

# EHS Seniors 2019

30 January 2019

Dear Parents

## Senior Team Newsletter January 2019

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a relaxing holiday and enjoyed a restful break. The Senior Team have lots of exciting things planned for 2019 and warmly welcome Harriet Kinnaird, Georgie Gollins and Mike Schultz to the Year 6 teaching team. We are also pleased to have Sheryl Hudson return to us for the first term in G1. The Senior Team is as follows:

A6 - Sue Fennell - Year 5	A8 - Harriet Kinnaird - Year 6
A7 - Astrid Meulenbroeks - Year 5	G1 - Sheryl Hudson (Term 1) - Year 6
A9 - Tracey Kent - Year 5 - <i>Y5 Team Leader</i>	G2 - Georgie Gollins - Year 6
A10 - Olly Gough - Year 5	G3 - Mike Schultz - Year 6
	G4 - Sarah Littler - Year 5&6 - <i>Y6 Team Leader</i>

Here is an overview of what's coming up:

### **Meet the Teacher & Camp Information Evening**

On **Wednesday 13th February** we invite you attend the following meetings:

- 6.00pm - Gather in your child's classroom to informally meet your child's teacher (15 minutes)
- 6.30pm - Meet the Senior Team in the hall
- 7.00pm - **Year 6 parents** meet in the hall for a **Camp meeting**
- 7.00pm - **Year 5 parents** meet in the library for an **EOTC week meeting**
- 7.30pm - **Year 6 Camp Parent helpers'** meeting

### **Water Safety**

Water safety is part of the Health and PE curriculum and our focus is to prepare our children for a variety of water activities that they will experience at camp either this year or next. You will receive a more detailed notice about this later in the week.

### **Home learning**

In the Senior Team, we encourage students to read regularly at home and do maths activities to improve number knowledge and basic facts. We appreciate that family life is busy, and therefore it is your decision as to the time allocated to home learning. Involvement in extra-curricular hobbies and sports are also a very important of your child's overall development.

### **Curriculum Overview - Term 1**

The first 5 weeks of the term will focus on settling the students into their new classes, establishing routines, and preparing for our outdoor education experience in week 6. Start of year testing in maths and literacy will also take place.

<b>Inquiry</b>	We start the year looking at the concept of Identity with the big idea of 'Mahi Tahī: Working together'. There is a big focus on getting to know the children and developing the skills required to learn, work and play together.
<b>Literacy</b>	We will explore the skills needed to be able to narrate, describe and recount experiences such as Camp and EOTC.
<b>Maths</b>	Integrated problem solving incorporating; basic facts, place value, ratios and proportions, measurement and geometry knowledge.
<b>PE and Health</b>	"Just Run" - an incremental running programme to help achieve fitness goals. Water safety at Huia pool in preparation for camp and EOTC. Summer sports rotation.
<b>Digital Learning</b>	Setting up Google docs and using Google apps and Google classroom. Using Seesaw to document and share learning.
<b>The Arts</b>	Music - songs for camp , Art - portraits & patterns in nature, Drama - camp and EOTC role plays.
<b>Maori</b>	Mihi - greetings, introductions, personal information

### Miscellaneous

- In the mornings the students stay outside the classrooms till **8.30 a.m.** If the weather is unpleasant they can shelter on the decks.
- It is important that students are at school by **8.45 a.m.** so they have time to prepare for the day.
- We recommend that children's exercise books be covered to increase the life of the books.
- Please name all clothing and equipment. This will help to reduce the amount of lost property that accumulates each term and allows us to return items.
- **A named hat must be worn outside at school at all times** and it is advisable that sunglasses are also worn. Children should also have sun block that can be reapplied during the day.
- As the students will be walking to Huia pool and participating in daily P.E. activities please ensure that they wear suitable footwear. Jandals and wheelie shoes are not ideal at school.

### How can you help?

- Return **camp forms** - by **Friday 15th (Week 3)**
- Provide a box of **tissues** to be shared in the class.
- **Name** all **clothing** and **stationery** items.
- Sign up for **Seesaw**, so your child's learning can be shared with you, along with class reminders.
- **GARDENS** - Each class has a garden that they care for through the year. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to help in some way.

### Dates to Remember

- *Meet the Teacher and Camp/EOTC meetings - Wednesday 13th February*
- *Water Safety days - Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th February*
- *Year 6 Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre CAMP - Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th March*
- *Year 5 EOTC Week - Monday 4th - Friday 8th March*
- *Parent Interviews Thursday 14th March & Wednesday 20th March*

We are looking forward to working alongside you and your child in 2019.

Kind regards

The Senior Team