



# Senior Syndicate News

## Term 2, 2015



Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

We have had a great start to what is going to be a busy term with a number of exciting opportunities for your children. We look forward to working with you to ensure that your children make the most of the new experiences that lie ahead.

### World War One Research

Our students have been busy choosing and researching different aspects of the Great War. It has linked very well to the recent ANZAC Centenary commemorations. Thank you Miss Hewett for organising this wonderful opportunity for us.

### Literacy/ Inquiry

Our Literacy programme will be based around our current Inquiry, "*Relationships, Personal Health and Self-Care.*" We plan to look at the following;

*Relationships:* What exactly constitutes a healthy relationship?

*Personal Health:* What kinds of changes will happen to my body?

*Self-Care:* How can I look after and respect my body?

### Speeches

We have decided to stage compulsory speeches bi-annually. That means this year, students will only prepare and present a persuasive speech if they **choose** to do so. Please refer to attached notice for more information.

### Religious Education

We began the term looking at Easter. Last week, we started to learn about The Holy Spirit and how it is present in the Old and New Testaments.

### Physical Education

We began the term with class and syndicate games. In week three, we start our skill rotations (big ball, small ball, throwing, catching, fielding etc) as we have identified this as an area of need for our students.

### International Languages

Students will be given the opportunity to choose from one the following languages to study in terms two and three; Japanese, French, Spanish and German. As well as learning the language basics, we will also look at the cultures, customs and geography of our respective countries.

### Performing Arts/ Kapa Haka

Students will also be given the opportunity to select from one of the following exciting activities; Drama, Band, Choir and Kapa Haka. The teachers are looking forward to seeing the Creativity that will be on display from week three.

## **Sports**

This term we have teams representing our school in the following sports;

**Netball:** Played Wednesday afternoons at the Onekawa Courts or the Regional Sports Park (Coached by Jude, Lisa, Lousie and Cathy)

**Hockey:** Played Friday afternoons at Park Island (Coached by Jo Bayliss and Paul Cudby)

Thank you to all of our Coaches/ Helpers for giving up your time and expertise, you are very much appreciated.

## **Worm Farm**

The worm farm has been in full swing over the holidays (Thank you to the Greaney Family!) We now have a significant quantity of worm juice for sale (it's fantastic plant food/ fertilizer). If you would like to purchase this plant super food, please send in a jar/ bottle for us to fill up. We are selling this liquid gold for \$5/ 500ml (Because it needs to be diluted, that's enough to make 5 litres of fertilizer). All funds raised will go towards an outdoor education area at our school in partnership with The Bug Man (Ruud Kleinpaste).

## **Twitter**

Keep up to date with notices and reminders using Twitter. Free text **follow stpatsseniors** to 8987 if you haven't already done so (it's also free to receive the texts).

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call in and have a chat to your child's classroom teacher.

Regards and Blessings

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