



Senior Syndicate 2022 ~ Term 1 Newsletter

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Welcome to the Senior Syndicate

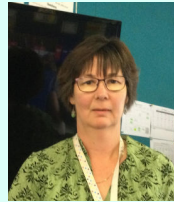
Our syndicate is made up of three Year 5 / 6 classes in Rooms 12, 13 & 14. We will be working together on some things, and doing other things that are particular to our own classes.



Tēnā koutou,

For those who haven't met me yet, I'm Jan Flannery, team leader and teaching in Room 14 Monday - Wednesday. I am still on-site Thursday and Friday doing AP duties. I am looking forward to

supporting Room 14 students with their learning and seeing them develop into confident leaders of the school.



Kia ora, I'm Robyn Farmer. I will be teaching in Room 12 on Tuesdays and in Room 14 every Thursday & Friday. This is my third year teaching at MPS and I'm always impressed with the energy and curiosity the students have for learning. I'm looking forward to working in both classes this year and seeing the development of the students.



Hi! My name is Sophia and I am so super excited to be teaching in Room 13 this year! This is my first year teaching and I am stoked to be able to begin my journey at Masterton Primary School. I graduated from Victoria University of Wellington with my Bachelor of Arts before continuing my Post Graduate

Diploma in Teaching. My partner Jordan, myself and our cat Oscar moved to Carterton this year and already love it! I was born in England and my family and I moved to New Zealand thirteen years ago. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know you all! I am excited to begin this new chapter of my journey alongside the staff, students and families of Masterton Primary School.



Hi everyone! My name is Shannon, I'm from Titahi Bay, Porirua. I've spent most of my life in Titahi Bay, though I did spend a couple of years in South Korea teaching English as a Second language, after which I returned to New Zealand to study teaching.

I've moved up to Masterton recently to become a teacher here at Masterton Primary School in Room 12 and I'm excited to meet everyone and get into the swing of things. This will be my 4th year now as a teacher in New Zealand. My hobbies include reading, spending time outdoors, and playing games, especially board games, and I hope to bring some of these interests to the table while at MPS. I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and being a part of the Masterton community!

What's coming up...

Weeks 4 & 5: Swimming at the town pools Monday & Wednesday

Weeks 6 & 7: Swimming at the town pools Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Last day of the term for students - Thursday 14th April

First Day of Term 2 - Monday 2nd May

We were planning on having our annual whānau hui in week 3, and our whānau picnic with the Tent City in week 4. Unfortunately under the current circumstances with covid, these are all cancelled. We will look at other options later in the year, covid dependent. In the meantime, if you are not already, please sign up to your child's class seesaw as this will be our main communication place, that can continue in most circumstances. Seesaw will continue during distance learning, if it becomes needed.

Seesaw

This year we are again using Seesaw across the school as the main communication tool between students, home and school. Seesaw is an online learning journal which is private between you, your child and their teacher. We will send home an invite so that you are able to sign up to see the learning your child shares and any notices from us. If you have any problems, please let us know. Children always love to have feedback on their work. Please add positive comments on their posts from time to time. Things that are shared from school can also be great conversation starters with your child.



Swimming



MPS year 5 and 6 students will be attending swimming lessons at the Trust House Recreation Centre (our local town pools) during weeks 4-7 this term. Each student will have the opportunity to have 10 lessons in total. Your child will need to remember their togs each day. We will be traveling to and from the pools by bus.

Around The Classrooms

What's coming up in our classrooms this term?

Room 14 - We will be focussing on creating a happy and safe classroom environment, Wellbeing/Hauora, learning about Te Tiriti O Waitangi, Number & Statistics in Maths and writing interesting stories in Literacy.

Room 13 - In Room 13 we will also be focusing on creating a safe and happy environment while getting to know each other. In Maths we will be looking at Number & Statistics. In Literacy we will be looking at how to create and write interesting stories and our topic inquiry for the term will be Myths and Legends.

Room 12 - In Room 12 this term we will be focusing on making new friends and maintaining respectful relationships, as well as learning new classroom routines and expectations. In Mathematics we will be focusing on building our Basic Facts knowledge, specifically advanced Addition and Subtraction, as well as Multiplicative Thinking. For Literacy our focus will be descriptive and creative writing. Our Topic Inquiry focus will be Sports and Games.

MPS & Class Expectations...

We will be Motivated to Learn

We will show Positive Behaviour

We will have Successful Relationships

Please feel free to make contact if there is anything you wish to discuss. We can be contacted through Seesaw and email.

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