

We hope you have had a relaxing break over the holidays. It was great to have some nice weather to get out and enjoy the last of Autumn.

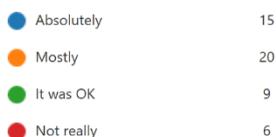
Thank you to the parents who answered the Quick Questions Survey in the holidays. We have shared some of the results in graph form throughout this newsletter. We have also incorporated some of your ideas into this newsletter and the Homework for the term 😊

Homework

Homework has been given out for Week 2 and will continue to be given out every week. There is a full explanation of this in your child's Homework Book. Most parent comments were around clear and consistent homework that incorporated spelling and basic facts. Please see your child's Home-Class teacher if you have any questions.

1. Did the homework given last term meet your expectations/child's needs

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3. Would you like the Homework in Term 2 to...

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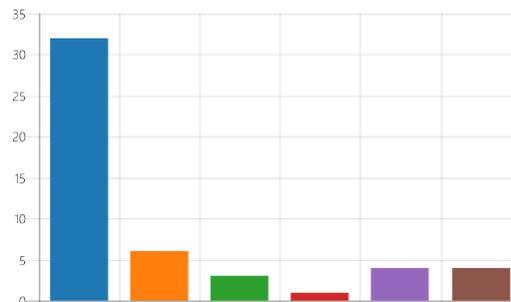


Communication

We have realised that we need to work on how often we share your child's learning and progress throughout the year. In the survey the overwhelming response was for us to use Seesaw as a way to do this. We are looking at how to structure this, and hopefully you will see more learning posted throughout the term. Watch this space!

7. What is your preferred way to be kept up to date with the learning/systems in Opuke?

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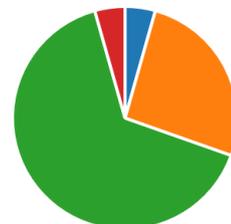
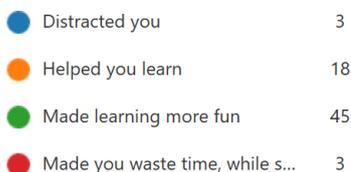


Questions

As part of the survey, parents were given the opportunity to ask questions about how things are going in Opuke. Here are a few that we thought all of you would like to hear about 😊

1. How did the trial of listening to music while working go?

The student's opinion was overwhelming, but please be reassured that we will continue to monitor this closely.



2 Will you be buying more computers for the students?

At the start of the year, the students who did not bring their own device were sharing one between two. Over the term we have had a number of school devices fail on us, which has been frustrating for both the students and teachers. As we will not be buying more devices, we have had a reshuffle of groups, and we now have working devices one between two (mostly). There will be a small amount of ipads available when needed as well.

3 Class Numbers Update please

We have had a few enrolments and transfers during the first term, which have seen our numbers remain quite consistent; Opuke D = 30, Opuke W = 30, Opuke R = 31. The strategies that we put in place at the start of the year have proved very successful. We will continue to closely monitor these numbers.

Our STAR focus for Term 2

You will see these aspects being focussed on during Homework each week, as well as across the school.

Areas of Curriculum Focus for Term 2:

Reading: Extending vocabulary

Writing: Ideas and paragraphing

Maths: Statistics to begin with, then a block of time looking at Multiplication & Division, finishing with Time & Money.

Connected Curriculum: Planet Earth and Beyond, with a particular focus on Weather, Water Cycles & Space.

If you have any particular skills, knowledge or expertise in any of our curriculum focus' for the term, please let us know as we would greatly value your input.

Staffing Tweak

With Chris Murphy away on his scholarship leave this term, myself and Sue Furndorfler are covering the Principal role. This means we have asked Hannah Grant to cover Thursday & Friday in Opuke R. As Hannah has worked throughout the team both this year and last year, it is a seamless transition.

As always, our door is always open to you. No matter how big or small the question, we are more than happy to answer. Email is the best way to initiate a conversation, then we can make it work from there. We are looking forward to a fun and learning-filled term!

Kind regards, Opuke Staff

Keryn, Milly, Adele, Rosie & Hannah

