



# TERM 1 NEWS

## SCHOOL TERM



This term has been very full with great work being achieved by classes. There has been many highlights, but I think the one I have enjoyed the most is hearing the amazing poems written and presented by students. Over the term I have shared some of this great work. Next term we will hold an assembly so you can all attend to hear what amazing writer we have in the school.

Apart from the work students have completed in class, they have also visited a number of interesting places to experience new things. All the trips we consider important as it helps our students to understand the world around us.

New students to our school are starting to understand what it means to be a student in the Middle School and what Middle School Mana is all about. I have been very pleased with the way most students treat each other and our Skills for Adolescence programme is starting to help students work better together.

A new curriculum subject offered to classes this year is Digital Technology. In this subject student will learn about programming robots to move and eventually will have an opportunity to make a simple computer game. We have received great comments from the teachers and students about this subject. Mr Hussein and Ms George run this programme in our school so if you would like to know more about it they are our experts.

Our swimming programme went well this term with the students visiting the pools on a regular basis. Our swimming instructor stated that their swimming abilities and water confidence has improved greatly. Our school swimming sports did not finish due to the weather but the events we ran helped to build competition between our houses.



## FAREWELL TO AJ

It is with sadness that we farewell Matua AJ who started this year as a classroom teacher in Room 13. He has decided to follow his dream and is beginning his studying at Elim Christian School to become a Pastor. We wish him well and appreciate all the good things he has done for the present and past students.

A teacher has been appointed for the class but will not start till week 9 of term 2, so until the teacher begins Mrs Ngakuru will teach in the class.

## REMINDER

The last day of term one will be tomorrow, Friday 13 April. Term 2 begins Monday 30 April.



# TERM 1 SCHOOL CLASS



## Trip to Ambury Farm.

Classes visited a farm to learn about the animals and experience life on a farm. For some students this was the first time they had ever been on farm or close to farm animals.



## Students at Fresh Gallery working with Humans of South Auckland



# AND ADVENTURES



## **Dancing with Mythology**

This trip was at the Vodafone Centre. The classes first learnt about the totum poles outside the centre and heard the story that has been carved on them. Once inside they were told the myth 'The Legend of Tawhaki, the story of Matakerepo. The students then spent time using their body to make movements to show the legend.

## **Humans of South Auckland**

Students took part in a writing session at the Fresh Gallery in Otara. They wrote stories about themselves which were exceptional.







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*'Towards far horizons'*

## Student stories from the Humans of South Auckland session



The Humans of South Auckland pieces of writing have been bravely submitted by the above students. They are real life stories that have affected them.

### **What is the saddest day of your life**

My parents had just announced that my mum was pregnant. I was extremely excited about having a sibling. A couple of weeks later something terrible happened. It felt like just a normal day until I was getting ready for school. My mum jumped in the shower, and all of a sudden me and my dad heard screaming and crying coming from the bathroom - where my mum was. My dad swooped into the bathroom to see what was the matter. Then my parents rushed to the hospital, and I had to stay home with my grandparents. They came back with an agonised look on their faces, holding a container. My dad announced that the baby had passed away, and that it was in the container in his hands. My heart was shattered, this nightmare became a reality.

By Jaylin



### **What is the most happiest day of your life?**

While we were going to get some dinner for my family, we were about to go to our car when we were stopped by these two girls. They were worn out and were barefoot. Many people walked passed the girls and some just gave a little wave and a smile. One was about 5 and the other maybe 10. So me and my dad decided to go buy them some food. We went to the nearest shop and bought them both a pie and a drink. When we gave them the food, I could see the smile on their faces. I was so happy to be the reason for the smile on their faces. Giving back to these two distraught girls made this one small act of kindness the happiest day of my life.

By Adine



### **What is the saddest day of your life**

My dad and I had come back from camp last year and we were having fun, until my mum came and told me she was ending her relationship with my dad. After hearing this, it made me feel so broken because, it meant that she was leaving our family. Like somehow we had failed her. She left our family. My older brother and sister, like me were heartbroken. I remember this day vividly because when she was leaving, my brother and sister were crying so hard and she was holding on to me not wanting to let go. What made this the saddest day of my life, was that my mum not only gave up on her family, but it was like she was trading us in for a new family.

By Bisophric

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APRIL 23 - 27

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