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Term 4
13 Oct - 11 Dec 2020

Primary News



A warm welcome to our new students, Yusuf, Bianca, Oliver, Yihao and their families:

Hats are Compulsory Term 1 and Term 4

All children need to wear a **named** school sunhat.

School hats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4 and children are expected to wear them whenever they are outside. In the event your child does not have their hat, they will be asked to sit in the shade at the entrance to school during any morning interval and at lunch breaks.

Sunscreen

For Term 4 you are encouraged to apply a first coat of sunscreen in the morning for your child. Teachers will distribute sunscreen from a class pump before lunch in Years 1-3 and direct students to apply sunscreen before lunch in Years 4-8.

TERM DATES 2020

Term 4 Mon 12 Oct – Fri 11 Dec

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1 Tue 2 Feb - Fri 16 Apr

Term 2 Mon 3 May - Fri 9 Jul

Term 3 Mon 26 Jul - Fri 1 Oct

Term 4 Mon 18 Oct - Tue 14 Dec

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 26 October
LABOUR DAY - NO SCHOOL

ESMPS MPTA Meeting Thursday 22 October has been postponed and will be held potentially on **12 November** but **to be confirmed**
ESMPS MPTA , Noa Restaurant, Eastridge
MPTA Last meeting of the Year
Meeting: 6.30pm
Followed by Dinner at 7.00pm

Monday 9 November
TEACHER ONLY DAY - NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 11 November
Y5 - 8 Athletics

Wednesday 18 November
Junior Sports Day Yr1-4

Monday 23 November
Class Photos

Wednesday 9 December 5.30pm
ESMP Leavers Ceremony

Friday 11 December
Last Day of School - school finishes 2pm

Message from Rose

Kia Ora Tatou,

Well, here we are in Term 4, 2020 and what a story to tell - one that will go down in history worldwide! This could be the longest term of face to face teaching this year if we manage to avoid a further lockdown! When this is put in perspective the year has gone very quickly and at the same time feels like we've hardly been here!!!!

The team so enjoy interacting with your children and although that took on different styles of learning throughout the year, we felt well supported during the changing Alert Levels.

Thanks so much to those of you who submitted responses to the Survey Monkey Questionnaire to Learning Online for your child. The responses have helped the team to reflect on the parent perspective of engagement for the students and this information can be used to tweak our Online Learning practice should there be a 'next time'!

Our abridged South America Cultural Fair Day was its usual success and our Year 7 students were able to use their developing leadership and organisational skills to help and encourage the other students to learn and participate in the culture of the continent. We were fortunate enough to have THREE guest speakers in the last week of school who shared their life experiences and knowledge of their country of origin as well as another guest speaker sharing her knowledge of the different cultures living on the continent.

Last night we held our Parent Information evening and it was exciting to present to 26 parents. You have waited a long time to learn more about what happens in the classroom and the teachers were thrilled to share lessons with the attendees.

We look forward to seeing you around the school either at pick up times or at special events such as Athletics Day, the MPTA Dinner or the Leaving Ceremony. We certainly have missed the interaction of our community as we have negotiated this extraordinary year but do hope we have some contact with you prior to the end of term.

Ngā mihi nui,
Rose Phillips
Montessori Senior Teacher



9-12 Class Notices

Room 27

Tena koutou katoa,

Haere mai o Term 4!

What a fantastic end to Term 3 we had with our South American Cultural Fair! The year 7 students worked incredibly hard to organise a fun filled morning for the children in Room 27 and 28. They did a fabulous job in managing the groups and leading them through the activities.

After a very busy end of term 3, we have hit the ground running for this shorter term, to end a very different year!

In term 3, the year 5 and 6 students started inquiring into how societies are organised and reflected on what was important to them. They made some amazing creations to show how pre-European Maori fulfilled their Fundamental Needs. This will continue this term, branching out into civilizations of interest. The planned trip to Auckland Museum, had to be cancelled due to Level 2.5.

In term 3, Year 7 students wrapped up their unit on how people express themselves through art and were able to create some beautiful pieces of artwork in amongst the planning and organising for the Cultural Fair.

The Year 8 students completed Exhibition with a first time 'Online' platform. They will now join in the next unit of inquiry with the Year 7's of 'Where We Are in Place and Time'. The unit has the central idea of 'exploration and discoveries create opportunities and challenges for people, places, and environments.' It focuses on the concepts of causation and change. We'll look at the opportunities and challenges as well as the changes that have come from exploration.

The Year 7 & 8 students who are moving on from our class at the end of the year have been given their autobiography project. This is mainly a 'homework' assignment with limited opportunities to work on this during class time. These students prepare a speech for the ceremony and other students in the class will be invited to write speeches for the leavers as well. A reminder that this event will take place on Wednesday 9 December from 5:30 - 7 pm and it is an expectation that the whole class attends. Year 6's in particular will have responsibilities on the night.

The year 7 & 8 students will be walking up to the Sacred Heart Pools every Wednesday afternoon for their swimming lessons this term. Other P.E. lessons will happen on Mondays and Wednesdays to coincide with Y 7 / 8 swimming. The focus of this term will be mainly athletics.

Being a spring term, with historically unsettled weather, we do encourage students to bring their sports uniform daily to ensure they keep their school uniform clean and dry. We will be preparing for Athletics Day this term. Please help remind your child to pack their sports uniform and running shoes and/or swimming gear when necessary. Please also remind your children to apply sunscreen and in term 4, it is mandatory to wear a school hat each day.

Ngā mihi nui

Tesneem & Rob



Room 28

WELCOME to Term 4 of 2020!

Welcome back to all our students and kia ora to our four new starters - Bianca, Oliver, Yihao and Yusuf.

The teachers are excited to be back in the classroom for what we all hope will be an uninterrupted 9 weeks of Term 4. We are also grateful to be back at level 1, however, there are 'new norms' to continue throughout the term.

The birthday celebration in the Montessori Junior Hub will be continued as an 'in-class' event. While school has returned to Level 1, you will be aware that there are health and safety protocols that have become 'normalised' and will continue for the remainder of the year e.g. drop offs continuing at the gates in the morning. The government reiterates the possibility of alert levels changing at short notice and we want to consistently keep what 'normal' has been like over the past months. For this reason we are continuing with the suspension of parents attending birthday circles in Room 28 and not having food shared.

It is going to be a very exciting time for our students with Athletics Days this term. For our Year 4 cohort of students this will also be their last term in Room 28. They will be having visits to Room 27 later in the term and an 'in-class' celebration will be organised near the end of Term.

Library day continues to be on a Tuesday.

Hiranthi, Oliver & Hugh



Junior Units of Inquiry

Year 1/2:

The Year 1/2 students will continue to inquire into communities that have systems that are made up of connected parts. They will look into features of different systems in our communities, the relationship between communities and systems as well as the parts that make these systems work. The students will have the opportunity to build a community using recycled boxes and materials for display in the classroom. Thanks so much for the resources that have already arrived at school!

Year 3/4:

This term the Year 3/4 students are rounding off their learning about the water cycle and manageability of this resource. Their next Unit of Inquiry is around how people serve their community followed by learning about how healthy choices can affect their health and wellbeing.

6-9 Class Notices / Reminders

Book Bags

Our book bags are made by past Year 4 students and have stood the test of time! They last for the the whole time in the Montessori Junior Hub. 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 important for them to come to school every day.

Journals

In your child's journal, a work record is pasted. This is where lessons are recorded and is used to help students choose a variety of work independently. What work a student does can be recorded daily by ticking the appropriate box and for older students they start to record their work with a time beside it. 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. Students on the colour wheel up to purple should be taking a book home to read with them 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. Having your child read aloud to you regularly is a beneficial experience along with reading to your child. 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 or may take journals from the classroom. 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 Tuesday. 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 Tuesday to avoid any disappointment.

General Reminders

Before / After School

For Term 4, students will continue to be dropped at the gate and either they will wait on the court until the 8:30 bell goes or walk by themselves (or with a friend) to the classroom if arriving after 8:30 am. On Friday it is Whanau day and parents can come in to the school grounds in the morning. Parents are welcome to come into the school grounds for pick up 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 child, you are welcome to meet them at their class after the bell has rung. It is school expectation 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 class 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 for Year 3/4.

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 shoes, 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

Any Glendowie school payments can be made on Kindo.

Term 4, 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 October	12 TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED	13 First Day of Term 4	14	15	16
Week 2	19	20	21	22	23
Week 3	26 LABOUR DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	27	28	29	30
Week 4 November	2	3	4	5	6
Week 5	9 TEACHER ONLY DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED	10	11 Senior Athletics Y5-8 at Glover Park	12 MPTA Meeting 6.30pm @ Noa Restaurant, Eastridge followed by dinner at 7.00pm	13
Week 6	16	17	18 Junior Athletics Y1-4 at Glendowie School	19	20
Week 7	23 CLASS PHOTOS	24	25	26	27
Week 8 December	30	1	2	3	4
Week 9	7	8 1pm Y8 GPS Leaving Ceremony	9 5.30pm Montessori Senior Class Leaving Ceremony	10	11 SCHOOL CLOSES 2pm