



MIDDLE SYNDICATE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to all our families- old and new. We hope the beginning of the year has been an enjoyable one for you all.

As you will all be aware the Middle Syndicate now has six classes, Year 3s to 6. All the children seem to be settling into their new class and routines well.

At this stage of the year we are all getting to know each other and as part of that, our overall focus for the term is "We are all Connected- Raranga". We intend to integrate most of our teaching around this theme, focusing in particular on our cultural identity and what makes us who we are.

In R.E. our focus is the charism of St Patrick's School, Jesus and of course the appropriate teaching around Lent and Easter.

As usual, we have started the year with many sporting activities. There are children playing cricket, volleyball, miniball and softball. We also have a number of children participating in the Weetbix Tryathlon.

Our athletics sports will be held on **Tuesday 28th March**. Prior to this the children will be practising their skills during P.E lessons. The children are all expected to change for P.E. into the school P.E. uniform. They should have their uniform each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are aware that the year 3 children have not been expected to have a P.E. top but this is a requirement in the Middle Syndicate.

On **Thursday 16th February**, the syndicate is going to walk to the Botanical Gardens and have lunch there before returning to school about 1 o'clock. We would love to have parents and grandparents come and join us for the walk and lunch if they are able to.

As part of our learning about who we are, we are also taking the children around the neighbourhood on an Art Deco tour. This is happening on **Thursday 2nd March**. We will send more information home about this when we have finalized details.

Our E.O.T.C. destination in November is Camp Wakarara. We have decided that only the year 5 and 6 classes will go on this camp. There will definitely be E.O.T.C. activities for the Year 3 and 4 classes but it will not involve a camp away from school. As the year progresses more information about the camp and planned activities will be sent home to you.

Please remember we work together for your children. Let us know if there is something important happening in your child's life that we need to know.

Thank you parents for all you do for our school and your children. We look forward to meeting with you all during this term.

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