



## Term 3, 2017

Welcome back to Term 3. This *Learning Link* contains learning suggestions to help you support your child's learning at home.

**Reading:** We are learning to read and understand printed text. Your child will bring home a school library book once a week and they can keep this for the full week. Other texts will come home at other times, sometimes with associated tasks.

**Learning Link:** *Make time to sit comfortably with your child and read with them. Visit a library and find some books to support our learning about Sustainability this year.*

**Oral Language:** We are developing confidence and ability in speaking and listening skills, including using an appropriate volume. These skills will be needed for our Project Sustainability-Designs from the Dump presentation in September.

**Learning Link:** *Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and support them to develop relevant vocabulary. One focus this term will be linked to Technology / Wearable Art.*

**Writing:** We are learning to write to explain and describe. This will also link to our learning about Technology and Wearable Art and will be published and presented in various formats.

**Learning Link:** *Talk about instructions for things that you make together: cooking instructions, kit sets, youtube tutorials, toys, clothes, storage boxes...*

**Spelling:** We will continue to focus on vowels, blends, digraphs and endings. We will also learn to spell commonly used words.

**Learning Link:** *Support your child to increase their knowledge of letters, sounds and words that they find in their own reading and writing.*

**Mathematics:** We are learning to tell the time, and to measure temperature and weight. We will also develop our number knowledge of fractions and our proportion and ratio strategies. .

**Learning Links:** *Use real objects and groups of objects to find and name fractions around the house. Ask your child to tell you the time and how long since or until a certain time. Talk about the temperature shown in weather forecasts, and compare weights of objects at home and in the supermarket.*

**Key Competencies:** We are learning to manage ourselves and follow Whanake's class treaty : Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn, Remember. We are also developing our thinking skills and learning how to participate and contribute in a variety of groups and situations.

**Learning Link:** *Encourage your child to notice when they and others are Ready to Learn. Talk to them about the ROCKS values, and ways they can contribute at school.*

**Sustainability:** We are inquiring into the use of technology to solve problems in a sustainable way.

**Learning Link:** *You may like to enter this Minecraft competition around sustainability: <http://www.schoolgen.co.nz/STEM/minecraft-comp> (closes end of Term 3)*

**PE:** We are participating in whole school Jump Jam sessions this term.

**Learning Link:** *Talk about how Whanake students can be leaders in these whole school events.*

**Te Reo Māori and Kapa Haka:** We are gaining confidence in using a variety of Te Reo vocabulary, including greetings, songs, feelings and verbs. We are participating in weekly Kapa Haka lessons. We will also explore traditional Māori technology.

**Learning Link:** *Regularly greet your family and friends in Te Reo Māori. Ask your child how they are feeling, using "Kei te pehea koe?". Get them to show you what they have learnt in Kapa Haka.*

**The Arts:** This term's art will be wearable! We will be creating pieces of art using recycled materials in mixed ages groups Mr. DB is leading singing and teaching pitch using string instruments. We will be developing drama skills through our Project Sustainability-Designs from the Dump show.

**Learning Link:** *Experiment with recycled materials to make costumes at home. Also have a look at past episodes of Project Runway Junior, which you may find at a DVD store or the library.*

Thank you for considering these learning links. If you would like more ideas, have a look at the Whanake section on the Owhiro Bay Learners page

<https://sites.google.com/a/owhiro.school.nz/owhiro-bay-learners/> This includes links to sunshine classics, maths games, stories to listen to and a learn to type programme.

### **Some important dates for your diary:**

Wheels Day	Every Wednesday
Powhiri	Friday 4 August
Walk'n'Wheels day	Wednesday 23rd August
Coffee group in staffroom	Friday 25th Aug at 2.15 pm (last Friday of each Month)
Parentlink movie night	Friday 25th August
Last day of the term	Friday 29th September
First day of term 4	Monday 16th October

We are going to have a great term! Please ask if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact us if you have any information to share about your child. You can e-mail us at: [sylvia@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:sylvia@owhiro.school.nz); [connor@owhiro.school.nz](mailto:connor@owhiro.school.nz) .

Noho ora mai ra - stay well and healthy, Sylvia Reynolds, Connor Driver-Burgess.