

# MIDDLE SYNDICATE

## NEWSLETTER TERM 4 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the final term of the year. Every year it seems to come around faster and faster! Once again we have a busy term planned with the major focus for our Year 4 and 5s their camp at Wakarara. You will all have received camp information and lists. There is going to be a **camp meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the school staffroom**. This is for all the parents whose children are going on camp so that any questions you may have can be answered.

As you know the children are swimming and while watching them today it was really pleasing to see how well all the children are swimming! The swimming programme that we run is certainly paying off. Our swimming sports are being held on the **7<sup>th</sup> November from 10-12.30 at the Aquatic Centre**. You are all invited to watch. Help from parents is always appreciated.

This term's sports are cricket and volleyball. We had our first games of volleyball this afternoon and the children enjoyed themselves. You could see their progress and confidence grow. Our thanks go to Scott Richfield and Sharyn Peterson for helping with the teams on Wednesday.

Cricket for our Year 3-6s begins after Labour Weekend and we have three teams in the competition. Again, we have brilliant support from Grant McFarland and Richard McGrath with the cricket teams. We would still like a parent or two to help with the Year 3/4 team on a Friday afternoon. Scoring and umpiring the team is not very difficult apparently.

We will play minipitch in our exchange with Onekawa this term. This tournament is being played on the **27<sup>th</sup> November at Marewa Park**.

**HOPS** is being played at **St Patrick's** and the sporting code is minipitch as well. This tournament is on the **4<sup>th</sup> December**.

Our **Inquiry** focus is **Pests- Friend or Foe?** This will link in with our camps, both the one at Tutira and at Wakarara. Our **Waste Aware** programme last term was very successful and the children all seemed to learn a lot. I hope you have all become adept at **Reducing, Reusing and Recycling!**

The **Road Patrol Funday** is being held on the **5<sup>th</sup> December** and this is always a great way to say thank you to our **Road Patrollers** for their commitment and responsibility throughout the year.

We intend to have a "**Syndicate Day Out**" in **Week 9**. We haven't finalised a date yet, but will let you know as soon as we have.

We hope you enjoy your long weekend. As usual, we look forward to another busy term working with your children. Please contact us if there is anything you need to share with us about your child.

Thank you

Julie, Elise, Anne, Kate.