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Term 4
15 Oct - 14 Dec 2018

Primary News



A warm welcome to our new students and their families: Nathan, Max, Daniel, Henry and Gryff.



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

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1 Thu 7 Feb – Fri 12 Apr
Term 2 Mon 29 Apr - Fri 5 Jul
Term 3 Mon 22 Jul – Fri 27 Sep
Term 4 Mon 14 Oct – Fri 20 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 :

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DATES TO REMEMBER

PA Social Get Together

Thursday 1st November 7.30pm
The Attic Bar, Mission Bay

ESMPS Trust Meetings 7.00pm

29 October, 26 November

Yr 8 NZ Sculpture OnShore Trip

Thursday, 8 November

Yr 5/6 Zoo Trip

Tuesday 20, November

ESMPS PTA

Tuesday 13 November, 7.00pm

Yr 5-8 Athletics,

14 November at Glover Park

Yr 0-4 Athletics

Tuesday 27 November

Road Patrol Trials for 2019

Monday, 26 November

Vision Launch / Parent Information Evening

Thursday 29 November (time tbc)

Glendowie School Year 8 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 11 December 1.30-3.00pm

ESMPS Leaving Ceremony

Wednesday 12 December 5.30-7.30pm

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, 14 December

Last day of school, finishing at 2pm.

TERM 1, 2019

Thursday, 7 February 2019

Message from Rose

Kia Ora,

Welcome back everyone! What a great way to end Term 3 with our North American Cultural Fair! Well done to our Year 7 students who did an awesome job planning and directing this event! A great occasion for our community to come together.

Following the hectic end to Term 3, it would seem that each term gets busier and busier and I find myself running on a treadmill trying to keep up with the action packed expectations of the final term. Adding to the usual busyness is the schoolwide Education Review Office (ERO) visit in Week 4. This is a time for us to celebrate all that happens within our school and for us to 'showcase' our wonderful Montessori classrooms to our visitors. I am looking forward to sharing our environments with our guests and talking with them about how we implement 'equity and excellence' within our classrooms as part of a wider school.

Following on from last term when our teachers started implementing some 'new' ideas from the Montessori Professional Development attended in July, Elena and myself have enrolled in an online course that supports the implementation of the changes made. This means that each classroom in 2019 will have a teacher who can work with the other teachers to help implement a different way of doing things. We are very excited to continue to learn new applications of the Montessori Philosophy. We are sure that your children will benefit from the changes we implement over the next two terms. Online learning is 'new' to me and I find myself putting into practice all the characteristics that we have our students use e.g. time management, planning ahead, prioritising what needs to be done, completing set work. We will share more about our learning at our upcoming Parent Information Evening and Vision Launch on Thursday 29 November.

I'm looking forward to seeing you over the term on the planned events both at school and outside school!

Nga mihi nui
Rose Phillips



Room 27 9-12 Class Notices

Welcome to Term 4!

After a hectic end to term 3, it feels great to be back in the classroom. However, another busy term is already well underway.

Unit of Inquiry

The 5 & 6's are continuing to explore emotions within the How We Express Ourselves unit. The central idea is "Stories help us to understand emotions and work towards effective interactions with others". The unit will culminate with students writing and creating a play based on resolving common place issues.

The 7 & 8 science based unit has the central idea "Weather conditions impact on the places we go and what we do." This unit of inquiry will focus on the concepts of causation - why things are like they are and function - how does it work in relation to weather and climate.

We have reintroduced a touch typing programme from typingstudy.com which is designed to help the students learn, practice and improve their typing speed and accuracy.

Year 5 & 6 will be going to visit Auckland Zoo on Tuesday 20 November. This is related to the next unit of inquiry where they inquire into life cycles. Year 8's will be visiting NZSculpture on the Shore on Thursday 9 November.

Preparations for the end of year leavers ceremony will soon be underway. This celebration will be taking on a different format this year and is being held in the evening on Wednesday 12 December.

Cultural Fair took a huge amount of planning, time and effort to ensure that it would be a success, and it surely was. All of us in Room 27 would like to again thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to help out and attend.

Elena & Oliver



Room 28



Can you believe that it is already Term 4?

We hope you have had a relaxing and restful break.

Welcome to our new students and their families: Gryff, Max, Daniel, Nathan and Henry are settling in very well. We hope they enjoy this busy term at school with all the excitement of Athletics Day later in the term, visiting drama presentations, end of year activities and celebrations. It will be a bit of a whirlwind for them!!

This year's Cultural Fair was so colourful and exciting for the children that they returned to school still talking about their experience! They have written amazing recounts of the day and it's always interesting to hear of what was enjoyed most from their point of view.

For our new families and a reminder to existing families, please read, check your child's journal and initial it every day. This helps us know that information is getting home on time. Reading should happen every day for all students - the younger students will have reading books in their book bags, older students may have a journal or can read chapter books from home or the library. 'Black Beauty' is being read in class to Y 3 / 4 and Y 1 / 2 enjoy a range of picture books being read to them each week.

We look forward to seeing you around the class and at different events over the term.

Saskia, Rachael & Hiranthi

Units of Inquiry

Year 1/2

We are exploring the theme of 'How We Express Ourselves' and are learning about how people recognise important events through celebrations and tradition. The children enthusiastically share the festivals they have been to, especially overseas and of course our Cultural Fair was a great celebration for the students to participate in. Later in the term they will be inquiring into transportation under the theme 'How We Organise Ourselves'. This will involve a trip that will include the train, ferry and bus!

Year 3/4

We are exploring the theme of 'How We Organise Ourselves' and are learning about how people give service in different ways and for a variety of reasons. The children are enjoying their research into service organisations around the world. We have noticed that this has instilled a great sense of empathy, judging by the conversations the students have. The Year 4 students will be making the next lot of book bags as part of their service back to our community. This is an exciting venture for them when they get to follow the procedures for completing a book bag including using a sewing machine! The next unit looks at 'Who We Are' and students will inquire into how healthy eating and exercise can have an impact. Our students will participate in a triathlon held around the school towards the end of the term

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 4, 2018

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 October	15	16	17	18	19
Week 2	22 LABOUR DAY <i>School Closed</i>	23	24	25	26
Week 3	29 <i>Trust Mtg 7pm</i>	30	31	1 <i>MPTA Attic Bar, Mission Bay 7.30pm—all adults welcome</i>	2
Week 4 November	5 <i>ERO Visit school this week</i>	6	7	8 <i>Yr 8 NZ Sculpture Onshore</i>	9
Week 5	12	13 <i>MPTA Mtg 7pm</i>	14 <i>Yr 5-8 Athletics @ Glover Park</i>	15	16
Week 6	19	20 <i>Yr 5/6 Zoo Trip</i>	21	22	23
Week 7	26 <i>Trust Mtg 7pm</i>	27 <i>Yr 1-4 Athletics @ Glendowie School 9.00am</i>	28	29 <i>Parent Information Evening / Vision Launch</i>	30 <i>Bible Assembly Yr 1-4</i>
Week 8 December	3	4 <i>YR 1&2 Deano Show @ school</i>	5 <i>11.45am R28 Yr3&4 Carols at St Andrews</i>	6	7 <i>School Report to Parents</i>
Week 9	10	11 <i>Yr 8 School Leavers Assembly 1.30pm</i>	12 <i>ESMPS Yr 7&8 Leavers Ceremony 5.30-7.30pm</i>	13	14 <i>School Finishes at 2pm</i>