

Year 5-8 Syndicate Newsletter

Term 3, 2010

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Thursday 22nd July

Dear Parents/ Caregivers

Welcome back. We hope you had a fabulous, relaxing holiday and managed to stay warm!!

Staffing

Chloe Marshall releases Marion Hair in Room 17 each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this term (Principal release). Deb McNaught will continue to release Catherine Miller in Room 1 each Wednesday (Leadership release).

Our Year 5-8 support staff, Karen Millar, Tracey Coupe, Katerina Jurriss, Fi Hill, Wendy Griffiths and Kristy Lemmon, continue to work with individual students. Unless you are advised otherwise, students who have been receiving support will continue to do so. Letters will be sent home to parents of new students receiving support.

Wendy Griffiths, Karen Millar, Susan Kliffen (replacing Pete Pointon) and Laurina Wylie teach groups, every Friday, as part of our Year 5-8 Enrichment programmes.

What's On

The attached long-term plans provide an overview of what will be happening this term. Highlights include Swimming Sports in Week 1, the Poetry Recital and Formal Speech Competition in Week 4, and the Talent Quest in Week 10.

The Speech and Poetry competitions are on Wednesday 11th August at 7.30 p.m. Students put a great deal of effort into preparing speech and poetry presentations, and we are, once again, looking forward to a high standard when the children share these with their teams. Eight speeches (two from each House), and eight poetry recitals (two from each House), will be selected for the finals.

The P.E. focus across the syndicate is gymnastics. Students have been reminded to wear appropriate clothing. They also know to have adequate shoes for running at school at all times, as we do some type of fitness activity most days. Year 5/6 will be doing swimming in Weeks 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 - 7 sessions in total. Year 7/8 will focus on large-ball sports in Weeks 7-10. All students will be fitness-tested, this term, using the beep-test.

An EOTC/Camp information meeting will be held in Week 6, Tuesday 24th August, and we request that all Year 5-8 families attend. At this meeting, we will discuss the programmes planned for the end of Term 4. Year 8 will be going to Nydia Bay in the Marlborough Sounds for a week-long camp; Year 7 will be involved in a programme based at school and around Wellington, with an overnight sleepover; and Year 5/6 are having two overnight stays, at the Waikanae marae and at the Palm Grove Recreation Centre in Paraparaumu.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support of your children and of us. The conferences were very valuable and enjoyable, and we will follow up on any agreed goals. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Regards

Marion Hair, Catherine Miller, Sam Broadmore, Anna Martin, Tim Kong, Ansa Kennedy, Victoria Martin