



MIDDLE SYNDICATE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the start of 2016. Already the term is filling up with activities and exciting learning for your children.

We welcome Sam Weber to our syndicate. He is teaching year 5 and 6 in SM 12. Ms Macdonald is teaching year 4, Mrs Kelleher has a year 4/5 class and Mrs Smith is teaching Year 6.

P.E./ Sports

As you are all aware the syndicate is participating in the Beach Education Programme at Westshore Beach. This programme is designed to help keep our children safe around water and the children are learning water safety in a controlled and fun environment. SM10 and SJ13 are looking forward to next week when it is their turn to participate. Thank you parents and grandparents for your support and participation in this programme.

Cricket begins this week. It was a rush getting those notices out and returned in time. Thank you to those parents and children who did return their permission slips today. We have entered one hard ball team in the second division to play on Saturday mornings. Unfortunately, we were unable to enter a year 3 and 4 team due to the lack of support and interest.

Mrs Start is entering a miniball team in the competition at the Centennial Hall.

There is a group of children from the school participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon next Thursday. Ms Macdonald is coordinating this event.

Our athletics rotation for PE begins next week. We are going to hold our Athletic sports on Wednesday 23rd March. Parents are all welcome to come and support their child. If you are able to help with the event that would be greatly appreciated.

R.E.

Our focus for R.E. this term is Lent, Jesus and Holy Week. During Lent we will be studying the Caritas Unit on Cambodia which also ties in with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. During the year we will be looking at ways the children can display and show mercy to others.

Curriculum and Inquiry Focus

During this term we will be focusing on ourselves, our culture and our environment. This will be an integrated unit aimed at teachers and children learning about themselves, where they come from and what is important to them. It will cover Napier and its history, the physical environment we live in and the people who live in it.

E.O.T.C.

This year the entire syndicate is going to Wakarara in Term 4. The major part of this camp is the walk up to Sunrise Hut in the Ruahines. We will do our best to help with the children's preparation for this walk but please help us by ensuring that your children are taking part in physical activity and are fit and healthy.

Dates so far to put into your Diary for this term

13th February- Cricket begins

18th February- Weetbix Tryathlon

19th February- Art Deco Picnic

17th March- St Patrick's Day

21st and 22nd March- Parent/teacher/pupil conferences

23rd March- Middle Athletic sports

We are looking forward to getting to know your children this year and work with them. Please contact your child's teacher if you think there is something they need to know. We are here for your children.

Thank you

Middle Syndicate Teachers

