



# TERM 1 NEWS

## UP & COMING DATES

### MARCH

- 6 DPV injections
- 7 Middle School Family Picnic Evening
- 13 Pasifika experience at Vodafone for Y7  
Boys Softball at Howick  
Softball club
- 14 Pasifika experience at Vodafone for Y8  
Girls softball at Howick  
Softball club
- 19 Teacher Only Day
- 20 SEZ Tag at Sir Barry Curtis
- 23 School swimming sports
- 30 Good Friday

### APRIL

- 2 Easter Monday
- 3 Easter Tuesday
- 4 Dancing with Mythology with Y7 at Vodafone
- 5 Dancing with Mythology

## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Food can be ordered or purchased from our school canteen. At morning break and Lunch break Middle School sell ice blocks and drinks. The profit from this goes towards our school trips we have throughout the year.

## SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Students have started really well this year. It is wonderful to see them in correct uniform arriving to school on time. I help you I will include our school times for the day and an outline of the subjects we will be covering over this term.

### SCHOOL TIMES

- 8.45 am** School start with Pod meeting
- 9.00 am** Learning time 1
- 10.00 am** Learning time 2
- 11.00 am** Morning break
- 11.15 am** Learning Time 3
- 12.15 pm** Learning time 4
- 1.15 pm** Lunch break
- 2.00 pm** Learning time 5
- 3.00 pm**
- End of school



### SWIMMING

Swimming classes will continue till 15 March. Our school swimming sports will be a whole day event and will be held on Friday March 23. The students will compete in their houses a number of events. Parents are welcome to attend.

# Middle School Subject Overview

Over this term the students will be learning a number of subjects. The main theme for this term is 'Change'. In most classes the teachers will teach Reading, Writing and Mathematics in the first part of the day.

**Reading** - Shared reading activities

**Writing** - Poetry writing and performing

**Mathematics Number** - Additive thinking

**Mathematics strand** - Geometry

The remainder of the day is taken up with our other subjects:

**Topic** - Change 'What has changed over time and what effect has this change had on our world.'

**Health** - Skills for Adolescence

**Physical Education** - Swimming

**Digital Technology** - Algorithm's the Language of machines, robotics

**Music** - Rythmn

**Dance** - Learning a dance

## FAMILY PICNIC

On Wednesday March 7 from 4.00 to 6.00 pm we will be having a family picnic. At this event we will have planned games for the children and there will be time set aside for you to talk with your child's teacher about their transition into the Middle School if they are Year 7 and if they are year 8 an opportunity to talk about your child's learning goal for the term. There are no fixed meeting time as they are flexible so you can pop in at any time that suits you. If the afternoon slot is not convenient then just contact us and come in when you are available. We will also provide sausages and drinks for eating.



## TEACHER ONLY DAY

Our middle school teacher only day will be held on Monday March 19. **This means there will be no school on this day for middle school students.**

The teachers and staff will be at school attending a professional workshop based on delivering Te Reo Maori in classrooms and creating activities to connect with our Pasifika and Maori students through the newly developed Digital Technology curriculum.

We hope that this will not inconvenience you too much but hope that informing you about this now will allow you time to arrange care for your child on this day.



## PASIFIKA EXPERIENCE AT VODAFONE

This is a class trip for year 7 and 8 students which will be a half day trip to the Vodafone Centre. There will be no cost to the students as it is an educational trip. The classes will travel to and from the centre by bus. This trip will occur on 13 and 14 of March. A letter will come home with your child informing you which day they will be attending. At this event the students will be learning about the Pacific Islands groups, learn how to make a lei, basic weaving and drumming. It will be a great experience and ties in wonderfully with Polyfest week.





## ZONE SPORTS

At present our sports coach is busy coaching the year 7 and 8 boys and girls softball teams and the tag teams for the up and coming Zone sports events. There are also after school practices that teams will be asked to attend. You will have already received a letter for this practice.

Thank you for allowing your child to attend these practices. Check our calendar for the days for these sports events.



## BREAKFAST CAFE

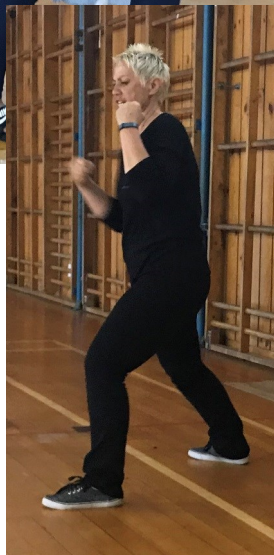
Each morning we have a Breakfast Café running for students. It opens at 7.30 and closes at 8.30 am. The food is free and we hope eases the pressure off you at home. We offer weetbix, fruit and yoghurt, toast and or bagels in the summer and in the winter the students get baked beans as a hot option.

We also provide peanut butter sandwiches at interval time with fruit which students can help themselves to. All this food had been donated to us either through Kids Can, Fonterra or Fruit in Schools.



## GIRLS SELF DEFENCE PROGRAMME

We are at the end of our 2 day sessions for all the girls in our school to take part in the self defence course. At the completion of the course they girls receive a certificate and a wrist band for their participation. We have been very lucky having this program in our school because it is run by an expert defence teacher. It also gives the girls the confidence and tools to help keep themselves safe.





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*'Towards far horizons'*

## POEMS FROM OUR STUDENTS

### Peace in my Chaos

Ohhh things are gonna get easier  
Ohh things are gonna get brighter  
Dry ya eyes  
No food in the cupboards  
No shoes for ya toe's  
We breed you rough to make you tough  
Life is rough  
I've had enough  
My brother must look tough  
But he's just rough

I stand up tall  
I never fall  
If I fall I'll get hurt like a cotton ball  
By Soljah

### Finding peace in chaos

I am a peaceful boy  
I wonder how we find  
peace  
I hear parents telling me  
that peace is not easy to  
find  
I want a peaceful life  
I am a peaceful boy

*Teilona*



I am imperfect and unloved  
I wonder what I will be in the future  
I hear my little sister and brother begging our parents for food  
I see my cupboard with no food inside it  
I want to start my life all over again

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I am a Southsider and a proud Maori  
I wonder where my family will go when we pass away?  
I wonder what I am going to be in the future?  
I wonder if we will see our heavenly father?  
I hear my family pray to guide us where we go  
I feel my heart beating to keep us alive  
I see my teacher growling us but still have love in her

