

Tēnā koutou katoa ki te whānau o te Kura Oaklynn - parents, whānau, carers and staff

A few words from Acting Principal Pilar

Kia ora e te whānau,

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to whānau who attended, and supported, our annual Whānau Day. It was so lovely to spend the day in a relaxed fun filled setting with our rangatahi and whānau. If you missed attending this time, make sure you pop the date into your calendar to attend next year - it really is a fabulous day.

Secondly, big thanks go out to Jonathan Clark (A.P) our lead organiser, and all the staff who contributed to such a successful event - on the day, and behind the scenes.

Finally, a special thanks to our special guests/representatives from - Taikura Trust, Vaka Tautua, Manawanui, Māpura Studios, Disability Connect, Parent to Parent, the Spectroom Play Zone, and Batman! (from Random Acts of Batman). It was so valuable to have such great representation from our supportive organisations - including those in a cape and cowl.

This event allows us to further showcase some of the mahi that makes Oaklynn special. Being able to share some of what we do - whether it be via a teacher-led Sensory Story session, or a music session with our drum specialist Sam Mata - allows us to demonstrate a little of what we regularly do at school.

We hope that you enjoyed seeing some of our staff, and students, in action!

Thanks again, to everyone, for such a special day - this is what makes Oaklynn such a special place!





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

High School Learners - Green Bay High School - Te Aratika Rua



Within this term, Te Aratika students have had a chance to be "freshwater detectives". To support us to do so, we were lucky enough to have Kathryn from Watercare come and visit us, to tell us about all the different tests they do on freshwater (turbidity, acidity, nitrate levels and the different insects found in

streams). We also got to experiment with some of the different test kits in class, and then we walked to our local stream (at La Rosa Park) to test the water there. There was a lot of thinking done; as we had all different experiment instructions to remember and work through, and we had to interpret the results (and what such results meant about our local stream). Our ākonga did an amazing job of applying and managing themselves throughout the La Rosa Park mahi - well done!

Papatūānuku protectors

The Gardening To Table kaupapa is one of our most calming curriculum activities at Base school. Ākonga and kaiako alike enjoy feeling the earth between our fingers and tending to our precious crops as they grow.



Special Mention

Within the last fortnight, the government made changes to how whānau, supporting family members with disabilities, spend the funding allocated to them. This was a sudden change that we know has a direct impact on members of our school community. If you would like to find out more about what is happening and/or would like to join others in signing a petition. You can start here:

[Disability funding update/petition](#)

Notices from the Office

Upcoming dates:

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| Easter Break | - Friday 29 March - Tuesday 02 April |
| Senior Ball for 16+ | - Friday 5th April, 6pm till late |
| Last Day of Term | - Friday 12 April finish at normal time |

Take Care,
Nāku noa nā

Pilar

Acting 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)
15. Kaiāwhina - support staff / teacher aides
16. Kura - school