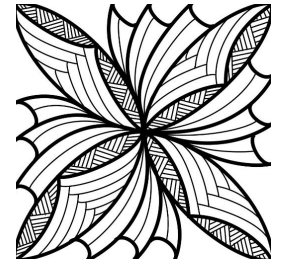


Upper Middles and Senior Syndicate Newsletter



Term Three 2018

Kia Ora, Talofa, and Welcome Whānau,

We warmly welcome all our families back for term three. Reflecting back on our previous term, we certainly have a lot to celebrate. These events included whole School Cross Country, Financial Literacy with ASB, Powhiri, Assemblies, Masses, Retreats, STEMM, Dancesplash practices, Kapa Haka practices, Tikanga, Polyfest, various sporting activities and our Cultural Celebration day.

Our learning is something we also enjoy celebrating. Thank you to all those families who came and visited their child's classroom for our 3-Way Conferences. We always have learning to share and invite you, as always, to come in and have a look around. We enjoy and continue to share our learning via Seesaw. If you are not already connected, please see your child's teacher.

Term three brings with it just as much excitement. As a School, our focus will be on Solidarity which means "unity or agreement of feeling or action, especially among individuals with a common interest." We will be using this to help our students in their learning. On the next page, we have included a brief outline of our term which links to Solidarity.

We currently have the Life Education bus at School. Life Education is a charity that educates and empowers children to make healthy choices so they can live full and healthy lives. Your child would have already visited Andrea and her giraffe friend, Harold to further explore our Health topics.

Please check that your child brings in their headphones and device (if they have one) to school each day.

The Upper Middles would appreciate any shoe boxes, essential oils and paint test pots that you may have at home. Please send them to Room 10, Room 11 or Room 12.

Finally, we encourage you to keep an eye out for the first newsletter which will have the term's events. If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher.

Nga Mihi,

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

Our Values

Every term, as part of our Religious Education Curriculum we focus on our School values.
Our School values are Faith, Love, Innovation, Courage, Excellence and Respect.



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.

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Term Three Curriculum Areas

Religious Education: We will be using solidarity as our key focus and will continue our Friday Masses and Father Tony visits.

Literacy (Reading / Writing / Oral language): We will have an integrated Literacy unit. Our Year 5 and 6 students will focus on writing narratives, poetry and Myths and Legends, while our Year 7 and 8 students will be exploring New Zealand History.

Mathematics (Number, Algebra & Strand): Focus will be on students Mathematics' goals. This will be complemented with word problems.

The Arts: Students will have the opportunity to learn and refine their skills in drama, dance, visual art, and music. Dance Splash practises will run on Fridays 11:30-1pm, from week three. Michael will also continue with Choir which is preparing for Art Splash.

Languages: Sylvia Sun is continuing to teach our students Mandarin, and we further develop our Te Reo Maori skills and knowledge.

Tikanga Maori: A focus will be on continuing to build the ka (energy) in our sessions.

Physical Education / Health: The Life Education bus will be at school to facilitate our Health learning across the whole school for the first two weeks. Each Year group has a specific focus.

Year 5 & 6: Year 5 and 6 students will be swimming in the first two weeks. They will then focus on Yoga and Dance.

Year 7 & 8: Practicing Netball, Rugby and Hockey. Our Health programme will be Puberty for Year 7's and D.A.R.E. for Year 8's.

Homework: Our emphasis will continue to be on Reading and Mathletics.



Upcoming Events

Please keep an eye on our School newsletter for key dates.

Weekly Events:

- Mondays: Choir (Artsplash), Table Tennis at Lunchtimes.
- Tuesdays: Indoor bowls at Lunchtimes.
- Wednesdays: Tikanga, Kapa Haka, Technicraft (Rooms Four and Five only).
- Thursdays: Early Explorer Buddies (Rooms Four and Five only).
- Fridays: Dancesplash practices.

Upcoming Events include:

- Friday 27th July: Whole School Assembly.
- Tuesday 31st July: ICAS English test.
- Friday 3rd August: Upper Middles and Middles at Mass.
- Tuesday 7th August: Year 4-6 Basketball Tournament.
- Wednesday 8th August: Powhiri to welcome new students and their families to St Brendan's.
- Friday 10th August: Seniors and Juniors at Mass.
- Tuesday 14th August: ICAS Maths test.
- Friday 17th August: School Assembly.
- Tuesday 21st August: Year 4-6 Netball Tournament.
- Friday 24th August: Upper Middles and Middles at Mass.
- Friday 31st August: Whole School Assembly.
- Friday 7th September: Seniors and Juniors at Mass.
- Tuesday 18th September: BMX Tournament.
- Tuesday 18th September: Artsplash concert.
- Thursday 20th September: Year 7 and 8 Inter-School Swimming.
- Thursday 20th September: Dancesplash concert.
- Wednesday 26th September: Kapa Haka Festival.

