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Term 2

2 May – 7 July 2016

Primary News

Welcome!



Welcome to our new students and their families to our school:
Oliver, Emma & Sophie.

Absences

Whilst we appreciate your notification of absences and late notices in the children's journal we do request that you phone Glendowie school on **575 7374** and leave a message, preferably before 8.30am on the day of absence. If your child is to be away for an extended holiday, or special event, please could you forward written notification beforehand to office@glendowie.school.nz or info@montessoriprimary.school.nz.

EASTERN SUBURBS MONTESSORI PRIMARY SCHOOL



20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2016

Shared Afternoon Tea & Children Activities
2.30-4.30pm
Adults event 5.30-7.30pm
(details to follow)

DATES TO REMEMBER

ESMPS CLEANING BEE

Tuesday, 10 May 6.30

Thanks to those who made it.

ESMPS PTA

Thursday, 19 May 7.30pm in Room 27

ESMPS Family Pool Party & Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 22 May 12.00pm – 2.00pm

CLM The Bays GYM

135 Morrin Road, Glen Innes

ESMPS Trust AGM & Meeting

Thursday, 26 May 7.30pm

Queens Birthday

Monday, 6 June – School will be closed on this day

Class & Individual School Photos

Tuesday, 21 June

Glendowie Primary Movie Night

Friday, 24 June

Parent-Teacher Meeting – Room 27

Tuesday 28 June 2-7.30pm

ESMPS Trust Meeting

Thursday, 30 June 7.30pm

Parent-Teacher Meeting – Room 20 & 28

Tuesday 5 July 2-7.30pm

CULTURAL FAIR - ASIA

Wednesday, 31 August

We will be celebrating the continent of "Asia" so it's time to start thinking about costumes / food / culture etc....

Our Year 7 students will be organising this event.

Big Boys Breakfast

Friday, 16 September 8.15-9.15am

This year we will celebrate significant 'boys' in the lives of our students by inviting them to a 'Big Boys Breakfast'.

Term Contributions

Reminder that all term contributions are due two weeks prior to the beginning of each term unless paying by automatic payment. Automatic payments are due on the 20th of every month unless other arrangements have been made.

Payment is to account number :
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Message from Rose

There is a busy Term 2 ahead for our students and teachers - the first week focused on making those beautiful book marks and 'sunflower' photo frames. It has been a tradition for our classes to celebrate one of these special family occasions each year and this year it is the 'Father's' turn, however when looking at timing for this there is a clash with Cultural Fair being on Wednesday 31st August and Father's Day on Sunday 4th September. This year we will celebrate significant 'boys' in the lives of our students by inviting them to a 'Big Boys Breakfast' to be held on Friday 16th September from 8:15 - 9:15 am (after Father's Day). Mark the date in your calendars NOW and invites will be sent home after Cultural Fair.

All students have been participating in exciting learning using digital devices to enhance their learning. This has been part of our teacher's Professional Development - looking at ways to ENHANCE learning with 21st Century skills that include digital devices. It is an exciting time and teachers are exploring ways to utilize digital devices that support the learning that takes place. Many of you experienced this first hand when you attended the Parent Information Evening and were asked to submit questions in real time to the 'AnswerGarden'. An example of everyone being able to contribute at the same time and common questions instead of being repeated were emphasized in a bigger font. This showed what was important to the majority. Here's a screen shot of the questions asked.

What are some concerns regarding continuing at ESMPS for Y7/8?

Type your answer here...

40 characters remaining



Senior students use this app when brainstorming ideas - it can often be much faster to use this app than recording and going through the ideas one by one. The Year 7 and 8's have also been using Google Sheets to analyse data collected from their statistical investigations as part of their Units of Inquiry. The Year 5s and 6's are using Google Docs to collaborate gather information related to their business venture that they are planning.

The Year 3 and 4 's are using an app called Padlet. This is a collaboration tool that allows more than one student at a time to access and record their inquiry / information.

Our Year 1 and 2 students have been using an IPAD app called SeeSaw to take photos, record questions and their answers to inquiries they are investigating. Using this app has made recording information accessible in a different way for these students.

If your children have not talked about the learning that is taking place through using digital devices now is the time to ask them questions.

Another focus for our classes is the upcoming 20 Year Celebration. See the next page for more details of what we are planning to do.





20 Year Celebration

The sub committee for the 20 Year Anniversary have been meeting for the last few weeks and we are now asking for some help from you.

Junior Art Project

We are planning to create a Recycled Plastic Bottle Top Artwork that our Juniors will put together. We are asking parents to please save all your clean milk plastic bottle tops (all colours) and bring them into the office so we can collate.

Senior Art Project

The idea is for the senior children to create mosaic stepping stones for our vegetable garden. We are looking for donations or contacts for paving stones (450x450mm) and mosaic tiles to use for this project. Likewise if you have any experience in mosaic work or tiling and would be available to help guide our students we would really like to hear from you.

Junior Units of Inquiry

Year 1 and 2

We are currently exploring "Who We Are" with regards to the human body. The focus for this will be how the Digestive, Circulatory and Respiratory systems work and the connections between these important body systems. The Life Education caravan has provided an important part of this unit's learning. We have also had guest speakers come and speak to us and next week we are going to watch a professional dissect a lung! In your discussions at home you might like to ask your child questions relating to the body systems.

Following this Unit of Inquiry, we will be learning about the prehistoric world through the central idea "Our planet earth has a long past and has undergone many changes". This exciting unit will have children delving into Dinosaurs and other animals of the past. Later in the term there will be a trip to the Auckland Museum (Tuesday, 7 June) to support their learning.

Year 3 and 4

Students are continuing to learn that there is a limited amount of clean water available to people and it is continually being recycled. A guest speaker from Watercare has worked with the children both at school and when they visited Churchill Park Stream. The students used their water scoops to take samples of the stream and examine what lives there and its cleanliness. This was first hand experience of determining if the stream was healthy or not. The students have been finalizing their presentations on how they could make a difference around an issue regarding water.

Following this they will be learning "How to Express Themselves" through the means of movement and coordination in the form of dance. A dance instructor will be working with students and they will use different elements of dance to be creative.

Room 20

This term we welcomed Sophie to our classroom. Her buddy's have taken great care of her as she learns about our class.

Compassion and Trust have been the virtues focussed on so far this term.

Robbie the Hippo (our class stuffed animal) continues to have many exciting adventures with the children during weekends and holidays and shares his diary with the class every week. He was lucky enough to go to Fiji during the holidays.



Hiranthi

Room 28

Kia Ora Whanau,

Welcome back to an exciting term in Room 28! We Welcome Emma and Oliver to our wonderful community of learners. After having the first term under my belt I now have a a better understanding of our children's interests and how they work. It' wonderful to see the students continue to show concentration and enthusiasm with their learning.

Our grouping of children between room 20 and 28 are now established so that children can receive lessons from all three teachers.

We look forward to a great term with lots of learning in the mix of cold and wet days ahead!



Anita Gokal

Montessori Resource Teacher

My responsibility continues to be focusing on learning to read and write with our younger students.

I am also responsible for implementing the handwriting programme in the Montessori Junior Hub. This involves all students having one group lesson a week learning and practising their cursive handwriting skills.

This term I will be taking the Year 3 and 4 students for Sport each Friday 11.30-12.30. The students will be required to wear their sports uniform. The students are divided into teams with the rest of the Year 3 and 4 students and the teams rotate through a variety of sport activities including Basketball, Volleyball, Netball, Fun games, Rippa Rugby and Football.

In the near future our Montessori Garden patch will have a makeover. I will work with small groups of students to design, plant and grow a variety of plants.



Saskia

Wrap It Up System

Just a reminder that parents will need to sign up on the Wrap it Up System to pay for school trips. Montessori students are listed under "Montessori" (not included in their actual Year Level).

9-12 Class Notices

Our amazing camp on Motatapu Island was a wonderful opportunity to get to know the students of our class in a different setting. It was an opportunity for students to work in a team to collaborate and problem solve. Many of the students tried something different for the first time as did us as teachers. We had both never snorkelled before and came away from the experience having gained confidence in ourselves for facing a challenge we had not experienced before. This helped us to have a glimpse of what the students may have experienced. A huge thank you to Andrew Baird, Desiree French, Wayne Maguire and Preeti Sooden for their dedication and commitment to the students on this adventure. We are back to reality and have settled back into routines and expectations in the classroom.

Syndicate Sports is underway and happens on Fridays from 9.30-10.30 for Year 5 and 6 and 1.30-2.30 for Year 7 and 8. Students need their sport uniform to participate in Syndicate Sports and PE lessons through the week so we suggest that uniforms are brought on a daily basis.

The special programmes the class is involved in at the moment are Life Education, Music and Chinese. For Life Education Year 5/6 are focusing on relationships with their peers and themselves. Year 7's are learning about keeping balanced and dealing with stress. Year 8 are focusing on the challenges of youth and illegal drugs. Music has an emphasis on playing the recorder or ukulele as well as some basic theory components. In our Chinese lessons students have learned basic conversation, colours and numbers and at present are learning to name body parts. Master Chef will start later this term.

This term, reports will be sent on Friday 24 June. This will be followed by Parent – Teacher Interviews for Room 27 on Tuesday 28 June from 2-7.30pm. Room 27 will still be in the classroom until 3pm. This is because Elena is heading to Canada to complete the 9-12 component of her Montessori training. She will be away for the last week of school in Term 2 and the first 5 weeks of Term 3. During this time, Rose will at different times in Room 27.

This age group likes to socialise so we encourage them to arrive at school earlier to that this allows them to settle in and get organised for the day. Please encourage and support your child to arrive at school on time.

Units of Inquiry

Year 5 and 6

These students are learning about trading and the differences between needs and wants. We began this unit with a trip to Ambury Farm Park to experience a working farm as a business. Observing and learning about how a successful farm operates has helped the students to apply their knowledge in playing the Trade Game in class. They get to apply and understand simple economic ideas. Our next step is in small groups to design a product or service which they will market to the intermediate students. Business mentors will be required to support this initiative and if you would like to share your experience and expertise with a group of students could you please let Oliver know?

Year 7

The students are developing a conflict resolution plan for a specific kind of argument or disagreement. As part of this unit, students have conducted a statistical investigation to analyse a problem and design a solution. Following this these students will be working with the theme 'How we Express Ourselves' with a particular emphasis on visual art. Later in the term this group will be planning the term 3 Cultural Fair for Asia.

Year 8

These students have been given the opportunity to choose their Inquiry related to the central idea that conflict occurs due to different perspectives and how we choose to resolve it, has different consequences. Topics investigated have been deforestation, the Holocaust and Fashion. Following this these students will be participating in the Year 8 Exhibition. This involves them being grouped with other year 8s in the school and working through the inquiry process towards the Exhibition that will be in term 3.

Elena & Oliver



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>Week 1</i> <i>May</i>	2	3	4	5 <i>Yr3/4 Churchill Park Trip</i> <i>7.00-8.30pm</i> <i>Parent Information Evening</i>	6
<i>Week 2</i>	9	10 <i>Working Bee 7.00pm</i>	11	12	13
<i>Week 3</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>MPTA 7.30pm</i>	20
<i>Week 4</i> <i>Sun 22.05.16</i> <i>12-2pm Pool Party at CLM The Bays GYM</i>	23	24	25 <i>Glendowie Mum's Night Out</i>	26 <i>ESMPS AGM & Trust Meeting 7.30pm</i>	27
<i>Week 5</i>	30 <i>Yr 5/6 Science Roadshow 10.15-12.30pm</i>	31	1	2	3
<i>Week 6</i> <i>June</i>	6 QUEENS BIRTHDAY	7 <i>Yr 1/2 trip to Auckland Museum</i>	8	9	10
<i>Week 7</i>	13	14	15	16	17
<i>Week 8</i>	20	21 <i>Student & Class Photos</i>	22	23	24 <i>Glendowie Movie Night</i> <i>Yr 0-4 Oddball 4.30pm</i> <i>Yr 5-8 Antman 7.300pm</i>
<i>Week 9</i>	27	28 <i>Yr 5/6 trip to Zoo</i> Room 27 only <i>Parent—Teacher Mtg 2.00-7.30pm</i>	29	30 <i>ESMPS Trust Meeting 7.00pm</i>	1 <i>Elena leave for training</i>
<i>Week 10</i> <i>July</i>	4	5 Room 20 & 28 <i>Parent—Teacher Mtg 2.00-7.30pm</i>	6	7 MPTA 7.30pm	8