

Message from Rose

Kia Ora,



We have all been so fortunate to have continued wonderful weather and to start the term with sunshine! It will be a shock to the system when the drop in temperature arrives! It was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic students arrive at school on Wednesday morning to start our newly formed 'Garden Club'. Many thanks to Michelle Pinfeld for getting this off the blocks. I'm excited that at last we will have regular, ongoing care for our garden area. When we get our Garden Shed, the Club will be able to meet whatever the weather!!!

Another exciting addition to our Community is the Senior Class Kitchen. Pop in and have a look - it' looks like it has always been there as it matches the classroom perfectly. Thanks so much to Desiree French for her management of this installation. The Masterchef initiative got underway this week thanks to a group of parents who have offered to support our students regularly. The challenge for the students is to make something seasonal and to include something from our garden. There's not too much to choose from right now but that will change as our Garden Club gets into action!!

Our students are also experiencing 'Life Education' this term. I'm sure the younger students will tell you about meeting Harold the Giraffe and all the learning that takes place. The Year 1 / 2 students also were introduced to safe walking on streets with our Education Police Officer. They now need to practise checking driveways, looking both ways and watching for hazards when they are walking to and from school before and after school!

Another exciting event happening this term is the visit of Jame Rue who is coming to spend time in our classrooms and with the teachers. Jamie have visited us before and is a Montessori Teacher Trainer. A Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 27 June and the topic for this evening will be around peace and what that means in a Montessori setting (home & school!!!). I would encourage you all to set aside the date to come and hear Jamie explain and encourage us in this important area.

Nga mihi nui
Rose Phillips

Room 27 9-12 Class Notices

Welcome to Term 2!



We are excited to be back and what an awesome class space we have come back to with our new kitchen area. Masterchef has started this week and it's great to be able to do this in our own class. What's even more exciting is that this year students will 'go out' when they are responsible for cooking as they will need to plan and purchase the necessary ingredients from the local supermarket. This is a wonderful experience for the students that covers many areas of learning and practicalities that will be used in the future.

Our class is concluding a series of six lessons with the Specialist Music Teacher next week. The students have been putting their musical knowledge into learning and using different instruments to create their own music. The Life Education Classroom is onsite and the Year 5 / 6's go as a group to this while the Year 7 & 8's visit with different classes to cover year level related topics. Syndicate Sports has started every Friday so sports uniforms are required for this as well as PE lessons during the week. The class has been split in two groups and Oliver will be taking PE lessons and Elena will be taking art lessons for both groups on a weekly basis.

The year 5 & 6's will be concluding their inquiries into supply and demand (trade) with a Market Day Sale. This has involved the students designing and creating products or services that will be for sale to another year level. Following this they will then move on to exploring 'how the world works' inquiring into how energy can be transferred and utilised in different ways. This will include a focus on measurement within their mathematical work.

The year 7 & 8's are concluding their study into conflict and how to bring about peaceful resolutions. Their next inquiry is under the theme 'how we express ourselves' and the learning centred around how art ideas can be expressed, explored and acted upon. This will involve a series of lessons with our Specialist Art teacher and a trip to Te Tuhi Art Gallery in Pakuranga.

Term 2 is also a 'reporting to parents' term and we look forward to meeting with you all closer to the end of the term to share with you the wide range of learning that your child has achieved. We've had a great start to the term!

Elena & Oliver

Room 28

Welcome to Term 2!

What a wonderful Term 1 we had. Our new students mastered the way things happen in our classroom and we have all welcomed our newest students to the class This term. Aneek, Laura, Evelyn and Skyler join us this term and are quickly becoming part of our community making friends and establishing routines on a daily basis.



While the weather remains sunny and warm, we will continue to have morning tea tables set up out on the decks. This will of course change as the weather changes! Monday mornings continue to be the time that a virtue is introduced with the class and students learn about how to practise the virtue and what it looks like. You will notice that this is recorded in their journal and it is a great way for you to start a conversation about how and when they might use the virtue to reinforce opportunities it may be used. In the virtue for Week 2 was enthusiasm and it is encouraging to see so many enthusiastic learners excited about the lessons they are working on during the week. .

The teachers would like to encourage you all to think about having your child arrive at school before the 8:55 am bell. Students at this age love to share with others and this important time can happen before the school day starts. Having an opportunity to interact socially with their peers before school helps the students be ready to focus on their learning at the start of the day.

We've had a great start to Term 2 with all age groups continuing with the unit of inquiry from term 1. For the Year 1 / 2 students they have been learning about what affects life near and on the coastline and have designed amazing posters to remind us what to do to protect this habitat. Please come and look at them! They are displayed on the wall in the classroom. The students will return to the beach next week to take part in action regarding their learning. Following this they will be learning about who belongs to a community and the different perspectives of people have. There will be an excursion to St Heliers Village to explore places in the local community. Information regarding this trip will be sent out closer to the time. Our students have already participated in the 'Stepping Out' program conducted by Constable Paul so they will be able to practise safe walking in and around our community.

The year 3 / 4 students have been busy creating and designing water harvesters and learning to measure volume to calculate how much water can be collected - of course we are waiting on rain to be able to do this! The next unit will have students inquiring into how they can express ideas and bringing enjoyment to others and themselves. The focus for this unit will be on dance and drama and a specialty guest dance expert will guide some of the learning in this area.

Term 2 sees the start of Syndicate Sport for Year 3 & 4 so all students need to have a sports uniform to wear during this time on a Friday. Please note that our class Library day continues to be Thursdays so encourage your child to bring back any Library books they have on this day.

We look forward to an exciting term and will get to see you all at Parent Teacher Interviews during the last week of term.

Saskia, Rachael & Hiranthi

Room 28 Class Notices / Reminders

Birthdays

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 been a real success lasting for the whole time a child is in our class. 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 Thursday. Your child is encouraged to issue a library book and read and enjoy it with you at home. All our students are able to be issued 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 help your child remember to bring their library book on a Thursday to avoid any disappointment.

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 cycle.

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. Water is the only liquid 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.

Reminder: students cannot come to school or leave the school in their sports uniform unless they are late returning from a tournament.

Kindo

Any Glendowie school payments can be made on Kindo.

Term 2, 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 May	30	1	2	3	4
Week 2	7 <i>Trust Meeting 7pm</i>	8	9	10	11
Week 3	14	15	16	17 <i>Presentation by Desiree French / Bev Bradnick 7.30pm</i>	18
Week 4 <i>Sunday 20 May 2-4pm ESMPS Pool Party at Swimmagic CLM</i>	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Glendowie Movie Night 5.00pm</i>
Week 5	28	29	30 <i>Yr 4 Scooter Training Practical</i>	31	1
Week 6 June	4 <i>Queens Birthday Holiday—school closed</i>	5	6 <i>Yr1-4 Storylines Festival 9.00am</i>	7 <i>MPTA 7pm</i>	8
Week 7	11	12	13	14	15
Week 8	18 <i>Trust AGM 7pm Trust Meeting</i>	19	20	21 <i>MPTA Social at Attic Bar, 7.30pm Mission Bay</i>	22
Week 9	25	26	27 <i>Parent Information Evening with Jamie Rue 7.30pm Mini Hall</i>	28	29
Week 10 July	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Last Day of School</i>