the Arts, with some extra support to enjoy drumming at Base and our beat is superb. We have also used mixed media to paint Autumn scenes and are presently finishing our pencil containers created using paper collage.



Senior Satellites - Avondale, Green Bay School and Green Bay High schools

This week's focus: Te Aratika Toru – a few words from Shafiyah Saheed

We have been really busy in Toru since being back from Lockdown; to hit the ground running by starting and nearly completing 7 out of 8 TRUMP topics and introducing our Headway module of Gardening.

This week our focus has been on Science and we explored the Life cycle of a butterfly. We have enjoyed researching the topic, watching educational videos and integrating this topic into our Art by creating the life cycle of a butterfly using recycled materials. We look forward to visiting West Lynn Gardens and the Museum this term to see the life cycle of a butterfly in real life, to make the learning come alive.



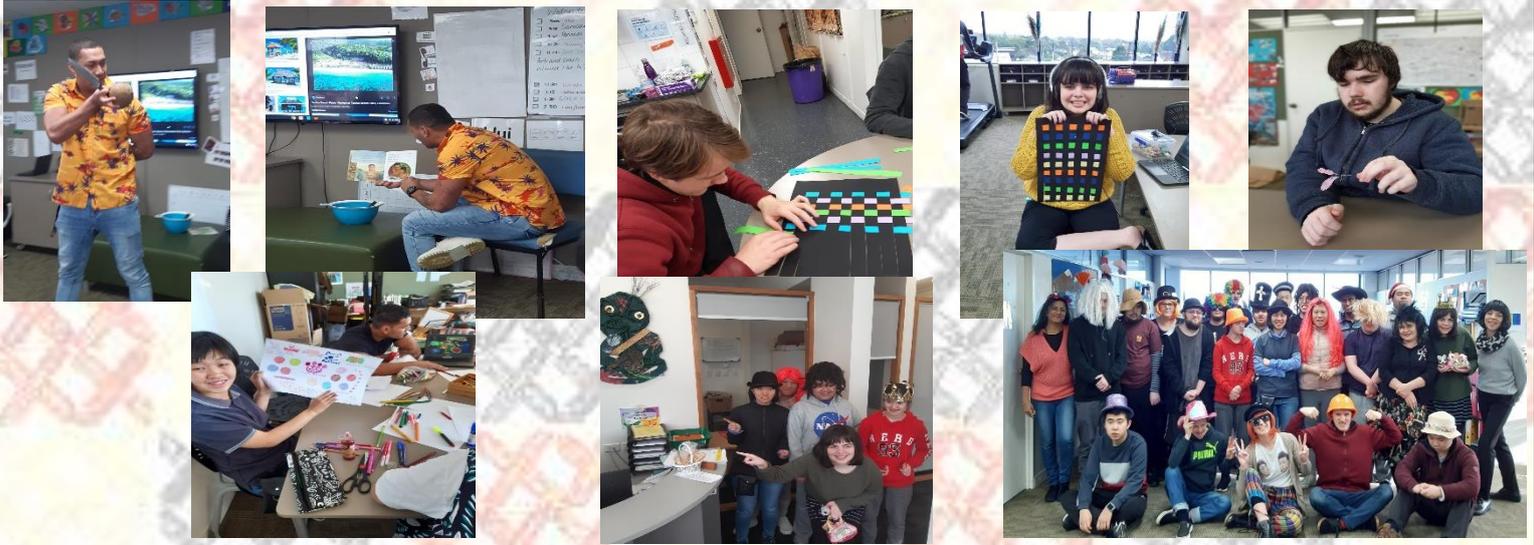
Science – Life cycle of a butterfly

Alternative Learning Environment - 6 x Base classes and OakTEC (tertiary education)

This week's focus: Oaklynn TEC – a few words from Lizzie Gill



Life at OakTEC looks a little different at the moment. Instead of our usual community outings and work placements, we've been staying in and getting creative. The dog biscuits that we made in our Cottage Industry sessions seems to be a hit with the staff's furry friends. We have also made some beautiful flowers using wire, glue and nail polish. During Samoan Language Week, Jonathan treated us to a wealth of fun activities. We did fala (mat) weaving, sang songs and learned a sāsā. He also brought in a coconut, showed us how to crack it open and told us the legend of Sina and the Eel – a well-known legend from the Pacific as to how we got coconuts. As you can see, we all enjoyed Wig Wednesday – which was a fun way to support children with cancer.



Therapy Team Update:

A few words from our Speech Language Therapists – Leanne, Lauren, Amy and Sarah R

Kia ora koutou – your friendly speech language therapy team here. Last time we talked about multimodal communication and how at Oaklynn we support our students to communicate using a range of tools; gestures, facial expressions, symbols, signs and more. Check out some photos of our students in action using different tools. Tu meke everyone!



Lizzie using her new iPad talker with Proloquo2go

Shurti using her switch to ask Leanne for "more"



Cooper and Zion exploring the Vocabulary Core Board



Daniel signing with Sarah



Notices from Niva:

Special Thank You:

Rebecca Liang (Ava's mum) and family for generously donating reams of A3 sized paper and card that can be used widely across our school.

Reminder:

If you have any issues with taxi ie. If you move house, or your child going to respite or you have a change in timetable, or even if you have a new contact number, please feel free to give us a call at the office (09) 827-4748.

Upcoming dates:

Friday 03 July

Last day of term – finish at normal time

Mon 13 – Fri 17 July

Holiday Programme at Base (for those registered), 9:00-3:00pm

Keep safe and be kind to one another.

Take Care,
Ngā mihi nui

Louise Doyle

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Principal