Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate *Otara* Middle School

NEWSLETTER

Sir Edmund

Hillary Collegiate

TERM 3 Week 10 Edition

2020

SCHOOL BULLETIN

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY Crazy hat day



We are having a Crazy Hat day tomorrow as the last day of the term.

SPORTS TRAINING

During the holidays we will be holding sports practices for our Volleyball and basketball teams. If your child is in the team they will be given a note from the school to let you know the times and days for their practices. They are practices because their sports tournament is in the first week back to school in Term 4.

WEATHERTIGHTNESS WORKS

You will have noticed that we have had a lot of building work occurring in the collegiate over the year, with lots of buildings being bubble wrapped. We have had to repair some of the building to stop them from leaking. In term 4 holidays they will be moving into middle school. All the external walls in middle school will be changed with new walls. While we are hoping not to disrupt students learning too much their classes may need to move while the work is being completed. We will let you know if things change.

ENVIRO- SUSTAINABILITY

We continue to work as a school to reduce the waste that we create in our school. All food scraps are collected at the breaks and we place these in our school Bokashi bins, which we place in bigger bins to break down. We then put this into our school vegetable gardens as fertiliser.

We are also recycling our paper we use in the school. As part of this starting from next term we will no longer be printing out school newsletters but will post these onto our school Facebook, Website, SchoolApp and send out via emails

SCHOOL POLICIES



All collegiate policies can be found online. If you wish to read them you can go to

Schooldocs.co.nz and the username: sehc, password: Hillary. We invite you to log in to the site and when there are reviews to have your say. Your feedback is

valuable and it is important to be familiar with our school policies and procedures.



<u>SchoolAPP</u>

This is a quick and easy way for you to be connected to our school on a daily basis. Follow these instructions: **STEP I:** Go to App store or play store and download SchoolappsNZ' **STEP 2:** Choose Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate **STEP 3:** Choose the class you would like to follow. Once you have this App you will be able to send messages to school if your child is away, you will also be notified of any important school and class messages. If we have any emergency messages for you during our school day you will automatically receive a notification. This will be a great way for your

whanau to be connected to your child's learning on a daily basis.



Students will be bringing home their school reports. If you have not had a time to speak to your child's teachers, you can contact the teacher to make arrangements to do so.

Most conversations were completed during our last COVID19 lockdown period. If your child does not bring home their report you can request one from our DP, Mr Hussein.

<u>EHECK OUT</u>

Middle School's Facebook page. We are continually updating this page with the many exciting programs and event our students are taking part in. Our most recent event was celebrating

Te Reo Maori Language Week and Our Virtual Art Exhibition

On your smartphone, computer or tablet go to our Facebook site: Search: Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Middle School



To find out more go directly to our YouTube channel: **Search:** Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Middle School

You Tube

<u>MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK</u>

































RESPECT WHANAUNGATANGA EXCELLENCE

















MAKING A CRAZY HAT











CLASS TUG O WAR CHALLENGE





<u>TUAKANA TEINA OPPORTUNITIES</u>



Students from Room 3 have been going to classes with Senior high students from MIT. In these classes they are learning about how to design and create a circuit, how to install a light, how to install a bell, use morse code to send messages. The students have come back from the sessions and have been teaching students in their class what they have learnt. This has been a great way for our students to remember what they have learnt. This has been an awesome opportunity for our students to work with older students as well.



<u>GET READY FOR</u> <u>TERM 4</u>

Term 4 is a very busy term for students in year 7 and 8. We are hoping that we will have all our students back to school this term so we can prepare them to move into their classes for 2021. Some student's may not feel that they are ready to move on and this is okay. We allow students to stay with us as long as their parents confirm this. This year especially has been very unsettling for the students and for their learning.

We are also looking to enroll new students to our school for year 7 and 8. Our school prospectus is ready and we are delivering these to all the contributing schools in Otara.

We have had a very successful year even though it has been disrupted by COVID19. We have held a wonderful Expo on sustainability where students shared their learning to our Otara community, we have learnt songs and dances for all our different culture and showcased them on our Facebook page. We have made a big effort in our school to reduce the rubbish in our school. All food scraps are collected daily and placed in a large Bokashi bin and worm farm to reduce to compost for our school vegetable gardens.

In Term 4 our students will be involved in Paying it Forward projects where they will help out our local community by giving back. Watch this space for more exciting news.









