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Term 4  
16 Oct - 18 Dec 2017

## Primary News



A warm welcome to our new students and their families:  
Selena, Zarah and Isabella.

### Senior Class Camp Meeting Yr 5-8 2018 5.30-6.30pm Thursday, 30 November

There will be a Camp meeting to share further information about the upcoming Camp Adair 7-9th February 2018. All information and necessary forms will be sent home with parents who attend this meeting or the next day with your child. Parents of 2017 Year 4 students need to attend this meeting.



Hats are compulsory in Term 1 and 4. If your child does not have their hat they will be asked to play in specific shade areas during any breaks.

### 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 Trust Meetings 7.00pm

Monday, 6 November

### Athletics Day

Thursday, 9 November Year 5-8 at Glover Park

Tuesday, 14 November Year 0-4 at School

### Book Week Character Parade

Thursday, 16 November, 9.00am details to follow.

### ESMPS PTA 7.00pm

Thursday, 16 November

### Senior Class Camp Meeting 5.30-6.30pm

Yr 4-7 2017 Thursday, 30 November

### Parent Information Evening 6.30-8.00pm

Thursday, 30 November

### Bible Assemble Yr 1-4

Friday, 1 December, morning

### Rainbows End for Road Patrollers

Tuesday, 5 December

### Glendowie Year 8 Leaving Assembly

Thursday, 7 December, 1.30-3.00

### ESMPS Leavers Assembly

Thursday, 14 December, 1.30-3.00

The students of Eastern Suburbs Montessori farewell our Year 8 students leaving the Unit. This is a lovely occasion and we would welcome all families to attend this ceremony

### ESMPS Thank You to Staff / Trustee

Friday, 15 December 2.45-3.00pm

**School Closes 2pm**, Monday, 18 December

### MPTA Get Together

Monday, 18 December, 2.30pm - Details to follow

Kia Ora,

With our Culture Fair over for another year, there hardly seems time to breathe before the end of the term arrives. There always seems so much to do in the last term. Teachers are busy evaluating what our students have learned and will be sharing their successes with you in the end of year reports. As teachers, we do get excited to confirm the progress students make over the year. It is a positive time for our students and an opportunity for them to feel proud of their learning. It is also a time for them to realise that they have worked hard to accomplish the learning achieved.

Added to the busyness of Term 4, Hiranthi, Elena & I attended a Montessori Workshop on writing this past weekend. Over the two days we were reminded of our purpose as teachers (guides) and philosophy. To work and learn with our Montessori peers inspires us to stay focused on why we do what we do. Implementation of Montessori materials and philosophy are keys to supporting your children in their learning. We came away with new ways of supporting students with their writing. Maria Montessori really did use her observation of children to develop and design an education system that has stood the test of time. The materials in our classrooms are key to providing scaffolded learning steps that inspire our students to practise and master the progressions expected from our National Curriculum.

As the term ramps up with commitments, we also look forward to the winding down of the year. Looking at the schedule though, I don't think this can happen until the last day of term!! Our final outdoor (mainly) Working Bee is on Sunday 12 November from 2 - 4 pm. Two weeks later is the Glendowie School Fair on Saturday 25 November. There will also be a Parent Information Evening on Thursday 30 November. Prior to this a Camp Meeting for parents of Year 4 - 7 students will take place for the Senior Class Camp which is scheduled in the second week of school next year (7 - 9 February). Our annual Leaving Ceremony for our Year 8 students is on Thursday 14 December.

Please remember to prioritise these events amongst the other 'to do's' that happen in this busy term. I would like to reiterate what a privilege it is to be part of a team that is so well supported by our community and who are passionate about the students within their care.



Rose Phillips

## Room 28

Welcome back everyone!

This term we welcome Zarah, Selena and Isabella to our busy classroom.

We are very proud of the focus and effort our students have to accomplish their learning and the decisions they are able to make in relation to accomplishing the work expected of them.

This term, Rose is working with the Year 4 students for reading and as is tradition, these students have started making book bags for new students starting next year. This is a special responsibility of service to the Junior Class and Year 4's are supported in developing their sewing skills by Bev.

The term awaits us with a number of fun school activities including Book Week ( 13 - 17 November), Athletics Day (Tuesday 14 November) and the School Fair (Saturday 25 November).

For our Unit of Inquiry, the Year 3 & 4 students are exploring the theme of Sharing the Planet. Our focus is on habitats, change, the cause and effect of changes that happen to them. What adaptations animals have and the responsibility we have to protect the environment. All living things need to share the same environment and changes may impact on the animals that live there. We have already enjoyed a fabulous trip to the zoo and broadened our knowledge.

The Year 1 & 2 students are also focusing on the theme of Sharing the Planet. They are exploring how plants and other things depend on each other for survival. Seeds have been sown and the students are now eagerly observing what is happening to the growing seedlings.



**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  
**Sports Yr 1/2** Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:15 - 3:55 pm

## **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**

Year 4 students make our book bags as an act of service. The design is now 4 years old and meets the needs of our students. 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. It is an expectation that book bags 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. The books can be returned at any time either before school or 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, Dobrodošli, Benvenuto, Kalōs orisate, Vítej, Velkommen to Term 4. These greetings are just a small sample of what we learned over the last few weeks in preparation for the Europe Cultural Fair. We researched, practised and learned lots about different European cultures. The Year 7 students worked tirelessly to organise this event and focused on taking responsibility, working collaboratively and experiencing first hand how people and systems are connected and work together to achieve common goals. The event turned out to be a great success but the Year 7's learned that the process for organising such an event was anything but smooth. There were many challenges, frustrations and LOTS of learning! Everyone took responsibility and showed initiative, contributed and supported one another. Well done, Year 7's!

With Cultural Fair done and dusted, we have now embarked on some exciting new learning. Our Year 5 and 6 students are inquiring into **Who We Are** focusing on '*our responsibility to consider others' perspectives and rights*'. In this unit, the students will be learning about their own rights and the responsibilities they have to themselves and others. They will work towards developing an appreciation for what they have, their privileges and freedoms as well as becoming more reflective and considerate. Under this theme, the students will be discussing personal safety and learning how to stay safe. To support this learning, Constable Jude from New Zealand Police talked to the students about how to 'Keep Ourselves Safe'. Please ensure that you ask your child about what they learned.

The Year 5 / 6 students will finish the year inquiring into **How We Share Our Planet** with a focus on caring for our environment.

The Year 7 and 8 students are busy delving into the theme '**Who We Are**'. This focuses on *Our Body Functions Help Us Make Good Choices to Maintain Health*. To support learning in this unit, our students have attended sessions provided by the Life Education Trust. The Year 8 students will look at drug use and the impact of various substances on individuals, friends and families. The Year 7 students will be focusing on elements of growth and change during puberty and the effect alcohol and smoking has on various body systems especially in the growing body and brain.

Year 7 & 8 will finish the year inquiring into **Where We Are in Place and Time** with a focus on New Zealand history.

But that's not all, parents! Our classroom are attending music lessons with our specialist teacher for the first 4 weeks of term. On Wednesdays, we visit the library and in the afternoon continue with our Chinese lessons. PE is on Mondays and Thursdays. PE Lessons this term will focus on athletic skills ready for **Year 5-8 Athletics Day**. The week of November 13, our school celebrates **Book Week** and we will participate in the **Book Parade on Thursday, 16 November**. We look forward to discussing favourite authors and books as well as dressing up as our favourite character for this event. The Masterchef programme continues this term with the help of our parent volunteers who will come in and offer support to our students as they prepare and serve some delicious food.

This term a **Camp Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, 30 November 5.30-6.30pm**. Camp for the Senior Class next year is to Camp Adair in the Hunua Ranges. Parents of students in Year 4-7 are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. You will receive information about camp preparation and activities planned and most importantly, you will get to ask questions and learn how camp provides invaluable learning opportunities. For planning purposes, please note that 2018 camp dates are **Wednesday, 7 February to Friday, 9 February, 2018**. Following the camp meeting there will be **Parent Information Evening** The focus of this will be showing the progression of fraction learning from concrete experiences to abstraction.

As the year draws to a close, we will be saying goodbye to our most senior students. The **Year 8 Leaving Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, 14 December**. This year we farewell *Ellis, Jenna, Ella and Dylan*. You are invited to be a part of our celebrations. As our Year 8 students prepare to take flight, we welcome our current Year 4 students. Later in the term they will be invited to join and work alongside the senior class students as they too prepare to close one chapter and open another. We look forward to welcoming them into our community.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support this year from volunteering to accompany us on school trips to donating time and resources to the various projects we have on the go.

**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**

The school is now using Kindo as the new platform for school payments

## Term 4, 2017

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Week 1	16	17	18	19 <i>Cultural Fair</i> 9.00-3.00pm	20 YR 3/4 Zoo Trip
Week 2	23 <i>Labour Day</i> <i>School Closed</i>	24	25	26	27 Yr 1/2 Police Walking Practical 11.45am
Week 3	30	31	1	2	3
Week 4	6 <i>ESMPS Trust Mtg</i> 7.00pm	7	8	9 Yr 5-8 Athletics at Glover Park	10 <i>Working Bee</i> Sunday 12 Nov. 2 - 4 pm
Week 5 <i>Book Week</i>	13	14 <i>Yr 0-4 Athletics</i>	15	16 <i>Book week</i> <i>character parade</i>  <i>MPTA Mtg 7.00pm</i>	17
Week 6	20	21	22	23	24
Week 7	27	28	29 <i>Yr 5 Policy Cycling</i> <i>Practical</i>	30 <i>2018 Camp Mtg</i> 5.30-6.30pm followed by Parent Information Evening 6.30-8.00pm	1 <i>Yr 1-4 Bible</i> <i>Assembly in</i> <i>school hall</i> 9-10.30am
Week 8	4	5 <i>Road Patrollers trip</i> <i>to Rainbows End</i>	6	7 <i>Glendowie Year 8</i> <i>Leaving Assembly</i> 1.30pm	8
Week 9	11	12	13	14 <i>ESMPS Leaving</i> <i>Assembly 1.30-3.00</i>	15 <i>Thank you to</i> <i>ESMPS staff</i> 2.45-3.00pm
Week 10	18 <i>School closes at</i> <i>2pm</i> <i>MPTA 2.30pm get</i> <i>together at beach</i> <i>t.b.c.</i>	<i>Xmas Holidays</i> <i>Start</i>	<i>Xmas Holidays</i>	<i>Xmas Holidays</i>	<i>Xmas Holidays</i>