Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate *Otara* Middle School



#### **SCHOOL EVENTS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

6 Waitangi Day

8 Girls Self Defence Course (Thursday and Friday for the next 4 weeks)

12 Swimming starts

### **REMINDERS**

- Students have received their stationery pack. Money for this can be paid at our Resource Room or at the Main Administration Office.
- Cook Island Anau Mtg on Monday 5 Feb at 5pm
- Tongan Fanau Mtg Monday 5 Feb at 6pm



TERM 1 Week 1 Edition

2018

## **PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**

Welcome back to all students and a special welcome to all our new students and whanau. 2018 is going to be another action packed year full of new learning and exciting programmes. We have 3 new teachers starting this year as well, Ms Viscarra Jourbet in Room 1, Whaea Chantelle in Room 8 and Matua AJ in Room 13.

Our Middle School learning targets will focus on Reading , Writing and Mathematics. We want to have 85% of our students working in Level 4 of the New Zealand Curriculum by the end of the year. In the next few weeks I will let you know where students are presently working. Over the year you will receive 2 academic school reports informing you of where and how well your child is learning.

We will be starting up our Breakfast programme next week and will also hand our fruit and sandwiches at Interval break. With the extremely hot weather we have been experiencing please give your child a water bottle so they van hydrate throughout the day.

Our swimming programme starts week 3 with classes going to the pools once a week to receive lessons on how to swim. This is an important part of out PE programme which all students need to take part in. You will receive a letter next week to inform you fully about this programme.

If you have any concerns or have questions about anything to do with your child please feel free to come in and see me at anytime.



The Stationary pack can be purchased for \$20.00 from the main Administration Office. In the pack there are pens, exercise books and a Te Reo Maori language student resource book. All packs of stationary have been handed out to as students arrive to school. You will be contacted if we have not received your stationery payment.

<u>SWIMMING</u>

We will start our school swimming programme in Week 3. It is important that all school uniforms have there names so they do not lose them. Your child will need a towel and swim wear and a plastic bag to hold their wet gear when they get out of the water.

Students will be transported to the pools.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Uniforms are looking fantastic. With the extremely hot weather and during summer we encourage our students to wear school hats. These can be purchased from the Uniform shop for \$25.00. We will sell plain navy caps from Monday for \$5.00. School hats must be plain black or Navy with no other design other than the school logo. Students who do not have a hats next week will be sitting on the deck during their break time.

If you can encourage students to not wear too many layers as it is very hot, jackets and jerseys need to be worn when it is raining or very cold like in winter.

## **'Middle School Mana All Day Everyday'**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF**



Mrs Viscarra-Jourbet Room 1 Class teacher



Ms Asiata Room 2 Class Teacher



Tala Leilua Dance/ Graphic Design Tutor



Daniel Leaupepe Music Tutor



Manu Art / Sports Tutor



Whaea Liz Student Welfare



Mr Laban Community Liaison



Mrs Ngakuru Principal



Christine Castles School secretary

## RESPECT

## WHANAUNGATANGA



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF**



Rani Leaupepe Media Tutor



Mrs Espie Learning Support Teacher



Whaea Chantelle Room 8 Class teacher



Ms George Room 9 Class teacher



Mrs Lologa Room 10 Class teacher



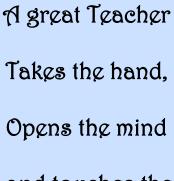
Mr Hussein Deputy Principal/ Room 11 Class teacher



Whaea Julie Room 12 Class teacher



Matua AJ Room 13 Class teacher



and touches the heart.

# **GIRLS SELF DEFENCE SESSIONS**

This programme is provided to girls to help them keep safe. It will help girls' ability to think confidently, speak strongly and use physical skills when necessary. The sessions will be cover defence techniques safe practices on the world wide web, verbal defence, building self esteem, dealing with fear and anger and building confidence. They will be instructed by a qualified instructor who demonstrate and teach them al the techniques.



## **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

We celebrate students learning every week on a Friday. For the next 4 weeks it will be on Friday from 2.10 to 2.40 pm, there after it will be Friday at 11.30 to 12.10 am.

We welcome you and your whanau to attend these assemblies and help us to celebrate the wonderful things our students, classes and teachers do.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MANA IS SHOWING EXCELLENCE, RESPECT AND WHANAUNGATANGA INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

We are planning to talk all students to Waitangi during week 11 of this term. We are presently applying for funding to pay for the buses and we will fund raise for entry into the Treaty Ground. Students are learning out the Treaty of Waitangi and will write a class treaty for their class. We will let you know more as the time gets closer.

TERM 1 SCHOOL TRIPS

The Year 7 students will have a trip to a nerby Farm to see the animals and learn about life on a farm.

In week 7 and 8 all students will travel to the Vodafone Centre in Manukau to take part in a Pacifica Experience.

For all these trips you will receive a special letter informing you of time, day and what will be happening closer to the trip time.

### **NEW COLLEGIATE WEBSITE REMINDER:**

We have updated our website: You can find many details about your childs schooling experience on this page along with important school calendar dates. The calendar tab can be found at the bottom of each junior, middle, and senior school tabs. Just click and you can find testing dates, sports dates, and other important experiences your child may be involved in. <a href="http://sehc.school.nz/">http://sehc.school.nz/</a> These Links below can also be found on the Website under the Middle School.



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