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Term 3  
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## Primary News



A warm welcome to our new students and their families:  
Lucas Curtayne, Edison Mu and Nathan Dale.

### WRAP IT UP / KINDO

Wrap It Up has now joined with another school payments provider called Kindo, and Wrap It Up will no longer be available. This means that our school will be moving to the Kindo platform for future Glendowie school payments as from Term 3.

### 2018 TERM DATES

Term 1 Wed 31 Jan – Fri 13 Apr  
Term 2 Mon 30 Apr – Fri 6 Jul  
Term 3 Mon 23 Jul – Fri 28 Sep  
Term 4 Mon 15 Oct – Fri 14 Dec

### Term Contributions

A 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 :  
**12 3027 0072016 00**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ESMPS PTA

Tuesday, 8 August  
Thursday, 26 September  
Thursday, 16 November

### ESMPS Trust Meetings 7.00pm

Tuesday, 22 August  
Monday, 18 September  
Tuesday, 7 November

### School Cross Country

11 August Year 5-8  
15 August Year 0-4

### School Photos

Monday, 21 August

### Glendowie School Runathon

Wednesday, 23 August, 9-12.30

### MPTA Parent/Teacher Dinner

Friday 25 August 7pm  
Scalinis, St Heliers

### Glendowie PA SILLY SOCKS Day

Wednesday, 30 August

### Glendowie School Disco

Friday, 8 September

### Student Led Conference

Tuesday, 13 September  
Wednesday, 14 September  
Details to be confirmed

### JOLLY JARS - to be returned the week of:

27-29 September

### Cultural Fair – Europe

Thursday, 19 October 9.00-3.00pm  
We will be celebrating the continent of “Europe” so it’s time to start thinking Europe. Our Year 7 students have started organising this event.

## Message from Rose

Kia Ora,

What a privilege it has been to be supported by our Montessori Community to attend the 28th IMC Montessori Congress in Prague, The Czech Republic. (It was also nice to spend time in the sun over these past few weeks as well!!!)

The theme of the Congress was "Pathway to Peace: Montessori Education for Social Change" and delegates were privileged to hear a range of speakers give their view on topics related to the theme. One speaker, who really inspired me, was Srikumar Rao, CEO and Founder of the Rao Institute. At Congress he spoke about 'how to eliminate stress and craft a perfect life'. Isn't that what we all want?! It was a very entertaining presentation where he basically told us that we have no control over anything and then proceeded to share ways to alleviate stress - it all has to do with attitude and expectation and working through the process!! It was great to do a personal check on attitudes that can be engrained in our lives that affect what we do.

He was adamant that process is more important than outcomes - something that many schools support and encourage in learning. In Montessori Philosophy, process is the key and it is through students processing their learning that brings about growth and understanding. Another aspect of his presentation was the idea that whatever happens, it's how you accept it or understand it that determines how much stress you might feel. He had the phrase, 'Bad thing, Good thing, Who knows?' meaning that bad situations can actually have positive outcomes but we can allow the negative to determine decisions we make and consequently cause our stress levels to increase. I have already started using the phrase when something happens that is not planned and I would normally have a negative response - it really is a stress reliever!!! If you would like to know more I can certainly give you examples of how I have used his suggestions.

Although I do not have access to Rao's Congress presentation, the following TED Talk link will give you an insight into his style of presentation and the logic of his thinking that has helped many organisations change the way they do things. [Hardwired Happiness](#).

As I ponder the many presentations I attended over the four days, I'm sure I will be able to implement and use some of the new learning in leading our Montessori classes to new heights! Stress free teachers, means stress free students!!

Here's to another busy and productive learning term.



## Room 28

Welcome back everyone!

We welcome Lucas Curtayne, Nathan Dale and Edison Mu to our classroom.

We said goodbye to Noah Brenninkmeyer last term who moved to another school.

We also farewelled Anita Gokal who has taken up a teaching position in a school in Mangere.

Bev Bradnick has become part of our classroom and assists the younger students in their reading, writing and math.



The students have been busy practising for Cross Country races and the school's Runathon. The weather has not been too favorable to have regular practices but we have been out when possible.

Working in the large classroom area has helped the students think about respecting their fellow classmates' time and space. We have seen new friendships blossom as there is opportunity to work with different personalities. The older students are using their developing leadership skills and role models showing their ability to be in more and more situations.

Saskia has returned from her Montessori training in Berlin. She successfully completed the second part of her Montessori diploma which she had started in 2013. Brimming with enthusiasm, she is keen to extend her presentations to work with all students who will benefit from her newly acquired skills and knowledge.

This term holds yet again some special highlights for us. The most exciting will be the student-led conferences when our students will have the opportunity to present their learning to you, giving you an insight in to what they are working on and having the time to celebrate their successes with you.

We are looking forward to a great term.

**Chinese** Tuesday Yr 2 1.30-1.50pm  
Tuesday Yr3 1.50-2.20pm  
Tuesday Yr4 2.20-2.50pm

**Sports Yr3/4** Friday 11.30-12.30

## Junior Units of Inquiry

### **Year 1/2**

During the last unit of inquiry, the students wrote imaginary stories and used puppets to present them to the rest of the class. They adapted their stories with human characters to animals and super heroes. We saw amazing acting talent and a variety of voice projections which made the presentations very exciting. The next unit is under the theme of 'How The World Works'. Our focus will be how the sun impacts our life. We will be exploring the phenomenon of day and night, the seasons, as well as the Earth's relationship to the sun. There will be a trip to Star Dome which will provide an opportunity to broaden our knowledge and confirm our understanding of the solar system.

### **Year 3/4**

The unit the students began last term was completed by them building amazing structures. These were tested against the structural principles they had learned about.

The new unit is under the theme 'How we Organise Ourselves' with the central idea being 'to achieve a common goal, people need to work collaboratively and share responsibility'. The students will inquire about how people work collaboratively together in an organised workplace and the importance of a shared vision or common purpose.

## **6-9 Class Notices / Reminders**

### **Birthday Policy**

The birthday celebrations in the Montessori Junior Hub are celebrated as close to the child's birthday as possible. The set times for this celebration will be either 12.15pm or 2.45pm depending on the daily schedule. You are invited to attend this celebration with your child and to avoid disappointment, we ask that you liaise with the classroom teacher at least one week before your child's actual birthday. In keeping with our healthy food procedure, a fruit or vegetable platter is the only acceptable food choice for this celebration. Please do not feel obliged to provide this.

### **Book Bags**

Our book bags made by past Year 4 students have lasted well and the tradition continues. We ask that you help to ensure that your child takes care of their book bag. They are washable and are used to keep their journal and reading books/logs in, these should come to and from school each day.

### **Journals**

In your child's journal, a work record is pasted every two weeks. This is for the recording of lessons given and to help the student choose a variety of work independently. What work a student does can be recorded daily. Please note that students are at different abilities to complete this. We encourage the students to write a daily reflection and sharing this with someone at home can be a starting point to discuss the events of the day.

Journals are also the mode of communication between parents / teachers and school. School notices are generally stapled into the journal so please remember to check the journal on a daily basis. Please take stapled notices out of the journal and initial the journal every day. This helps the teachers know that the journal has been seen.

### **Poetry**

Most weeks your child will have a poem pasted / written in their journal. Your child may not always be able to read the poem independently. Please enjoy reading the poems with your child. Research has shown that rhyme, rhythm and repetition are helpful elements in assisting children's reading development. Over time they will become familiar with the poems and enjoy going back to their favourite ones and recite many off by heart.

### **Reading Books**

Students are expected to read at home every day. Those students on the colour wheel up to purple should be taking a book home to read with you each day. Please record the book your child has read in the reading log notebook and return both the book and the reading log daily in the book bag. Reading to your child and having them read regularly is a beneficial experience so please try to share the reading of books you have at home as often as possible. The students who are past purple are still expected to read daily and may read chapter books from home. We want reading to be an enjoyable experience for your child and for them to experience success at reading. Please be vigilant about returning any Glendowie School books sent home in book bags.

### **Library**

Our weekly school library slot is on Wednesday. Your child is encouraged to issue a library book and read and enjoy it with you at home. Year 1&2 may issue one book, Year 3&4 may borrow 2 books. The books can be returned at any time during the lunch hour. Only if a book is returned, a new one can be issued. Therefore please remind your child to bring their library book on a Wednesday to avoid any disappointment.

## 9-12 Class Notices

### Room 28



Welcome back to the second half of the year. If we thought the first half was lively and bustling, full of learning and activities, we only have to look at what is coming up to realise that the second half of the year will be the same! Later in the term students will have the opportunity to showcase, consolidate and extend their learning in many ways and share this with you in Student Led Conferences.

Year 8 students have embarked on the biggest learning task they have had to plan and carry out in their primary school years. Exhibition is the culminating task that requires students to put to use all the skills they have learned so far in all areas of the curriculum. They choose a topic or area that is meaningful to them and conduct an investigation that allows taking appropriate action. Anticipate a lot of work, some of which may come home, collaboration, communication, decision making and possibly frustration, uncertainty and conflict. Rest assured, we have it all under control. You will be able to view your child's presentation...keep an eye out for notices asking for volunteers/business mentors and experts to come and help.

Year 7 students have kickstarted preparations for Cultural Fair. This year they are investigating and celebrating cultures across Europe. To initiate the students into their roles as event organisers, they will start with an inquiry into 'How We Organise Ourselves'. The central idea will focus their inquiry on how in an organisation people share responsibility towards a common purpose. Students will be planning and organising different activities from a chosen culture which they will prepare and organise for Cultural Fair Day. They have organised a letter to parents which you will have received by now asking for volunteers to support not only the students who are organising the Cultural Fair but also to help out on the day. As part of the preparations, guest speakers will be invited to share cultural knowledge, stories or artifacts from different cultures in Europe. Rose and Elena will guide and support our Year 7 students throughout this process.

Our Year 5 and 6 students are inquiring into 'How The World Works'. The central idea is '*we can use our knowledge of energy, in its changing forms, for our benefit*'. To support our learning, students will be carrying out scientific experiments to explore forces, motion and simple machines that use and transform energy.

Speeches are well underway. Everyone has been busy planning, writing and refining their speeches. Two finalists from our class have delivered their speech in front of a selected panel of judges, congratulations to Lee Berman and Joshua Dale who are our class finalists. We have enjoyed learning about new topics and considering new perspectives.

To ensure we keep our bodies fit with all that work our minds and hands are doing, we will continue training for Cross Country twice a week. We will be using Glendowie Park and the paths around our school. Please remind your child to bring their sports uniform and suitable shoes on training days. Run-a-thon takes place this term as well. Forms have been sent home already. Cross-country was postponed to August 11 from 11:30. Run-a-thon takes place on August 23. Year 5 and 6 will start at 11:30. Year 7 and 8 will start at 11:55.

If your child is sick or injured and needs to be excused, please send a note in their journal to inform the teachers. Although excused, your child is still expected to accompany their class during all activities.

Please encourage your child to bring their sports uniforms daily this term. They are required to wear it when using the field at morning tea and lunch. The cold winter season provides excellent opportunities for bugs to spread. Please remind your child of proper hygiene to protect our community. If your child is sick and needs to stay home, please be sure to inform the school before 8:30am.

***Elena & Oliver***

## General Reminders

### **Before / After School**

Students are asked to wait on the court if they arrive before 8.30am. When the bell rings at 8.30am the students must walk sensibly to their classroom and unpack their belongings. At the end of the day, please meet your child either on the upper court or at the seating near the top field. If you have a Year 1 or 2 child you are welcome to meet them at their class after the bell has rung. It is school policy that students go straight home unless accompanied by their parent.

### **Forgotten Items**

If you are dropping off something for your child, please leave it at the main office and they will ensure your child receives it. Please try to keep these to a minimum so as not to disturb the classes work pattern.

### **Independence**

Please help your child develop independence by encouraging them to be responsible for remembering their lunch, journal, book bag and sports uniform if required.

### **Lunches**

Our school encourages students to eat healthy lunches and to drink water. We encourage "litterless lunches" so would appreciate the use of recyclable lunch boxes / containers / reusable bags. Sweets / lollies should not come to school. At school we recognise there are a number of students with food allergies, some of which have serious implications. We do not allow children to bring any food to school to share with others including birthday treats such as cakes. If there is food cooked or shared at school as part of the learning programme, class teachers will advise parents of children with known allergies.

### **Water Bottles**

We encourage all students to bring a named water bottle to school for use in the classroom. No juice is allowed in the classroom.

### **Meetings & Appointments**

If you wish to meet with a class teacher you are most welcome to email the Montessori Office or write in your child's journal to arrange a suitable time. Teachers will liaise around their meeting commitments to accommodate your request. Please do not contact teachers on their personal home or mobile phones unless specifically asked to by the teacher.

### **Named Clothing**

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of NAMING all articles of clothing, this includes socks, lunchboxes, sports uniform and drink bottles. We have items of clothing left at school every day and it makes it easier to return to the owner if items are named. Please note that socks should be navy blue or black – no other colour should be on them.

### **Punctuality**

Students are expected to be in the classroom by 8.55am. It helps them have time to think about their day and what they need to accomplish. Our lessons start at 9:00 am so students need to be ready to start by then. Please ensure your child arrives on time as this assists them in getting ready for the day of learning. If your child is late they must go to the office to collect a late pass.

### **Sports Uniform**

Please remember Sports Uniform is compulsory for Year 3 and up. The Sports Uniform is required for all terms. Children can also change into their Sports Uniform at lunch time to play on the school field during the wet months.

### **Kindo**

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## Term 3, 2017

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<i>Week 1</i>	24	25	26	27	28
<b>July</b>					
<i>Week 2</i>	31	1	2	3	4
<b>August</b>					
<i>Week 3</i>	7	8 <i>MPTA 7.00pm</i>	9	10 <i>Yr 5-8 Finals Speech Competition</i>	11 <i>Yr 5/6 11.30am Yr 7/8 1.30pm X Country</i>
<i>Week 4</i>	14	15 <i>Yr 1/2 11.30am Yr 3/4 1.30pm X Country</i>	16	17  <i>Glendowie PA 7.30pm</i>	18
<i>Week 5</i>	21  <i>School Photos</i>	22  <i>Trust Mtg 7.00pm</i>	23 <i>Run-a-thon</i> <i>Yr 1 10.05 Yr 2 10.15 Yr 3/4 11.10 Yr 5/6 11.30 Yr 7/8 11.55</i>	24	25  <i>Parent/Teacher Dinner at Scalinis 7pm</i>
<i>Week 6</i>	28	29	30 <i>Silly Socks Day Fundraiser Gala</i>	31 <i>All students Maria Montessori's Birthday Skatelands 11.45am with our wider Montessori Community</i>	1
<i>Week 7</i>	4	5 <i>Stardome Trip Year 1&amp;2</i>	6	7	8 <i>Glendowie School Disco</i>
<b>September</b>					
<i>Week 8</i>	11	12	13	14	15
<i>Week 9</i>	18 <i>Trust Mtg 7.00pm</i>	19 <i>Student Led Conferences tbc</i>	20 <i>Student Led Conferences tbc</i>	21  <i>GPA 7.30pm</i>	22
<i>Week 10</i>	25	26 <i>MPTA 7.00pm</i>	27 <i>Botanic Gardens Trip Year 1&amp;2 Return Jolly Jars for school Gala</i>	28  <i>Return Jolly Jars for school Gala</i>	29  <i>Return Jolly Jars for school Gala</i>