

# EHS Seniors 2019

30 April 2019

Dear Parents

## Senior Team Newsletter Term Two 2019

Kia ora and welcome back to Term Two from the Senior Team. We hope you and your family have had a restful break. We are excited about the learning opportunities coming up in Term Two. This term we welcome Miss Tracey Kumar into G1. Tracey is looking forward to working with the children and their whanau in G1.

Here is an overview of what is coming up:

### Cross Country

We are starting to train for the Seniors' Cross Country event coming up in Week 4. It is important that children come to school prepared with suitable clothing and footwear. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is unable to participate in cross-country training.

### Curriculum Overview - Term 2

<b>Inquiry</b>	STEAM Week - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics learning to start Term 2. Children will experience a range of hands on activities throughout the week. This term we are learning about change and Identity through our " <b>Auaha - To Shape and Create</b> " inquiry. We will explore and investigate different art forms, the influences behind artist's work and the different ways culture can be expressed through art. Children will share and celebrate their learning with an exhibition towards the end of the term.
<b>Literacy</b>	Our literacy learning will be closely linked to our art inquiry. We will explore the language skills needed to share stories about art and culture. Reading will tie in to our arts inquiry as children research artists and a range of art forms.
<b>Maths</b>	Children will continue to explore and learn about numbers and problem solving through geometry: transformation and shape, measurement: length and perimeter, addition and subtraction strategies and algebra. These skills will be applied in our inquiry as children design and create their art works for our exhibition.
<b>PE and Health</b>	Life Education, Cross country, Badminton, Gymnastics, Football
<b>Digital Learning</b>	We will continue to learn about being good digital citizens and cyber safety, along with how to use Google searching effectively, Typing club and Coding
<b>The Arts</b>	Arts based Inquiry and Pataka Art Gallery; Music with Priya Gain
<b>Maori</b>	Our language Maramataka - Months of the year, days of the week. We will also celebrate Matariki and continue to learn about different aspects of this festival.

### 'Choose Kind' Week & Pink Shirt Day

Week 3 (May 13th-17th) is "Bully-free week" in schools around New Zealand. As a school, we will be discussing how we can "Choose Kind" to help create a bullying-free environment.

Friday will be our traditional dress in pink and bring a donation to support the Pink Shirt foundation and the positive work they do in schools.

### Parent help required for Pataka Art Gallery trip

A reminder about our upcoming trips: Monday 20th May to Tuesday 4th June (a separate notice has been sent home). We need 3 parent helpers per class, so please let your teacher know if you can help. This trip provides children with the opportunity to enjoy artwork on display and participate in a workshop.

### **Miscellaneous**

- In the mornings, teachers are preparing for class and having meetings so they are not available to supervise children arriving early. We ask that students do not arrive before **8.30 a.m.**
- It is important that students are at school by **8.45 a.m.** so they have time to prepare for the day.
- As winter approaches, students need to be prepared for outdoor activities, morning tea and lunch breaks, so warm coats and hats etc are encouraged.

### **To do**

- Name all clothing and equipment. This will help us to return items to your child.
- Check with your child if they have enough pencils and pens etc at school for the new term.
- Winter means tissues! If you are yet to donate a box of tissues to your classroom, we would really appreciate them to help keep your children healthy during the winter months.
- Please ensure arrangements have been made to pay the activity fee. This covers the \$7 cost of this term's Life Education sessions.

### **Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 3rd May: Powhiri to welcome new students and their whanau**
- **Monday 20th May to Tuesday 4th June: Pataka art gallery class trips**
- **Monday 20th May: Cross Country (pp Thursday 23rd May)**
- **Friday 17th May: Pink Shirt Day**
- **Monday 3rd June: Queen's birthday holiday**
- **Friday 5th July: End of Term 2 - Mid year reports go home**

The Senior Team are looking forward to another enjoyable term with your children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Nga mihi nui

The Senior Team