

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Taloha ni, Ni sa bula vinaka, Fakaalofa atu and greetings from the New Zealand Council for Educational Research,

Early in term 2 our school will be participating in a research project lead by NZCER and the Marie Clay Literacy Trust. The project aims to establish up-to-date statistics about the reading and writing of 5 to 7 year olds in New Zealand. Many teachers use this information to help guide their teaching.

This research will involve 10 of our students (selected randomly) completing some reading and writing tasks with a visiting research assistant.

**The research assistants are all registered senior teachers or reading recovery teachers**

The research assistant will be working one-on-one with each child and are all experienced at working sensitively with students on the tasks that will be part of this study. The tasks will take about 50 minutes to complete but students can ask to stop any time if they need to.

**The research results are anonymous**

Your child's name and our school will not be identifiable in the research information or any reports created from this project.

**You can choose to opt your child out of this study**

If you have a child at school, between 5 and 7 years old, and you do not want him or her to be part of the research project, please contact the school office.

NZCER and the Marie Clay Literacy Trust appreciate the valuable contribution you are making to this project.

Ngā mihi, and many thanks.

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