



Newsletter No. 3

Year 1 and 2 August 2019

## Term 3 Newsletter

### Important Term 3 Dates

**Junior School Assemblies  
begin at 9:05am  
Weeks 2,4,6,8, & 10**

**School Trip Week 9**  
Look out for Updates  
**To Auckland Museum**

**New Entrant parent night  
Week 7**  
4th September 6:00pm

**Celebration of Learning**  
Wednesday 4th  
September 3-4pm

#### How you can help with our Backyard Hero's (BUGS) unit

Share any contacts you might have that could lead to visits or people who could share their knowledge.  
**Bring in books, posters or share information sources on Bugs/Insects with your child's classroom teacher.**

# Welcome to Term 3

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are looking forward to term 3, as we head into winter there are a couple of reminders to consider

- **The classroom** and school buildings will be **open from 8:30am** onwards please don't send your child to school before these times as teachers are not in classes and doors will be locked even in wintery conditions.
- **School Starts at 8.55am** and it helps to be on time in the morning as children settle better if they have time to play and organise themselves.
- We are trying to encourage **independence** and responsibility. It is important for children to have responsibilities such as putting their own book bag, reading book, drink bottle, brain food and home learning books away.

- Your child by now has a routine of home learning. **Monday - Friday** This should be an enjoyable and stress free time for you both. If you need any ideas or advice please come and see your class room teacher. Practise and mileage at reading and basic facts is essential for their progression.
- **Our library** is open late on a Wednesday afternoon to share with families until 4pm. This can be a lovely relaxing time where you can support your child to choose books that are that little bit more challenging for you both to share in the reading process.
- **However** we have a lot of books needing to be returned, please make sure they go back in book bags on Library days or at lunch time. By exchanging books regularly the whole school benefits.

Parent help at the junior level is really important in Term 3 as we have a **PMP program** to run for all year 1's and some year 2's. This will now be held from 130pm- 2:50pm Mondays and Fridays. If you can donate some time please contact Mrs Paterson in room 5 directly as we need 4 parents for each session.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's learning we are looking forward to sharing the next exciting term with you.

## Term 3's Focus - Backyard Hero's—Bugs...

This coming term our Inquiry focus is Bugs (mini beasts) this means .....

- We will be exploring all Insects and bugs the children can find in NZ
- Observing the natural world and viewing habitats
- Building models, writing reports and recording facts about our findings
- Learning a whole new scientific vocabulary to explain our thinking

If you have the time it would be very valuable to visit your local park or even backyard and see what you can find living in the environment around us. Our local libraries have a wealth of information you may wish to borrow and read with your children during this unit.





## Reminders

### School uniform is compulsory

Please help your child to look their best as we enter the colder months. This includes plain black shoes.

### Extra Changes of Clothes

Often children need an extra pair of underwear, shorts or trousers. It is very distressing for your child if they need to change and have not got anything to change into. Please note it does not have to be school uniform.

- Please help us by, checking book bags for notices daily this will be essential with the upcoming trip.
- If your child's transport arrangements change please let us know. This helps us to get your child to the correct location for pick up. Often little people are unsure if arrangements change and we will endeavor to get them where they need to be.
- Our school seems to have an awful lot of lost property. Please label all clothing brought to school— including shoes, socks and changes of clothes. Often items are easily discarded but not so easily found again.

## School Trip reminder

- Please make sure your child's school donation is paid so that they can go on our Museum trip later this term
- We will be taking a bus to the Museum so make sure your child is on time with their bag packed appropriately
- All students must wear correct uniform including closed in footwear

Finally

As we have a child in Room 11 with a Food Allergy. Can the children and adults only eat lunch and consume drinks other than water in designated areas- as it is a contact allergy. We ask that you help keep our student safe so that they can enjoy this trip too.



**A** Warm Welcome to Miss Shruti Malhotra

Who is now part of our dedicated team working in the Year 0/1/2 Juniors.

Miss Malhotra has a wealth of both teaching and ECE experience that she brings to the role.

We also welcome all our new families to Room 9 whether new to the school or returning we wish you a happy and exciting first term at school.



**Excitement** Abounds! The junior school playground has been made over with new safety matting and added creative features.

The children love the new grass looking matting and the "safe landings" are allowing them to practice their hand stands and forward rolls.

Please be aware that we need to take care of this new surface by not consuming any food at anytime on it.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.