

**Sir Edmund  
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Collegiate Ōtara  
Middle School**

# NEWSLETTER



**TERM 2 EDITION**

**7 May 2021**

## **TERM 2 PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS**

This term we begin with our school focus on Samoan culture, heritage and Language to coincide with our Samoan Language Week in Week 5. Every class will be reading and learning about Samoan myths and legends, cooking Samoan dishes, learning the different dance actions and sharing the ways culture strengthens the Samoan people. Each pod will be studying different parts of Samoan heritage and sharing their learning with others students in the school. During week 5 we will be holding a full day celebration for all our whanau and parents to come and enjoy what our students have been learning. We will let you know closer to the time what our program will be for that week.

### **Term 2 LEARNING OVERVIEW**

**Reading** Myths and Legends from Samoa

**Writing** Spoken word/ Explanations

**Mathematics** Add/sub thinking, Strand– Geometry

**PE** Team building games

**Topic** Samoan Heritage and Culture

**Art** Study of a Samoan artist , creating own designs on canvas



## **MIND OVER MANNERS PROGRAM**

This week we have had a group of actors in our school working with our classes looking at positive and respectful ways of talking and treating each other in and around school . We all know that there are times when your child has received mean comments or actions from other students. This program is to help children understand the impact has on others and hopefully will help better responses being made to each other.

## **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Middle School students will have no school this day as teachers will be involved in a Maths strand professional learning.

**Friday 14th May**



# SUSTAINABILITY TEAM HOLIDAY EFFORT

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During the school holidays our Middle and Senior School Sustainability team went out into our community to cut out and collect as many Moth Plants they could find. Our team is working with Auckland City Council to try and get rid of as many Moth Plants as possible as they are poisonous and kill other plants by suffocating them. If you have a plant like this in your garden let us know and our Sustainability students will come out and take it away. Lets free our gardens of this nasty plant!! Thank you to Ms George and also Ms Doherty for transporting the students around.

There are other focus areas that this group has as well. Within school we are trying to reduce our paper, plastic and glass rubbish. In the Middle School we collect all food waste and compost it for our vegetable gardens.

## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



Our weekly attendance is improving and we are seeing individual classes hitting our **92% target**, but not on a regular basis. This week our whole school Term 2 week 1 average attendance was **82%**.

Remember to ring or text your child's teacher or leaving a message on our school answer phone.

***"It is important that students are at school everyday because everyday counts."***

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROOM 1	80.7%
ROOM 2	87.5%
ROOM 3	87%
ROOM 4	62.2%
ROOM 5	72%
ROOM 8	86%
ROOM 9	90%
ROOM 10	83%
ROOM 11	86%
ROOM 12	91%
ROOM 13	77%

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