

# EHS Seniors 2018

1 May 2018

Dear Parents and caregivers

## Senior Team Newsletter Term Two 2018

A warm welcome back to Term Two from the Senior Team. We hope you and your family have had a restful break and are looking forward to the adventures coming up in Term Two. This term we welcome Mrs Megan Skelly into G1 and Mr Nic Kay into G2 as relievers in the Year 6 team while Maggie Baker and Sam Hodges recover from surgery.

Below are some important reminders:

### **Parent help required for Dowse Art Gallery trip**

A reminder about our upcoming trips; Monday 7th to Friday 11th May (see the notice sent home last term). We require 3 parent helpers per class, so let your teacher know if you can help.

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

Week 3 (May 14th-18th) 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.

### **Curriculum Overview - Term 2**

<b>Inquiry</b>	This term we will inquire into identify and diversity through " <b>One world, many faces</b> ". We will examine the cultural diversity of our community, and how culture is expressed through the arts, celebrations and traditions.
<b>Literacy</b>	We will explore the skills needed to be able to instruct, explain and report on cultural and arts activities that reflect cultural identity and diversity .
<b>Maths</b>	Statistical literacy and investigations, multiplication and division strategies, algebra
<b>PE and Health</b>	Keeping ourselves safe, Cross country, Badminton, Rugby, Gymnastics
<b>Digital Learning</b>	Effective Google searching, Typing club, Coding
<b>The Arts</b>	Cultural Arts rotation and Dowse Art Gallery
<b>Maori</b>	Maramataka - Months of the year, days of the week, Matariki celebrations.

### **Miscellaneous**

- With the approaching Cross Country, it is important your children come to school prepared with suitable clothing and footwear. Parents must let teachers know if their child is unable to participate in Cross Country training.
- 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.

- 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.

#### **Dates to Remember**

- **Friday 4th May: Powhiri to welcome new students and their whanau**
- **Monday 7th - 11th May: Dowse art gallery class trips**
- **Tuesday 15th May: Cross Country (pp Thursday 17th)**
- **Friday 18th May: Pink Shirt Day**
- **Friday 1st June: Teacher only day**
- **Monday 4th June: Queen's birthday holiday**
- **Thursday 21st June: Cultural Show**
- **Friday 6th July: End of Term 2 - Mid year reports go home**

#### **ICAS Dates**

- **Tuesday 8th May: Digital technologies**
- **Thursday 31st May: Science**
- **Tuesday 12th June: Spelling**
- **Thursday 14th June: Writing**

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

Kind regards,

The Senior Team