



TERM 1 NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Students should not be wearing their jackets or jersey to school. They will need to have a water bottle to hydrate regularly to stop the headaches. They will also need a hat to keep the sun off their faces. A plain navy hat with no words or pictures will need to be worn when students are outside.

Remember:

- No jackets and jerseys need to be worn to school now.
- Bring a water bottle to school every day to help students to hydrate.



- School hats need to be worn to protect students from being sun burnt.



Fitness starts in week 3, PE gear every day.

Welcome to all our new students starting this year and welcome back to school everybody. It is great to see new faces around our school looking smart in their new school uniforms. Here are some important points for you

School bell times

- 8.50 am School begins with Pod meeting
- 9.00 am Learning Time 1 and 2
- 10.55 am Morning break
- 11.20 am Learning time 3 and 4
- 1.15 pm Lunch Break
- 2.00 pm Learning time 5
- 2.55 pm End of school

School uniform

Students have the option to wear the PE uniform or either the shorts and skirt with the shirt. These can only be brought from NZUniforms at 16 Bishop Dunn Place, Botany. The shop also sells hats. We do have some plain navy hats for sale for \$3.00. These can be brought from Whaea Liz in the Blue Pod.

Stationery

Payment for this is made to the main administration office. Students will then go to the Green Pod and collect their stationery using their paid receipt. Stationery is \$5.00.

Swimming

Swimming Lessons at Otara Pool will start on Monday 10 February. Students will go to the pools with Mr Laban, and Jessie one of our TA's. It is very important for students to take part in this program so they can become more confident around water. A letter will go out to inform you of the dates and times your child will have these lessons.

Breakfast program

We run a breakfast program each day Monday to Friday. It opens at 7.30 till 8.30 am for all students to have breakfast. Whaea Liz runs this programme. We also make sandwiches and hand out fruit at first break. Please don't keep your child at home because they don't have food, just let Whaea Liz know and she will help

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no school on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th February.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF



Room 1 Mrs Swamy



Room 2 Ms Asiata



Room 3 Ms Lemusu



Room 8 Whaea Pene



Room 9 Ms George



**Room 10
Mrs Lologa**



Room 11 Mr Swamy



**Room 12
Ms Faamatuaina**



**Mrs Espie– Learning
Needs teacher**



Art Tutor– Manu



Music Tutor– Daniel



**Jesse
Teacher support**



**Whaea Liz
Student well being**



**Mr Laban
Community Liaison**



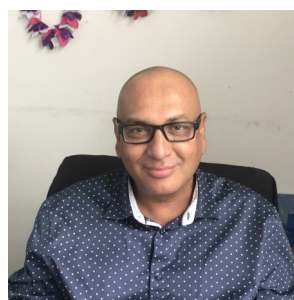
**Rani
Student support**



**Eugene
Student support**



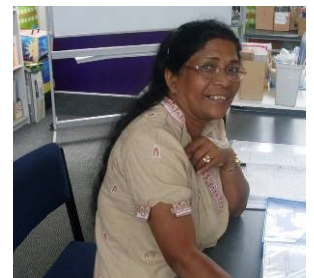
**Ruth Wilson
Principals Assistant**



**Deputy Principal
Mr Hussein**



**Principal
Mrs Ngakuru**



**Mrs Wijesundara
Reading support**

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Over Term 1 students will be learning the following topics:

Writing: Descriptive writing– Poetry

Reading: Shared reading activities

Mathematics: Strand– Geometry

Number– Additive thinking

Social Science and Health: Wellbeing

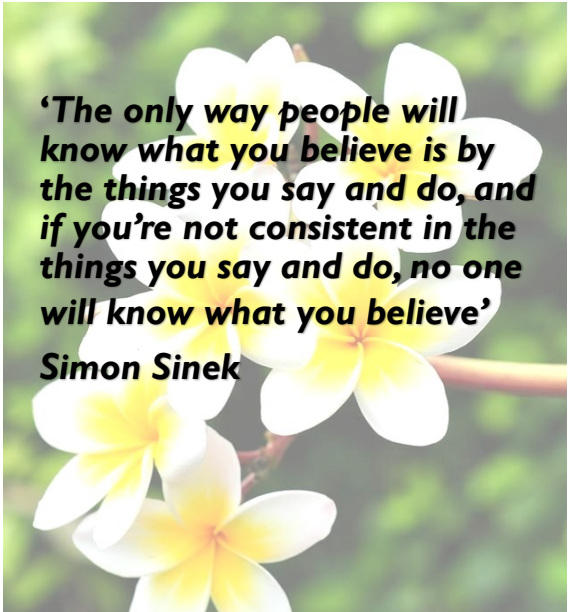
Visual Art: In-class program

Music: Rhythm and beat

Physical Education: Swimming and small ball skills

Digital Technology: Designing and developing digital outcomes and computational thinking

Te Reo Maori: Tiriti o Waitangi and Pepeha



‘The only way people will know what you believe is by the things you say and do, and if you’re not consistent in the things you say and do, no one will know what you believe’

Simon Sinek

SPORTS PROGRAMME

During the year classes will learn Physical Education skills during their class PE time. In addition to this we are part of South Eastern Zone sports competition. This means that throughout the year we hold sports trials to make up representative teams to play for our school. We compete with schools like Sommerville Int, Sancta Maria, Fergusson Int, St Johns, Farmcove Int, St Kents, and Buckland Beach Int. Historically we have always done particularly well. If your child has been selected to represent our school you will receive a letter informing you of dates and times for practices and when the sport fixture will be and where in case you would like to attend. All sports teams will be coached by Manu and Daniel.

FITNESS PROGRAMME

Year 7 and Year 8 Fitness program will begin in week 2. Students will follow a rotation of 4 activities run by their teachers. The Year 7 fitness will be run before interval break and year 8 fitness will be run before lunch break. The fitness activities will run for 15 minutes.

All students are expected to take part in these activities so they will need to have a change of clothes or their school PE uniform to do their fitness. *Please make sure all your child's uniform has been named clearly with their name.*

ASSEMBLIES

These are held every week at Learning time 5, (2.15 pm) in the collegiate hall every Friday. During these assemblies we celebrate students for their great learning habit they are developing and show the school how we are expected to behave and act while we are at school. If teams or classes have been away representing our school we will show a clip of what they did. We have visitors come to speak to the students and we sing all the new songs we have learnt over the week. Each week a class will run the assembly and at this time they will generally put on a class item or share work they are doing in class. Parents and whanau are welcome to attend this every week if they would like to.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Middle school students will generally have education trips each term. We will always send an information letter home to inform you of the programme for the day. These trips are free for students as the school will pay for the entry fee and any additional costs. We manage to do this from our continual fundraising throughout the year.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Each term the collegiate practice how to leave the classroom in case of a fire and once a year for a lockdown in case of an intruder. If you visit the school and these practices are in operation you will be asked to remain at the gate until the exercise is over.

WHANAU VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

You will be asked to sign in at the front desk when you visit the school. You will be given a card which will need to be returned as you sign out. We do this for Health and Safety reasons. We would love to see all our whanau more at school. Come in and see how we do things in the Middle School. If you wish to see the Principal and or Deputy Principal come in when it suits you and we will make ourselves available to you.

EVENT DATES

February

6 Waitangi Day
7 NO SCHOOL
10 Swimming starts
25 BOT mtg at 5pm

March

3 Boys softball
4 Girls softball
18 Polyfest Trip
20 School swimming sports at
Otaru pools
31 BOT mtg at 5pm

FUNDRAISING

We will be selling ice blocks from our shop in our school. Whaea Liz will open the shop at interval break and Lunch break. Ice blocks will be \$1.00.

The collegiate also has a canteen which sells a variety of food at break times. Students can go and buy food during these times.



Chromebooks in class

All students will be assigned a chromebook which they will use over the year. Students work will be saved to their own file which they will be able to access from home or at school. If you would like to look at this work and have internet at home ask your child to show you.

Stepsweb Reading program

Within the next couple of weeks student will be enrolled in our school reading program. This program can be accessed at home as well as at school and will be a great opportunity for students to do additional reading at home. The only thing you will need is internet access. Each level takes about 40 mins. If your child worked on this 3 times a week their reading and vocabulary will improve greatly.

SWiS (Social Worker in Schools)

are qualified social work practitioners who are experienced in working with children, young people and their families to help find solutions to issues that impact on their education, well-being and rights as children and young people. SWiS is a free and confidential service that is based in schools. Tui Leilua supports senior school and working collaboratively with Linda Mariner SWiS for the junior and middle school.

Cultural celebrations

Throughout the year we celebrate our different cultures as a school and collegiate. If you would like to help us with these celebrations just let us know. Within the collegiate we also have Monthly Whanau meetings. In our next email I will send the dates. We will however send out a letter to tell you the date and time. We have Maori, Samoan, Tongan and Cook Island Anau Hui.

Thursday 6th February is Waitangi Day no school for all students.

Friday 7th February no school for all students



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