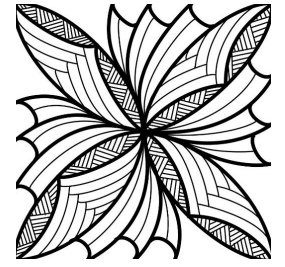


# Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate Newsletter



Term Three 2017

Kia Ora, Talofa, and Welcome Whānau,

Welcome back for Term Three. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break spent with loved ones.

Nicole Banks will be our Acting Principal for the year. While Nicole is in this capacity, she will be teaching on Tuesdays in Room Five. Emma Dobbelaar will be teaching on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Anna Bourke will be teaching on Thursdays. We are confident that with Jess Challands leading in this room and the continuity of Emma and Nicole, the teaching and learning will continue at the high level it currently is.

We welcome Jo Hunter as our Assistant Principal to our School from week 3. Jo is returning to New Zealand after 10 years in England. Jo will be teaching in Room 10 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Louise Poland will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We thank Room 10 (and especially Louise) for your continued support during this time. Louise Poland and Louise Peirce will cover Room 10 until she begins. We will be holding a Powhiri to welcome Jo and our new families to our School on Monday 14th August at 9:30am in our School hall.

Inside this newsletter is information about the Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate, the School Wide Behaviour Management System and what we will be covering in Term Three.

Nga Mihi,

Jess Challands, Nicole Banks, Sara Williams, Nadene Maraku, Louise Poland and Emma Dobbelaar.

## Our Values

Every term, as part of our Religious Education Curriculum we focus on specific values. This term, our values are Faith and Excellence.

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## Term Three Curriculum Areas

**Literacy (Reading and Writing):** We will have an oral language focus in preparation for our production. We will also have a heavy reading focus, using novel studies to help develop our thinking.

Our You Can Spell and STEPs spelling, typing and handwriting programmes will continue as normal.

**Religious Education:** The two strands will be focusing on this term will be the Church Stand and Communion of Saints.

**Mathematics (Numeracy and Strand):** Topics this term will include ratio and proportions strategies (eg. fractions, ratios, etc). Our strand focus will be on Geometry and Measurement with a focus on perimeter, angles, volume etc.

**The Arts:** We will be finishing our art rotation from Term Two which saw students will have the opportunity to learn and refine their skills in drama, dance, visual Art, and music. Dancesplash will continue to be run on a Friday.

**Languages:** We will continue to have Spencer Shen in to teach our students Mandarin. We will also continue with Te Reo and Samoan.

**Tikanga Maori:** We will continue our weekly sessions with Matua Todd and Whaea Claire. A focus will be on protocols.

**Physical Education:** The focus will be on manipulative skills such as throwing, catching and striking. Students will be creating their own games using the skills they have learnt from this unit.

**Inquiry:** Our focus for this term is our School production. We will also be running a programme called Navigator Project where students will have the opportunity to follow their own passions.

## Seesaw

Our Syndicate has been sharing our learning via seesaw this year. If you have not already signed up to your child's portfolio, please see your child's Teacher and they will email you the link.

Thank you to all those Parents who have already signed up and are active online.

## Camp

If you are able to help with sourcing grants or other fundraising ventures for the 2018 Camp, can you please see Jess Challands or email her at [jmc@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:jmc@stbrendans.school.nz). The Year 7 & 8 camp is held at Teapot Valley Christian Camp in Nelson from Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Our Camp information evening will be held in Term Four.

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# Homework

Our current homework programme continues to include a variety of activities to support learning in Maths, Literacy, RE and Topic. We often include Blendspace activities, particularly designed to support students in frontloading (what is coming up) rather than just practising what has already been covered. Homework goes home on a Monday and comes back on a Friday. We are very consistent in handing out homework each week, if your child is not coming home with homework, please see your teacher.

## FireWise Programme

Our Year 7 & 8 Students will be participating in the FireWise Programme this term. Included with this newsletter is further information regarding this.

While this programme is for Year 7 & 8 Students only, it is important you discuss with your family about your own fire safety plan. This discussion could include where all the exits to your house are in the event of a fire, where the safe meeting place is at your house, why you need to be careful around fire, what happens if something goes wrong.

You could also use this as an opportunity to check how many working smoke alarms you have in your house. The Fire service recommends one in every room (excluding kitchens and bathrooms). If having a working smoke alarm inside your home is an issue or if you are unsure of your own fire safety plan, you are able to contact your local fire station for a free check and free smoke alarm installed.

## Staff Contacts

Our classrooms are always open and we welcome you in at anytime. If you need to talk to your child's Teacher, you can come into the classroom or contact us via email. Our addresses are below.

Please email Jess and/or Emma for communication between home and the Senior classrooms.

Jess Challands (Seniors) - [jmc@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:jmc@stbrendans.school.nz) (All week)

Nicole Banks (Seniors) - [nbanks@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:nbanks@stbrendans.school.nz) (Tuesdays)

Emma Dobbelaar (Seniors) - [dobbelaar.e@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:dobbelaar.e@stbrendans.school.nz) (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays)

Nadene Maraku (Room 12) - [n.maraku@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:n.maraku@stbrendans.school.nz)

Sara Williams (Room 11) - [s.williams@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:s.williams@stbrendans.school.nz)

Please email Louise Poland until Jo starts in week 3.

Louise Poland (Room 10) - [poland.L@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:poland.L@stbrendans.school.nz) (Thursdays and Fridays)

Jo Hunter (Room 10) - [j.hunter@stbrendans.school.nz](mailto:j.hunter@stbrendans.school.nz) (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays)



# School Wide Behaviour Management System

