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Term 1

31 Jan - 13 Apr 2018

Primary News



A warm welcome to our new students and their families:
Juniors : (top) Cora D, Marcel A, Isaac W, Joowon S
(bottom) Parker C, Amber N, Inaaya C, Abigail C and
Ahad L to our Senior Class.

Meet the Teacher Evening

Wednesday 14 February - R28 5.30-6.00pm (Junior)
Wednesday 14 February - R27 6.10-6.40pm (Senior)

This is an opportunity to find out how your child's classroom runs. It would be of great value for as many parents as possible to attend, to learn first hand about the expectations of each class.

This session is **30 minutes** in duration and will involve: an introduction by the class teacher to class programmes and routines, an opportunity for parents to ask questions, and time at the end for the teacher to meet-and-greet everyone while parents view the classroom.

Parents of Year 4 students are welcome to attend the presentation in Room 27. Many parents are curious about what they can expect when their children move into the 9-12 classroom particularly in the intermediate years.

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 the morning intervals and lunch 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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 5-8 SENIOR CLASS CAMP CAMP ADAIR 7-9 February 2018

ESMPS Trust Meetings 7.00pm
Monday, 12 February

Glendowie School Picnic 6.30pm
Friday, 23 February

Working Bee

Sunday 25 February, 2-4pm
We will have access to the swimming pool for families bringing children. A volunteer supervisor would be appreciated for the pool. Another reminder notice about this will be sent out closer to the time

OPEN DAY

Sunday 4th March 2.00-4.00pm
Our annual Open Day will be held on Sunday 4 March from 2-4pm. If you know of anyone who is thinking about enrolling their children in Montessori education, please let them know. They are most welcome to attend!

Montessori Karaka Bay Trip

Monday 5 March 1:30 - 2:30 pm
The Montessori classes will be walking there and back to Karaka Bay. New students and their families are welcomed with a Powhiri to our community down at Karaka Bay.

ESMPS PTA

Thursday, 8 March
We would like to extend a big welcome to our new families and look forward to seeing you all at the first meeting of the year.

SCHOOL CLOSED - Easter Weekend

Friday 30 March - Tuesday 3rd April (inclusive)

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 month (10 payments Feb-Nov) unless other arrangements have been made.
Payment is to account number : **12 3027 0072016 00**

Room 28



WELCOME to Term 1 of 2018!

This term we welcome all our new students: Abigail, Amber, Cora, Inaaya, Isaac, Marcel and Parker. We also welcome our international student Joowon Song who will be with us for part of the term.

Hiranthy and Saskia are particularly excited to welcome our new teacher Rachael Hobbs. Rachael is no stranger to our environment because she has taught many of our children when she was on placement here during her training a few years ago..

Our new children have already made many friends and have settled into the classroom routines. A few things have changed this year. The Y2 students will continue to use the door on the deck to enter the classroom, but then walk through the cloakroom and enter the classroom through the solid door. The Y3/4 students will continue to use the back door and enter the classroom through the usual door by the toilets.

It's wonderful to have the Y4 students return knowing the expectation that they are role models in the class. Observing them taking on more responsibility within the classroom is delightful. They have really grown up! Our new students are enthusiastic about learning in their new environment and are being well cared for by our other students.

Timetable

Swimming

Please encourage your child to remember to pack their togs, towel and goggles in a separate swimming bag. Additionally, the Year 3 & 4 students have the option to join the lunch time swimming on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Tuesday & Wednesday

Y2/3 2.30-3.00pm (meet outside the pool gates at 3pm)

Y4 12:00pm

Library: Thursdays

Junior Units of Inquiry

Year 2: We are exploring the theme of "How We Organise Ourselves".

Your child will be inquiring around the central idea: "*The people and places in our community have a role in meeting our needs*". Your child will also learn how to be an effective communicator. This will set them up with the vital skills they need to contribute and participate confidently in their learning.

Year 3/4: We are exploring the theme of "Where We Are in Place and Time". Our central idea is: "*Families value the past in different ways and for different reasons*". We will be reflecting on why families treasure specific objects and personal belongings from the past. We will also learn to value and respect different perspectives of a treasure. A focus of this unit is being open-minded towards other people's values.

Message from Rose

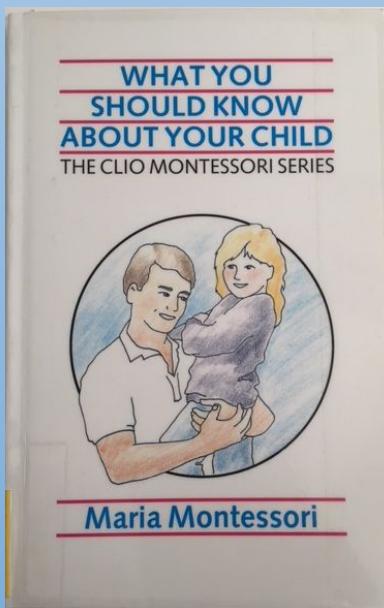
Kia Ora,

With a new year comes excitement, challenges and change. This year being no exception. It is also a year of stability as this will be the third year that Elena & Oliver have been teaching together in our Senior Hub. The Junior Hub has had a year of adjustment in their big space and now face a consolidation year with Hiranthi, Saskia and Rachael coming on board.

It's also a time to be out with the old and in with the new. It feels like a load has been lifted since I attacked the teacher's office! It was amazing what I found in the files and on the shelves. It was a reminder to me of the efforts of parents gone by. The commitment and sacrifice they made for the establishment of this school for many others. It continues with the commitment of our current parents and all they do to support the school.

"We must give children service that assists development and not service that obstructs development." is a quote of Maria Montessori's from her book 'What you should know about your Child'. It is a thought that I will be thinking about regularly as decisions are made within classrooms and lessons. Is what I am doing obstructing the development of the child or is it assisting with the development of the child? A great educational question as teachers reflect on their own practice and help students to develop skills and habits that support the formation of who they are and who they are becoming. This applies not only to academic skills but to social and emotional development as well.

It is exciting to be part of a team and community that has embraced the ideas of Montessori education. It is a challenge for all of us to understand and practise what we have discovered and how it relates to our situation. May I encourage you all to read a little more about the education you have chosen for your child / children. There are a number of Montessori books available to our community to borrow and read. I'm starting the year reading the book mentioned earlier.



6-9 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.

9-12 Class Notices

Room 27



Welcome to 2018!

The Senior Hub welcomes back all our students and their families. We hope you have had a relaxing holiday. Over the last week, we have been working tirelessly to prepare ourselves and our environment in anticipation of a new year full of new learning and exciting challenges.

Excitement is also building as we prepare for our upcoming Camp. Students are excited and some a little apprehensive. Teams and team leaders have been appointed, team building challenges are underway, chants are being recited and personal goals are being set. We enjoy this particular time when our classroom community is being re established, with rules and roles are being renegotiated. Learning in this areas falls under **Who We Are** units of inquiry that explore the nature of self, values and beliefs and health and safety. The Year 5 and 6 unit focuses on how **our personal choices influence our achievement**. We will be researching successful people, looking into what values and attitudes helped them succeed. We will use our learning to set SMART goals and reflect on our success under Elena's guidance. Oliver will be guiding the Year 7 and 8 unit of inquiry under the same theme which focuses on how **learning about ourselves and others helps us interact more effectively**. Students will be learning about emotions, their effect, how to manage them personally as well as when working as part of a group and helping others overcome challenges.

Following these units of inquiry, the year 5 and 6 students will be inquiring into **How We Organise Ourselves**. They will be focusing on **the interdependence of supply and demand and its impact on trade**. As part of this unit, we look at supply and demand. Year 7 and 8 will be inquiring into **How We Share our Planet** focusing on how **conflict can be resolved understanding its causes and the perspectives of others**. During this unit, our students will be examining conflicts they encounter in everyday life and explore ways to solve them effectively.

This is an important time of the year when we work hard to establish routines and systems. Please make sure to check your child's journal daily for notices. We encourage you to attend our upcoming **Meet the Teacher** evening to gain important information about classroom routines and expectations as well as general information about procedures and policies.

On Monday 5th March we will be heading to Karaka Bay to sign our class treaty. This is a significant event for our community. Students work collaboratively to design and write the class treaty which will include guiding principles for our daily interactions, behaviour and solving conflicts.

Swimming Yr 5/6	Wednesday & Thursday at 9.00am
Swimming Yr 7/8	Wednesday 12-3.00pm starting 15 Feb

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 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.

Kindo

Any Glendowie school payments can be made on Kindo.

Term 1, 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Feb		30 <i>Teacher Only</i> <i>Welcome Back</i> <i>3.30-5.00pm</i>	31 <i>School starts</i>	1	2
Week 2	5	6 <i>Waitangi Day</i> <i>(School closed)</i>	7 <i>Seniors</i> <i>Camp Adair</i>	8 <i>Seniors</i> <i>Camp Adair</i>	9 <i>Seniors</i> <i>Camp Adair</i>
Week 3	12 <i>Trust Mtg 7pm</i>	13 <i>Yr7 Tech Starts</i>	14 <i>Meet the Teacher</i> <i>R28 5.30pm</i> <i>R27 6.10pm</i>	15	16 <i>Yr8 Tech Starts</i>
Week 4	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Glendowie</i> <i>School Picnic</i> <i>6.30pm</i>
Week 5	26	27	28	1	2
Week 6 Sunday 4 March OPEN DAY 2-4PM	5 <i>Karaka Bay Trip</i>	6	7	8 <i>ESMPS PTA Mtg</i>	9
Week 7	12 <i>Yr 1&2</i> <i>Swimming Sports</i> <i>Practice</i>	13 <i>Yr 1&2</i> <i>Swimming Sports</i> <i>11.00am</i>	14	15	16 <i>Yr 5&6 Swimming</i> <i>Sports @ Sacred</i> <i>Heart</i>
Week 8	19 <i>Yr 7&8</i> <i>Swimming Sports</i> <i>@ Sacred Heart</i>	20	21	22	23
Week 9	26	27	28	29	30 EASTER FRIDAY
Week 10 April	2 GOOD MONDAY	3 EASTER TUESDAY	4	5	6
Week 11	9	10	11	12	13