

# Angel Whanau News

## Term 3 2019



### 100 Days of School Celebration



Term 3 started with our **100 Days of School** party in the first week. Then last Friday we celebrated our Grandparents with a special liturgy and shared lunch. The children were so proud to present their prayer, singing and in class learning with whānau. Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a special day. But wait, there's more.....

Please mark the following dates on your calendars so you don't miss out!

- **Whole School Mass:** Sunday 18 August, 10am at St. Patrick's Church
- **Angel Whānau Mass:** Wednesday 28 August, 9am in the School Chapel
- **Fire Fighters Visit at School:** Thursday 22 August
- **School Cross Country:** Friday 30 August, 11am
- **School Gala:** Saturday, 21 September

Under our **Inquiry topic of Taonga**, this term we are building an understanding of the gift of global treasures. This learning will be supported across the curriculum including a Science focus where we will explore some of the natural elements of our world.

#### Religious Education

Next Sunday we celebrate a whole school Mass. The children have been practising their singing and we would like to see everyone there, in full school uniform. In class we will be learning that God's gift of creation and people are a sign of God's love. Later in the term we will focus on Saints and ordinary people who inspire us to follow God.

#### Maths

As a school we continue to see some excellent student engagement and progress as we develop our DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) programme. Students are building across curriculum skills as they learn to question, explain, and justify their thinking. This term we will focus on multiplication, division and fractions, along with core number knowledge.

## Literacy

Our Literacy programme continues to be a great way to integrate many learning areas. This term this includes a “**Get Firewise**” unit. The children will learn some fire-safe behaviours. They will practise what to do to get out FAST if there is a fire in a building they are in. There may be some families in our community who have had an experience of fire. We want to make sure every child can participate positively in this learning programme. Please contact us if there are any concerns about your child that we should be made aware of.

Some children are now reading with another teacher in Angel Whānau, to ensure that they are receiving instructional lessons with children of a similar level.

## Physical Education

We started this term focusing on the fundamental skill, dribbling. It is great to see the progression of skills and the number of children using this new learning outside in their play with large balls on a daily basis. We are now training for our school cross country in week 6. We will be running on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Children are welcome to bring running shoes if they wish to train in them.

## Reminders:

- ❖ **Starting our day:** Children arriving before 8.20am must wait around by the staffroom. Children can enter the bag room and classroom **from 8.20am** when the first bell rings. These are school rules to ensure the safety of your child as teachers are preparing for the day. You may want to consider Afcare if you need to drop your child at school before 8.20am. **School starts at 8.45am**, being on time sets your child up for a great day of learning!
- ❖ **Take it Home Fridays:** We are making an effort to be good kaitiaki of the world God created for us and to treat planet Earth as a taonga. The school has started “take it home Fridays” where the children will take their lunchbox litter back home to recycle/compost/reuse.
- ❖ Please check **all** of your child’s uniform is named. This includes socks and shoes.
- ❖ At the end of last term and this term too we have had a number of children with Chicken Pox and other nasty bugs. Thank you for ensuring your child stays at home until they are fully recovered and feeling better.

Ngā mihi nui  
Fa’afetai

## Angel Whānau Teachers

Jan Bevan and Anna Piper (A1)

Elise Macdonald (A2)

Raewyn Williams and Kerry Lianne (A3)

Nikki Thompson (A4)



**Stone writing** - fantastic learning through play.

In our first week back this one particularly warmed our hearts; “**We love St Pat’s**”.