



# TERM 1 NEWS

## LEARNING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Read more about the Easter celebration fun day the students had on Thursday before our Easter break.



### OUR COLLEGIATE VALUES

**Respect**

**Excellence**

**Whanaungatanga**

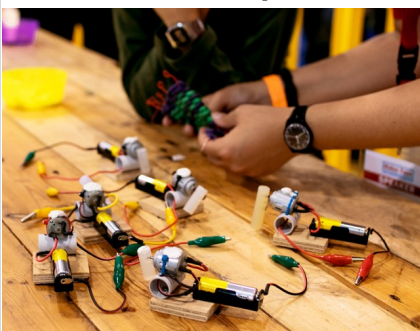
### What's New

We have an online program that all students have been using during school time. This new program is called Education Perfect. It covers all the usual curriculum areas and there is a number of extra subjects that students can learn if they interest them. In class time teachers assign work from this program for students to complete. We are thinking of ways for students to be able to continue learning at home.



Next term we will select students who will be part of a school case study where they will use this program at home after school and in the weekend also including school holidays. Next term you will receive a letter from us asking if your child can join this study.

### New classroom space



We will be opening a new classroom next term which will focus on creation, design and innovation. In this classroom space students will make, learn, explore and share ideas together. Students will have hands on learning that will help them to think critically and boost their confidence and self esteem. We will let you know when this class space opens so you can come in and have a look.

### Digital Technology Summit

On the 24th May our students will take part in the opening for the Nation wide Technology week, Yesterday we had some students attend a planning meeting at Manurewa High School to share their ideas and aspirations for this summit. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to collaborate with Year 12 and 13 students from South Auckland.

**PLEASE NOTE: School holidays begin on Friday 16 April and students return to school on 3 May.**



# EASTER CELEBRATION





# SCHOOL FUN RACE





## **EVENT DATES**

### **APRIL**

16 Last day of Term 1  
School holidays begin

### **MAY**

3 Term 2 begins  
14 Hilla Fest  
24 Digital Tech Summit  
25 Board of Trustee meeting  
28 Makerspace Launch  
31 Samoan Language Week

## **HILLARY FEST EVENT**

This will be held on Friday 14 May. It will be a day where Senior School will showcase cultural groups performances to our school community and whanau. The Senior School chose not to take part in the Polyfest this year as the timeframe for preparing was too short so our Board of Trustees asked for the senior students to prepare and perform later at our own festival. All Middle School students will be able to attend this event as our staff will be attending a teacher only day. We will let you know any further information as we hear it.

### **Opportunities to learn from Home**

If you have a device at home your child will be able to access their online reading program they complete at school. They can spend 45 mins doing this each day. If students work on this program every day they will make excellence progress in their reading.

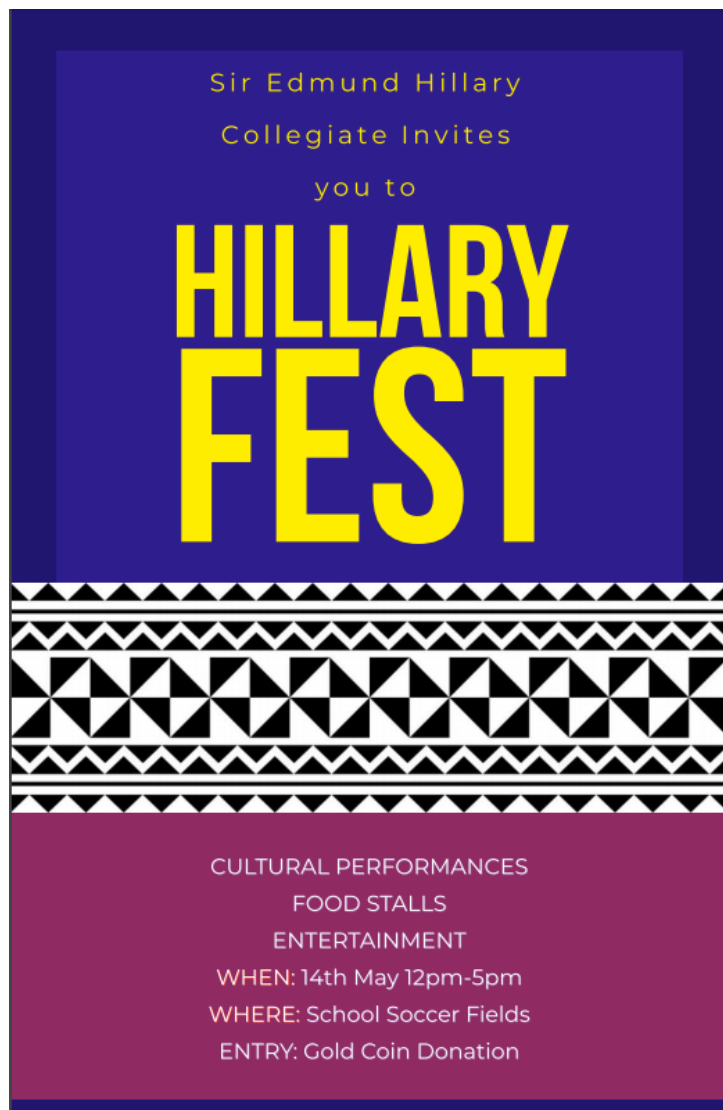
Students can also access an online learning program called Education Perfect (EP). This program covers all the curriculum areas students work on in class.

### **SWiS (Social Worker in Schools)**

We currently have 2 people and they 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. Christina Masoe supports senior school and working collaboratively with Linda Mariner SWiS for the junior and middle school.

### **ANZAC Day commemoration**

We have ANZAC on the 25 April which is a Sunday, the middle of the holidays. There will be events that will happen in Otara to help us remember the soldiers who went away to war and did not come back. Not only were there soldier from New Zealand but their were also soldier from The Pacific Nations who gave their lives as well. LEST WE FORGET.



The poster for Hillary Fest features a blue background with yellow text. At the top, it says 'Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Invites you to' in a smaller font, followed by 'HILLARY FEST' in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Below this is a decorative border with a repeating geometric pattern of black and white triangles. At the bottom, on a purple background, it lists the event details: 'CULTURAL PERFORMANCES', 'FOOD STALLS', 'ENTERTAINMENT', 'WHEN: 14th May 12pm-5pm', 'WHERE: School Soccer Fields', and 'ENTRY: Gold Coin Donation'.

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