

Tēnā koutou katoa ki te whānau o te Kura Oaklynn - parents, whānau, carers and staff**A few words from our Acting Principal Pilar**

Now that we are deep into our mahi for Term 4 - teachers, therapists and senior management are working on ākonga reports collectively. Despite the hard mahi involved - particularly from the teachers and therapists writing these documents - it is very rewarding to see the progress reported on. It makes our mahi seem so worthwhile to reflect on how our ākonga are learning, overcoming obstacles, trying new things and engaging with the community around them (either within our school setting or when out in public). We hope that these documents mean as much to you at home - as they do to us at Oaklynn.

These reports will be out to you in the next few weeks, and then teachers will be offering opportunities for a report meeting with you - to talk about your rangitahi's progress this year. Please also consider that if you wish to speak to one of the therapists involved in supporting your rangitahi - that this is also an option (at the report meeting). We look forward to having you across to us - to catch-up with the professionals working with your tamariki.

Also coming up are a range of end of the year events, and again we seek your attendance/involvement (event specific).

These events include:

- Senior Ball (for ākonga 16+ years) - November 17th
- Graduates Dinner (for 2023 graduates and their whānau)
- Senior Picnic - December 1st
- Senior Awards Ceremony at Green Bay High School - December 6th
- Junior Picnic - December 8th
- Friday 15th Dec (last day) Base School Celebration Assembly

More information about these events will be sent out to you in the upcoming weeks. Please think of attending - it makes all the difference to have you with us.

We look forward to seeing a little more of whānau as we celebrate success and the end of a hard-working school year.

And finally, please also note that we have our **Whānau Play Date at Base School (20 Mayville Ave) - this Saturday: 10am - 1pm**. Come and enjoy the new playground with us, we hope to see you then.



Te Ara Whakamana: Mana Enhancement

Te Ara Whakamana is:

- Culturally centred framework
- Strengths-based
- Explores the way in which we face and respond to life's challenges.
- Has a focus on a person's mana, and the mana of the family.

Each fortnight we will highlight an aspect of how our mahi connects to Te Ara Whakamana

Exploring ngā Atua through the creative arts is a wonderfully therapeutic activity for our ākonga at Base School. Below are some photos of our ākonga enjoying doing this in a variety of ways. They continue to produce some beautiful pieces of art from this process which we love to display and show off to visitors to school.



MANAAKITANGA

is one of Oaklynn's core values - it is a beautiful concept from Te Ao Māori (Māori world) and means "hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others".



Oaklynn's manaakitanga initiative can support our community in many ways.

- Purchasing food, delivering food and other items to homes is one of our ways to provide support to members of our wider community.
- **\$70 buys a food parcel (like the one in the pic) for a family**

Here's how you can help

Going on our list of helpers email - manaakitanga@oaklynn.school.nz

Make a \$\$ donation to the school manaakitanga account
12-3109-0012500-00 with reference **manaakitanga**

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

Kia ora e te whānau

So far Term 4 has been really great for us in Chaucer 9 and we have been very active in many ways. The team from Circability has been keeping us “on our toes” for the last term and a bit. We are learning how to balance a bean bag on different parts of our bodies and how to keep a spinning plate balanced and moving.

We have also started to go on community outings to Craigavon Park this term and we have had an amazing time exploring the big playground and the water play area. We are also looking forward to visiting the new playground at Base School sometime soon! It's been so rewarding to head out as a class to explore fun activities in our community.



Other sections of the school - Outreach

One of the many things that our school provides is the Specialist Teacher Outreach Service (S.T.O.S). This enables us to support O.R.S (Ongoing Resourcing Scheme) students in mainstream schools in our local area, and is a valuable service to build inclusive practices. We have eight specialists, who are all highly experienced teachers, who help classroom teachers and teacher aides to develop and deliver bespoke programmes for our students.

During my first term at Oaklynn I was able to connect with each of the eighteen schools that we support and every one of them spoke highly of the professionalism and knowledge that our specialist team bring to

their students. They spoke of supporting not only individual teachers, but of upskilling the whole school with staff meetings and workshops around such areas as A.S.D (Autism Spectrum Disorder), adapting the curriculum and developing effective I.E.Ps (Individual Education Plans). We are so proud of our outreach team and the work that they do.

Not only do the team connect with local schools, they are also full members of our Oaklynn school team, taking part in the activities and professional development that takes place in the wider school. This enables us to update and refresh our practice, link in with the therapy teams, and take part in all that makes Oaklynn - 'Oaklynn'.

Some of our specialist team have additional responsibilities within the school too, most notably with school-wide P.E (physical education), C.O.E.S (Centre of Extra Support), i.C.o.L (Internal Community of Learning) work and in developing the school curriculum. As you can see, their knowledge is broad and their passions serve to upskill and support Base school and our satellite settings as well.

Not all mainstream schools make use of our service, so if you know of a family with an O.R.S student who you think may need some additional support beyond their own school, do let us know and we will see what we can do to help.

Lisa Heap - Manager, STOS

Notices from the Office

Upcoming dates:

Saturday 04 November - Whānau Play Date

[Friday 17 November - Senior School Ball at Base School](#)

Friday 24 November - Staff Only Day (no school for students)

[Thursday 30 November - Graduates Dinner at Base School](#)

Friday 01 December - Senior School Picnic

[Wednesday 06 December - Senior School Awards Night at GBHS](#)

Thursday 07 December - Base School Picnic

[Friday 08 December - Junior School Picnic at Craigavon Park](#)

Friday 15 December - Last Day of School finish at 12:00pm

Monday 05 February 2024 - Term 1 2024 begins.

Take Care,
Nāku noa nā

Pilar

Tumuaki

For those of you new to Oaklynn, new to Aotearoa or just new to Te Reo - here are some words in Te Reo Māori (Māori language) that we often use.

1. Tēnā koutou katoa ki te whānau o te Kura Oaklynn - Welcome / greetings to you all, the whānau of Oaklynn School
2. Whānau - family group
3. Ngā mihi - thanks / appreciation / regards
4. Nui - big / much

5. Mahana - warm (for greetings)
6. Tau Hou - New Year
7. Ki a koe - to you - one person
8. Ki a kōrua - to you two
9. Ki a koutou - to you three or more
10. Aroha - love, care. Blessings
11. Tamariki - children
12. Rangatahi - young adults
13. Ākonga - learners / students
14. Kaimahi - staff (workers)