

Mighty Middles



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Middles Team Term 4 Newsletter 2019

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to Term 4. We trust the tamariki have had a good break from school routines and are eager to get stuck into an action-packed last term. Below are the key dates for this busy term. Please contact your classroom teacher if you are available to help at any of these events. We are very much looking forward to our EOTC Week when our tamariki will be challenged by many different and fun experiences, which will see them show and develop our school values of respect, resilience and responsibility.

Key Dates

Week 1 Mon/Tues 14 & 15 Oct Friday 18 Oct	Scooter Safety sessions - Hutt City Council Programme Pōwhiri - all whānau welcome to attend
Week 2 Tuesday 22 Oct Thursday 24 Oct Friday 25 Oct	EOTC Week Middles EOTC trip to Kaitoke (postponement date Wednesday 23 October) Year 4 overnight stay at school Middles Sausage Sizzle Picnic - Senior Field
Week 3 Monday 28 Oct Tuesday 29 Oct	School swimming programme begins Labour Day Teacher Only Day
Week 4 Monday 4 Nov Friday 8 Nov	Middles Athletics Carnival 11am - 2.45pm (postponement date Tuesday 5 November) School Disco Last day for HACK Challenge sign offs
Week 5 Thursday 14 Nov	Middles HACK Assembly 1.45pm
Week 7 Thursday 28 Nov	Pack the Bus Year 4 Football Tournament
Week 9 Monday 9 Dec Wednesday 11 Dec Thursday 12 Dec Friday 13 December	Middles Fun Day Reports come home Tamariki meet their 2020 class Last day of term

Curriculum Overview

Inquiry

Our Term 4 Inquiry will see our tamariki investigate different agencies that make a difference in our community. They will identify what a community is and the different communities they belong to. Tamariki will look at ways they can work together to make a difference in a community.

Literacy

Our writing focus this term will link to our Inquiry. Tamariki will be writing to persuade an audience through letters, advertisements and posters.

Numeracy

We start Term 3 with a focus on geometric 2D and 3D shapes. The tamariki will look at symmetry and tessellations. We will then be working on problem-solving in addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division. We will continue to focus on developing place value knowledge and securing basic facts.

PE & Hauora

There will be an initial focus on athletics with the Middles Athletics Carnival on Monday of Week 4. The next focus will be on developing swimming skills and water safety awareness.

E-Learning

We will continue our e-learning focus to develop student awareness of digital citizenship and online safety. Tamariki 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 by our specialist teachers. We will look at creating artworks using the environment as inspiration.

Māori

Te reo and tikanga Māori will continue to be actively promoted within classrooms. Tamariki will explore the concepts *Kaitiakitanga* (guardianship of our taonga - land and people) and *Manakitanga* (extending our aroha to our community).

General Information

- Please ensure all EOTC week forms are returned as soon as possible to your tamariki's teacher.
- It is our school policy that sunhats must be worn in Term 4 for all outdoor activities. Please ensure your tamariki has a named sunhat in their bag each day. They will not be able to participate in outdoor activities without one as we really want to promote a strong sun safety message.
- School officially opens at 8.30am with classes starting at 8.55am. Teachers are at school early but are unable to supervise your tamariki until 8.30am, as we are often out of the classroom preparing units of work or in meetings. If your tamariki arrives before this time they will be asked to play under shelter outside.
- It is important that 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 tamariki 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 tamariki's footwear is suitable for daily fitness sessions and our athletic activities.
- Please ensure your tamariki 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 starting in Week 1. We welcome whānau who wish to join us. Please check with your tamariki'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?

- Thank you to those who have offered to help on our trip to Kaitoke. Some classes are still in need of whānau support. Please let your tamariki's teacher know if you are available to 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 tamariki are always appreciative!

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

Middles Team Teachers