

Mighty Middles



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Middles Team Term 3 Newsletter 2019

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 3. We trust the tamariki have had a good break from school routines and are eager to get stuck into an action-packed term.

Key Dates

Wednesday 24 July	Book Character Dress Up Parade
Thursday 25 July	Parent interviews
Wednesday 31 July	Parent Interviews
Friday 26 July	Pōwhiri welcoming new students and whānau to Eastern Hutt School
Wednesday 7 August	Petone Settlers Museum Trip - A1 & E1 9.30am, B5 & E3 12.30pm
Thursday 8 August	Petone Settlers Museum Trip - D1 & D2 9.30am, A2 & E2 12.30pm
Friday 9 August	Crazy Hair Day (<i>Dance Splash Fundraiser</i>)
9 - 13 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week)

Curriculum Overview

Inquiry

To tie in with the 250th anniversary of Captain James Cook's arrival to New Zealand, our inquiry will be focusing on NZ history and how our country has changed over time. Tamariki will learn about what happened in the past and how this impacts on 21st century living. We will look at the stories and histories relating to Eastern Hutt's geographical location which will help to develop a deeper sense of personal identity and belonging for every student.

Literacy

Our writing focus this term will be on writing to inform. Tamariki will write letters and diary entries to share their learning of early settler life in Wellington. We will be relating our reading texts to our topic of inquiry wherever possible, so the tamariki are able to broaden their knowledge, make connections, and ask questions.

Numeracy

We start Term 3 with a focus on fractions where tamariki will develop their understanding that fractions are part of a whole. They will be learning to identify fractions of sets and shapes. We will then move into algebra where we will explore patterning and make predictions.

PE & Hauora

There will be an initial focus on fundamental ball skills such as kicking, throwing and catching. We will move into gymnastics in the later part of the term. We will continue to focus on mindfulness and build our Mana Tamariki values of teamwork, resilience and participation.

E-Learning

We will continue our e-learning focus to develop student awareness of digital citizenship and online safety. Students will build their skills in digital technologies including Google Drive, Seesaw, and Coding.

The Arts

Tamariki will enjoy a range of waiata opportunities in addition to music and art lessons by our specialist teachers. We will look at early New Zealand art and crafts.

Māori

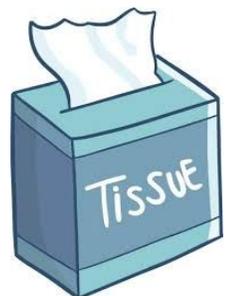
Te reo and tikanga Māori will continue to be actively promoted within classrooms. Tamariki will look at the concept *turangawaewae* and look at how their identity is shaped by the place they live in. They will learn about the history of Māori in Aotearoa and begin to understand what life was like before colonisation.

General Information

- School officially opens at 8.30am with classes starting at 8.55am. Teachers are at school early but are unable to supervise your child until 8.30am, as we are often out of the classroom preparing units of work or in meetings. If your child arrives before this time they will be asked to play under shelter outside.
- It is important students are at school by 8.45am so they have time to prepare for the day.
- Please name all clothing and equipment. This will help to reduce lost property and allow us to return items.
- It is important for students to have access to water during the day to keep them hydrated. Please ensure they bring a named bottle to the classroom.
- Please ensure your child's footwear is suitable for daily fitness sessions and PE activities.
- Your child is welcome to bring in a pair of slippers to keep their toes cosy in the classroom.
- Please ensure your child has all the learning tools they require to have a successful day of learning.
- The Middles assembly is on every second Thursday from 2.00pm – 2.45pm and we welcome families who wish to join us. Please check with your child's teacher regarding what week it is on. The assembly is student-led and provides an excellent opportunity to share the learning happening throughout the Middles.

How Can You Help?

- If you have some time available to put school reading books away, please let us know. It is a wonderful help and greatly appreciated by the teachers.
- Please let us know if you are able to offer any of your time or skills to help out in the classroom – teachers and students are always appreciative!
- We would appreciate each child bringing in a box of tissues for their class, especially with winter sniffles.



We are looking forward to another exciting term of fun learning opportunities for your tamariki.

Middles Team Teachers