



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### MARCH

- 4. Peter Blake Virtual Reality experience
- 5. Peter Blake Virtual Reality Girls Softball Tournament
- 13 School Swimming Sports day at Otago Pools
- 22 Everyday Theatre for Year 7 classes

## REMINDERS

Please read the Health information in the middle of our newsletter.

## WHATS NEW AT SCHOOL

We have started the year very well, with all our Year 7 and 8 classes filling up quickly. Our roll is currently sitting at 238 student. We are currently advertising for another teacher who we will want to start as soon as possible. The new class will be a Year 7 class. If your child is going to be placed in this class you will receive a letter from the school.

This week all our students will get an opportunity to take part in a **Virtual Reality experience** which is made available through the Peter Blake Foundation. Students will look at the sea and impact of pollution. Later in the year our students will have an opportunity to create their own VR during Tech Week in term 2.



At the end of this term our school will be holding a **spoken word evening**. Students are working on these during their writing time and they will have an opportunity to share them during this evening event. This will be the first time we will showcase this to our whanau.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

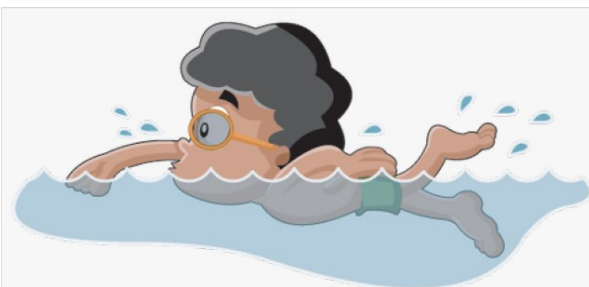
Swimming has been going very well with classes attending weekly to have swimming lessons. Swimming is such an important part of our PE program. Every year we read about people getting into trouble in water. The program we run helps our students to be far more confident in water. Please continue to encourage your child to take part in this program. On the 13 March we will be holding our whole day school swimming carnival at the Otago Pools. Come along and join in.

### Swimming timetable

MONDAY	Room 12 (12.30-1.30pm)	Room 9 (1.30-2.30pm)
TUESDAY	Room 11 (12.30-1.30pm)	Room 8 (1.30-2.30pm)
WEDNESDAY	Room 1 (12.30-1.30pm)	Room 2 (1.30-2.30pm)
THURSDAY	Room 3(12.30-1.30pm)	Room 10 (1.30-2.30pm)

### Remember:

Togs, towel and a bag to carry wet clothes home please.



## 'Middle School Mana All Day Everyday'

# **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

Our school assemblies are held every Friday from 2.15pm to 2.50pm in the collegiate hall. During this time students celebrate their work completed over the week. They get to be inspired by visiting speakers, or class perform something they have learnt and want others see and experience their success. This is a time if you are free to come in and see what we do and also give you an opportunity for you to see your child's success. You are all welcome

Last Friday we had a past student, Melania Napa'a join us to talk about her life since she left Otara to go to university 6 years ago, Melania is a student who went through Middle and Senior school. She is presently completing her LLB and BCom at the University of Otago.

Melania recently attended the NZ United Nations Youth conference in Boston, USA. From NZ there were 14 delegates selected and Melania was selected as the head delegate.



# **DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING STUDENTS**

Can I ask that if you are collecting your child from school that you park near the turn bay area. We have our students on Road Patrol and they are saying parents are parking on the road close to the pedestrian crossing to pick up their children. Can I ask that you do not do this for the safety of all our children. After school is a very busy time and we have a lot of children coming out the gate.



# **SCHOOL FITNESS**



Every day our students take part in a fitness program where they are moving for 15 minutes. It is important for our students to take part in this program. If your child is too unwell to take part please letter their teacher know by letter otherwise all children will be asked to participate. They will need to have their PE uniform or a change of clothes that they can change into for this activity.

**RESPECT WHANAUNGATANGA EXCELLENCE**

# **HEALTH MESSAGE FROM**

## **Mana Kidz Clinic**

You will have heard a lot on the television about novel Coronavirus (covid19) infection. NZ has one confirmed case so far.

The symptoms for this infection include fever, cough, shortness of breath. The symptoms can be mild or very severe. Some people who suffer from other medical problems have died from this infection.

The infection is generally spread the same way as a common cold and cough. To help prevent this from happening you can:

- Wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with someone who is sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue then dispose of the tissue
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

At school we will be talking to students about making sure they wash their hands regularly. We have in class containers of hand sanitizers for them to use. We will also encourage children to cough and sneeze appropriately.

### **Wash your hands**

Wash your hands with soap and running water when **hands are visibly dirty**



If your **hands are not visibly dirty**, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water



### **Protect others from getting sick**



**Avoid close contact** when you are experiencing cough and fever

**Avoid spitting in public**



If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing **seek medical care early** and share previous travel history with your health care provider



### **Protect yourself and others from getting sick**

#### **Wash your hands**



- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste



### **Protect others from getting sick**

When coughing and sneezing **cover mouth and nose** with flexed elbow or tissue



**Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use**

**Clean hands** with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick



## **MAKING A COMPLAINT**

We welcome the opportunity to talk with our whanau and community if you are unhappy or want to check in on how we do things in the Middle School.

You can come into school at anytime and speak to either the Principal, Mrs Kallie Ngakuru or our Deputy Principal Mr Iqbal Hussein.

We value your input in how we do things in our school and are always looking to make things better and do better. So always come and share your ideas with us.

## **COLLEGIATE POLICIES**

Our Collegiate Policies are online for you to access if you wish. Type in: [www.schooldocs.co.nz](http://www.schooldocs.co.nz) then type in Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate, click on school and use the username and password below.

Get down our SchoolDocs site info here:

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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 be because there 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 1 or 2 drills to make sure students and teachers know the procedure.

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

### **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, 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.