

## Middle Syndicate Newsletter

### Term 3 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our Matariki open day with you last term and we have planned some exciting new investigations for the Middle School students this term. We would like to welcome Adele Chichester who will be working in Room 27 for two days a week.

#### **The Middle Team is as follows:**

Janine Robson	Year 4	Room 14 (Year 4 Team Leader)
Astrid Weeks	Year 4	Room 16
Melissa Erceg	Year 3/4	Room 13
Will Seedhouse	Year 4	Room 15
Dawn Pollard	Year 3	Room 26 (Year 3 Team Leader)
Jackie Fitzgerald	Year 3	Room 25
Julie Marshall/Adele Chichester	Year 3	Room 27

## **Curriculum**

### **Writing**

The Middle School writing program focuses on teaching students to write a series of sentences on one topic such as a personal experience, an area of personal interest or a response to a new experience or new knowledge. Where possible we try to link our writing to inquiry topics for full immersion in our learning.

### **Inquiry**

Our Inquiry for 2019 involves looking at the cultures within our classrooms and learning about different countries and their customs. Already many children have brought in items of their family heritage to share which is fantastic. Towards the end of the term we will be running the "Keeping Ourselves Safe " programme in conjunction with Constable Louise Nichols.

### **Maths**

Please encourage your child to use [Mathletics](#) and other educational websites such as [Hit the Button](#) because continued regular practice of the following will help to consolidate learning done at school:

- simple basic facts to 20 including addition and subtraction
- double numbers (8+8, 9+9)
- skip counting in 2's, 5's, 10's, 3s and 4s.
- learning 2, 5, 10 x tables (and their related division facts), and then 3 and 4 x tables.

Please help and encourage your child to spend 5-10 minutes daily on these. Having instant recall of basic facts helps students to solve number problems more efficiently.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are clearly named. Make sure your child's name is in each uniform item, including sweatshirts and raincoats. Greenhithe School raincoats can be purchased through the school office. Please provide a spare change of clothes for your child to wear at lunchtime, as the fields can get very muddy during the winter months.

### **Fitness and PE**

Every day students take part in 10-15 minutes of fitness followed by a water and fruit break. P.E. sessions this term will focus on the skills of small ball skills catching and throwing and striking. This term we are lucky to have some people coming in to teach our children cricket skills during our P.E. sessions.

### **Important Dates:**

- Week 3** Thurs 8 Sept - Rippa tournament 3
- Week 4** Mon 12 - Fri 16 Aug - Maths Week  
Tues 13 Aug - Rippa saver day
- Week 5** Fri 23 Aug - World of Maths
- Week 7** Fri 6 Sept - School Disco
- Week 8** Wed 11 Sept - Art Exhibition 1.40 - 3pm  
Thurs 12 Sept - Art Exhibition 6.00 - 7.30pm
- Week 10** Last day of school 27th September

Middle Syndicate Teachers