

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

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Term 4! Perhaps the busier term of the year but also full of fun and celebrations. We have started the term with a very busy schedule with our ERO (Educational Review Office) partners visiting our school last week. This is the start of a longer process over three years, whereby an ERO representative will be working alongside us as we continue to strengthen processes and outcomes. The ERO team enjoyed meeting senior leaders, board of trustees, staff and ākonga. With the highlight of the (initial) visit to us last week, being the trips out to classes to see our ākonga and staff in action.

This is the term whereby we look toward student placements for the following year. This means that learners will start the process of transition to classes for 2024. If your rangitahi is transitioning to another classroom for 2024 you will receive a call - explaining the process within this year, and to start 2024. These transitions can initially create a little anxiety for ākonga and whānau. For this reason, we work to provide the right support and resources to make these transitions as smooth as possible, so that when we come back after the summer break - your young person is familiarised with the setting, staff and their new peers.

We look forward to a successful Term 4.

And finally, we recently had the opportunity to meet with Marise Bergmann and Denise West from Cross Country Rentals as well as some of our taxi drivers, with a Ministry representative present, to do some professional development for them in regards to transporting our ākonga. This was a positive step for us and our drivers. Some drivers have been with us for years and are familiar with our students, while others are very new to driving our ākonga. A BIG thank you to our Occupational Therapists - Tripti, Kylie and Olivia for being the 'drivers' of this training, and we hope to continue this mahi in the future.

Denise West - Transport Manager, Tripti Desai - Oaklynn OT,
Marise Bergmann - Cross Country Rental Manager and
Phil Knight - Ministry of Education



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

Tāne Mahuta



After finally moving into our beautiful new offices at Base School we have taken the opportunity to display artwork that reflects the Atua on our walls. As a school we are proud of our Mātauranga Māori and treasure it as a taonga.

This piece on the left was collaboratively created, for the Therapy Team, by Room 6 and the Centre of Extra Support at Base School.

They chose Tane Mahuta as he carries three baskets of knowledge and understanding. We have three different disciplines in our Therapy Team and we are grateful for their knowledge and understanding that they share with the Oaklynn community.

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**

What's happening around the school

Junior Learners - Glenavon School- Satellite Unit (Te Ara Hou-Room 1)

Kia Ora Whānau, this term our educational journey is centered on exploring diverse countries and cultures. We're immersing ourselves in a myriad of engaging activities including drama, art and craft,

shared reading, drumming, music, sensory sessions, attention autism, dance, work rotation, cooking and vibrant festival celebrations. To add to the excitement, we are delighted to commence swimming sessions in our host school's pool. Furthermore, we have planned a regular community outing, with our recent visit to the new Base School's playground last week being a resounding success. It promises to be an enchanting new adventure, eagerly anticipated by our young learners. Ka Pai!



Therapy

The Centre of Extra Support (COES) and Base 6 class teams made a beautiful piece of artwork to hang in the therapy meeting room. Here is what they said about it:

This mural was made with love for Sarah and the Therapy team by the COES team and Room 6. It was made from recycled materials and we worked collaboratively using our combined skills. We chose Tāne for the therapists because he carries the three baskets of knowledge (representing the three parts of the therapy team) bringing knowledge and understanding to our ākonga and Oaklynn community. The oak leaves are a representation of Oaklynn and the driftwood is collected from our local beach outings. A koru for the continued and collaborative work within our kura.



The therapy team feels very privileged to have such a beautiful piece of art for us.

Welcome to Poppy and Elena



This term we are busy supporting the next group of future therapists. We are providing placements for three speech language therapy students from the Auckland Masters programme and Massey University, as well as a placement for a physiotherapy University Student. This onsite placement gives unique hands-on experience to therapists in training to help prepare them for when they are in the workforce.

Notices from the Office

Upcoming dates:

Monday 09 October - Term 4 begins

Saturday 04 November - Whanau Play Date

Friday 17 November - Senior School Ball

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

Friday 15 December - Last Day of School

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)