Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Otara Middle School

NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 Week 2 Edition 2019

SCHOOL EVENTS

October

- 21 Village Collective program begins for all classes over the week.
- 22 Girls SEZVolleyball
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- 28 Labour Day- no school
- 29 Middle School Careers day in Hall

November

TERM 4 OVERVIEW

This term is a 9 week term. It will go very quickly, Our learning this term will be on 'Future Focus". This is about setting goals for the future, designing their own Curriculum Vitae, thinking about the job they want after leaving school. The other topics will be:

Writing: Formal letter writing and Visual Language Mathematics: Statistically thinking, proportional thinking Reading: Independent reading

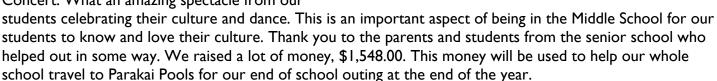
<u>Physical Education:</u> Athletic skills <u>Topic:</u> Future Focus and goal setting



We will have a career day at our school as part of this terms work. It will be held on Tuesday 29 October for the day.

<u>CULTURAL</u> CONCERT

In the last week of last term we held our Cultural Concert. What an amazing spectacle from our







'Middle School Mana All Day Everyday'

MUSEUM TRIP



Last week one of our classes went to the Museum to do some digital technology activities. The staff at the Museum were very impressed with our students because they were so advanced in their thinking and problem solving strategies.

The class really enjoyed their visit and staff from the Museum, will come to our school to do some further activities. It was a great experience for everyone. Well done to our students.

VILLAGE COLLECTIVE

We have a group of young Pacific Island youth mentors who are delivering knowledge and Resources for our students to better informed on Well being and health issues. This is part of our Health program. It is interactive and a fun way to teach personal and interpersonal skills to our children to help them understand the changes that will be happening in their lives and themselves. The class teacher stays with their class to help with any further questions that may arise after their sessions.



If you wish to know further about these sessions please contact us at school or come in.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for 2020 for year 6 students going to year 8 and for other students who want a change and would like to come to our school. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the office or can be sent out to you upon request to Lucy Lemusu, PA to the Principal at Ilemusu@sehc.school.nz

We are a great school with programs that stretch students thinking. Learning is exciting and students are inspired to do their very best to succeed.

RESPECT

WHANAUNGATANGA

EXCELLENCE

Our Art extension group has finished their designing and painting of our collegiate Pataka Kai. This has now been installed outside Hillary House for our community.

A pataka kai is a Maori name for 'storehouse'. If you look inside it holds food that we are giving to our community. The food is free and is for whanau who need food to help them get by for the week. You will see that during the week there is an assortment of food. Staff have donated cans and packet goods but the produce has been donated from our collegiate vegetable gardens. We also have a donation from Countdown of bread which we have delivered to whanau, our local old peoples home and for our Pataka Kai.

If you have any extra food that you would like to donated please place it into our Pataka Kai to share with our whanau.

'Nau te raurau, Naku te raurau, Ka ora ai te iwi', With your basket and my basket all will be well.



We will be continuing to track our students attendance this term. Term 3 went so well and we were able to maintain such great results.

We are aiming to do better than Term 3 result of 87% attendance for the term. We are hoping to improve on the 87% to 90% this term. With your help we think we can achieve this.

Just a reminder to parents, whanau and caregivers that if your child is away to contact the school by phone

092745782 middle school attendance. OR use our SchoolAPP and text your child's teacher to send in your child's absence OR text Liz Tangaere at Middle School office on 0274318027.

Wk 1	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
R1	90%	90%	97%	94%	90%
R2	77%	89%	89%	92%	85%
R8	76%	83%	79%	86%	86%
R9	93%	90%	97%	93%	90%
R10	85%	93%	89%	96%	89%
R11	76%	86%	83%	90%	69%
R12	87%	97%	87%	90%	87%
R13	89%	99%	77%	85%	92%
Total	84%	90%	87%	91%	86%

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

It is important that you know what our school procedures are for emergencies that requires our students to stay in class(lockdown) and emergencies that require students to leave the class (evacuation). Below are the procedures we follow in the collegiate.

EVACUATION

The signal for this emergency is a continuous bell sound that asks students to evacuate the building.

This can because their could be a fire, gas leak w, bomb scare within a classroom area or part of the school.

All schools have their own evacuation area. Middle School area is on the Basketball courts near the field in Middle School.

Teachers take their register out with them and the class roll is checked to make sure all students are present.

During the year we try to have I or 2 drills to make sure students and teachers know the procedure.











Be Prepared

Be Aware

Be Ready

LOCKDOWN

The signal for this emergency is a intermittent siren that requires the school to lock all classroom and office doors.

The lock down is called to keep students,

The lock down is called to keep students, staff and teachers safe from things outside like, swarm of bees, weather, intruder or accident in a nearby street.

The teacher will lock all doors into the classroom area and all students and teachers will remain on the floor in the centre of the classroom until told by their Leadership team it is safe to come out of Lockdown.

If the school is asked to go into Lockdown parents will not be allowed to remove their children from their classrooms until the lockdown has been cleared by the Police.

Parents, whanau and caregivers will receive notification if they have downloaded school App onto their phone or the notifications and updates will be found on our collegiate website.

It is important that you are made aware of these procedures as throughout the year we do drills to practice incase we have a real emergency. We ask that you familiarize yourself with the procedures so if incase of a real event you will know how the schools will carry out the procedure.

We do understand you will want to come into school when there is a lockdown but ask that you do not do this as it will add additional pressure to the process we are running.



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