

Angel Whanau News

Term 2 2019



The Grand Parade celebrating Palm Sunday



Term 1 has flown by and we are already enjoying Term 2. We hope you all had a great holiday and it is good to see everyone back at school again.

This term teachers will be reporting to parents about their children's learning progress. This will be through written reports and conferences with you and your child. We really enjoy watching the children share their learning with each other and there is much pride in being able to do this with whānau as well.

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

Term Two syndicate and school happenings involving our the staff and junior classes.

- **May 14: Gymnastics at Omni Gym begins please check timetables that were sent home in Week 2**
- **June 6: Queen's Birthday**
- **June 17: Reports sent out for A2, A3, A4**
- **June 24-25: Parent/Child/Teacher Conferences**
- **July 2: 100 Days at School Celebration**

Religious Education

This term we began with a whole school Mass to celebrate Easter. Our children showed respect and reverence throughout and sang our final song enthusiastically. We continue to visit the Chapel each week and have seen manaaki and whakautu being strongly shown by all students in this sacred space. The learning focus for this term is Easter, The Holy Spirit, Pentecost and the Sacraments.

Our **Inquiry** topic is Taonga - we understand the gift of global treasures. As the Junior Syndicate follows a **play based philosophy** the children are able practise and explore their thinking, problem solving and social skills through play. Children choose to play outside or within the classroom and teachers observe and work alongside them to support learning through the child's interests and passions. These explorations are recorded in Learning Story Journals and shared in Homebooks.

Maths

Teachers and children are working on a new way to approach maths where students can question, explain, and justify their mathematical thinking. Teachers are being observed and mentored twice a term by specialist facilitators. Other schools have had huge success with this programme in addressing the needs of all students.

Literacy

Children will bring books home to share with you, and each week the class teachers' include a newsletter in home books to keep you up to date with class activities. Please check library books are returned each week. Overdue books are always welcomed back!

Physical Education

We begin Gymnastics at Omni Gym in week 3 and all classes welcome whānau support when walking to the gym and back to school. We really need your help to safely get there and back.

Reminders: Please check your child's lunch has items that are healthy and will provide the necessary energy for them to do their best learning. Water is the only drink that we want the children to bring to school and if you forget we do have drinking fountains for children to use. Uniforms must be clearly named, including shoes and socks. The weekly school newsletter is always full of coming events and children get these each Tuesday to bring home. Please check your child's bag regularly as it might have a collection of items to keep you updated with school news and activities.

Ngā mihi nui

Fa'afetai

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Nikki Thompson (A4)

