

# Junior Team Term 3 Newsletter 2019

22 July 2019

Kia ora Parents and Whanau

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely break and some family time together. We have some new people that have joined us across the Junior School. A very warm welcome to our new 5 year olds and their families who are beginning school this term in A5 with Mrs Clare Spencer and Miss Olivia Harris. It is also lovely having these teachers return to work with us at EHS again. A warm welcome also to Mrs El Kolbe who joins us in the junior school and will be teaching in A3. We are having an exciting first week of term, celebrating children's learning with parent-teacher conferences and celebrating Book Week across the school. We'd love our new families to join us for our start of term school Powhiri on Friday morning. Talk to your teacher for more information!

The Junior Teaching Team for Term 3 is:

New Entrants/Year 1	Year 2
C1 Mrs Jacqui Graham (Team Leader)	B2 Mrs Jess Richardson (Acting Team Leader)
C2 Mrs Louise Macdonald	B1 Mrs Jude Clarke
C3 Miss Emma Gill	B4 Ms Heather Chapple
E6 Mrs Angela Gee	B6 Miss Rebecca Barkla
E7 Mrs Erica Hatcliffe	
H3 Ms Anne Prichard	
A5 Mrs Clare Spencer/Miss Olivia Harris	
A3 Mrs El Kolbe (composite Year 1-2 class)	

## The New B Block!

What an exciting week it is going to be for the Year 2 teachers and children in B1, B2 and B6 who have moved in to their brand new classroom spaces. Feel free to pop in and have a look. You will need to wait outside B Block at 3pm for your children to come out to you to avoid congestion in the classrooms.

## Learning about Learning

Children will continue to learn about who they are as learners and how they learn best. Children are encouraged to use a 'Growth Mindset'. They will continue to build resilience, and a positive attitude. Junior school children are encouraged to jump into the learning pit with enthusiasm! We work together, make mistakes, explore new ideas and have a go!

## School Values and Behaviour

Our new 2019 school values are displayed in every classroom across the school. The children are becoming very aware of the words we use to describe our actions and our behaviour. These school values guide our learning and our experiences in the classroom and out in the playground.

**We choose Respect**

**We choose Responsibility**

**We choose Resilience.**

The children are encouraged to use their **WITS** to solve problems when working and playing with others at school. You might hear your child talking about **WITS** at home. This stands for:

**W Walk away**

**I Ignore the person or the behaviour**

**T Talk it out - with each other, or with an adult you trust**

**S Seek Help**

## Inquiry Learning

This Term our Inquiry concept is 'Change'. The world is always changing! We will be looking at how change occurs around us over time as well as exploring how change can be both positive or negative, positive or deliberate.

Our visits to the Lower Hutt Library will continue as we make links to the resources in our community. Parent Help is required for each class to make these important trips. If classes have no parent help support then they will be unable to visit the library.

### **Literacy**

Literacy continues to be an important part of every day in junior classrooms. Integrated reading and writing programmes link to our inquiry learning, and play based experiences. Instructional, independent and shared reading and writing happen daily. Please ensure your child has their yellow book bag with books and reading diaries at school everyday.

### **Numeracy**

In the Junior School during Term 3 we will be continuing to develop and strengthen our early number knowledge, and counting. We will again be working on our addition and subtraction strategies. We will explore measurement: investigating how we measure time, and the ways we can measure length. Fractions will be an area of focus during the term as well. We will spend time learning to use mathematical language to explain and justify our thinking to others, and to work collaboratively with each other to solve tasks.

### **PE and Health**

We start the term with play-based games. We will be focusing on technique, coordination, strength and balance while learning about how to be a good team player and sportsmanship.

### **Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)**

We will continue running our PMP programme for our new entrant children. PMP helps to develop and maintain children's perceptual and physical motor skills. These provide the foundations necessary for them to succeed in their early school years. We need adult volunteers to help run PMP on Tuesday mornings. A huge thank you to our PMP Grandparents and parents who have helped run this programme for the last 2 years - Judy, Jan, Jackie, Suganthi, Aimee and Judy. We would love you to join us and help out with PMP, if you are able. A great way to meet other parents, get involved at school, and enjoy a cup of tea together afterwards. Please talk to your classroom teacher for more information.

### **Dropping Off and Collecting Children**

Classrooms open and welcome children *from* 8.30am. Before this time teachers are busy preparing for the day, attending morning meetings, or working in other areas of the school. Teachers are not able to be responsible for the supervision of your child before this time. As the winter sets in it gets darker and colder in the mornings, and it is important you know your child is safe, warm and cared for before 8.30am.

OSCAR house (right beside the school) offers a before and after school care programme. Please ask at the office if you need more information.

Please remember we are a big school and at 3pm the corridors and classrooms are always congested with parents collecting children. Please leave strollers outside classrooms. Don't forget we have scooter stands to store the children's scooters while they are at school. You can lock scooters to the stands. This helps to avoid cluttering corridors and cloak bays, and accidents happening.

### **Tissues**

If you haven't already, please could all children please bring a box of tissues to be kept in the classroom for shared use. This is especially necessary for the winter months.

### **Clothing, Footwear and Toys**

Please label all children's clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles with their name and room number, so that children can be responsible for their personal belongings. Please ensure children wear sensible footwear for our daily fitness and exercise activities.

Children always enjoy bringing things to school to play with or share. If your child brings items to school from home (toys, accessories etc) this is at their own risk. While we expect and encourage children to respect each others belongings, teachers can't be responsible for items that go missing or are broken. Please talk to your child about this.

### **Junior Team Assemblies**

The Junior School come together fortnightly, on Monday afternoons in the hall at 2.15pm. Our assemblies are a time to share our learning and celebrate each other's achievements. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend assemblies. Our first assembly will be in Week 2.

### Sickness

The germs and bugs are doing the winter circuit! If your child is unwell, please keep them at home until they are completely over their illness. This prevents other class members and the teachers from also becoming ill. If your child is going to be absent, please remember to contact the school absence line or use our texting service.

### Nude Food Healthy Lunch Boxes

Remember that we encourage and prefer reusable containers, homemade food, fresh fruit or vegetables and recyclable or reusable packaging. We discourage plastic wraps, and single use bags or packaging.



### *Why do we have Nude Food Lunches?*

This helps us to reduce rubbish, keep our school tidy, protect the environment and eat healthy food. We are one of four schools in the Wellington region to hold a green gold enviroschool award. We appreciate your support in helping us to maintain our enviro school beliefs and practices.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 24 July	Book Week Character Dress-up day
Thursday 25 July	Parent-Teacher Conferences (interviews) Children are encouraged to attend. School closes at 2pm
Friday 26 July	Pōwhiri to welcome new students and teachers 9.45am
Wednesday 31 July	Parent-Teacher Conferences (interviews) Children are encouraged to attend. School closes at 2pm
Friday 9 August	Dance Splash Fundraiser Crazy Hair Day (info to follow later)
Monday 9 - Friday 13 September	Māori Language Week, Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Friday 27 September	Last day of Term 3

### Back to School - Settling in

If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher first. We are here to support and encourage your child in their learning, and to ensure they feel happy and confident at school!

We are looking forward to all the learning adventures we'll have together in Term 3!

Ngā mihi nui,

Junior Teaching Team