

Middle Syndicate Newsletter

Welcome back to all students, parents and caregivers. We have a lot of fun things planned for this term. Keep a look out for upcoming events in the weekly School newsletter.

School Times: It is essential that your child is at school and ready to start **before** the 8.45am bell. Here is a list of School times.

8.45am **School starts/Class time**
 10.25am **Morning Tea/Playtime**
 10.45am **Class time**
 12.30pm **Lunch eating**
 12.40pm **Lunchtime**
 1.10pm **Class time**
 2.30pm **Home time**

Swimming: Room 9 will be swimming each day from Monday to Thursday at 9.25am. Your child will need to bring togs and towel each day. Children are allowed to bring goggles. Please make sure that your child has a bag to put their togs in.

Sun Hats: This term hats are compulsory and children without hats are required to sit under the shade sails during all break times. Please make sure your child's hat is clearly named. Hats have to be wide brimmed. Caps are not part of the uniform.

Uniforms: Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. If there is a time when this is not possible send your child with a note to explain. Your child's uniform shirts, shorts and hats (as well as footwear, togs and towels) should be clearly named in a durable manner (e.g. vivid). This can ensure a return of lost property. This is important during swimming season!

Sickness: If your child is unwell, please keep them home. We like to share, but there are some things we should try to keep to ourselves. Children need to be getting adequate sleep so they can focus at school. Please help your child's learning by making sure they are organised and ready for school each day.

Scooters: Children are still invited to bring their scooters to school, on Fridays, to ride at lunch time. Please name your child's scooter where possible. Helmets are not essential, but recommended.

Extra curricular activities: There are team sports and lunchtime activities which children can join. We fully recommend encouraging them to participate and learn new skills.

EOTC (Education Outside The Classroom): This year we will have EOTC activities throughout the year. More detailed information and costs will be handed out closer to the event. We will need your support for these activities, please let your child's teacher know if you are available to help in any way.

Stationery: It is really important that all students have the correct stationery by the end of this week. Thank you to all the families who have organised this already.

Whanau Hui: These are coming up on 12 & 13 February. This is your opportunity to discuss all aspects of your child (likes, dislikes, friendships etc) that we might not know. It is important for us to know what things may influence their learning and time at school.

Friends of School (FOS): Are looking for people with new, fun or creative ideas (and anyone who likes to help behind the scene) to help raise funds that support events and equipment in our school. If you are interested and could help in some capacity, please contact your classroom teacher.

Library: Room 9 will visit the School Library each Tuesday afternoon.

Reading Books: Your child will be bringing home books to practice their reading. Please make sure the books are returned to school, in their book bag, the next day. If books aren't returned, we don't have enough for the whole reading group.

Please sign and return this form so we know you have received this important information.

Child's Name: _____

Caregiver Name: _____ Signature: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Are all your contact details up to date? Yes / No (Please circle)

Please contact the office if you need to update your contact and emergency details.



Important Dates:

12/13 February: Whanau Huis

22 February: School Trip to Wings Over Wairarapa

7 March: Whanau Picnic

15 March: Room 9 Assembly

26/27 March: Learning Conferences

11 April: School Disco

12 April: Last Day of Term 1

What's happening this term?

Numeracy: This term our Numeracy focus will be Addition and Subtraction. You can help your child by getting them to practice their basic facts at home. We will also be learning about Measurement (length) and time.

Spelling: Your child will be bringing home spelling words each Monday. These are to be learned at home. The spelling book needs to be returned to school on Fridays, when buddy spelling testing will take place.

Topic: This Term we will be visiting Wings Over Wairarapa and our topic will focus around Flight. We will be finding out about different flying machines, making airplanes, designing our own flying machines, investigating the history of flight, looking at places we could fly to around the world and how long it will take for the journey.

Writing: In Writing we will be focusing on using punctuation correctly and using interesting words in our writing. We will be writing Recounts, Narratives and Poems.

Digital Technology: We will be using technology for learning. We will use Maths Buddy and Prodigy for Numeracy, Tynker and ScratchJnr for coding, Reading Eggs for Reading and spelling, as well a Google Docs and Slides for presentation of our work.

If you have any questions or need to contact me directly about your child, please email on

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