

Senior Syndicate Newsletter: Term 4 2016

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Please find outlined below information that will help you support your child in their learning this term.

Inquiry: Our main focus in Inquiry this term will be around *Investigating Enterprising Attributes*.

Students will be learning to understand how enterprising attributes contribute to meeting a need or opportunity.

Within the Senior Syndicate classes students are going to be involved in creating an 'economic community' at school. As they develop and learn about the attributes needed, they will set up small businesses and contribute to a market fair to be held at the end of term. Students will sell what they have produced in the classroom to other people in the syndicate. If they make a profit, and save money they will be able to purchase off other businesses.

All classes have started with the design of the currency to be used for our small community. Students are very excited at the prospect and learning that will be happening around this venture. The Market day is to be held in the middle block - **11:30 am - 12:45 pm on Wednesday 7th of December**. We have decided that 20 units of the decided currency per child, a parent has in the syndicate will be given so they are able to buy their products.

E.O.T.C. Beach Surf Day Trip: On the 29th and 30th of November we will be participating in a beach day, comprising of surfing, beach games and a coastal walk at the Heads Beach. **The cost of the beach trip is \$14.00.** Please make this payment to the office in a named envelope stating beach trip - Senior syndicate. This cost covers both the beach day and the bus fare to the heads. Because of numbers we have split the classes: **Room 11 and 12** will be going on **Tuesday 29th November** and **Room 9 and 10** will be going on **30th November**. This day will be run by Aotearoa Surf, who will be providing all equipment, qualified coaches, surfboards, wetsuits, sunscreen and water. We will send out more information closer to the time. The programme will run using rotation groups and because of the child to adult ratios around water we still require 6 more parent helpers on each day. We need at least, 2 parents with each group/rotation but more is better. Parents will be asked to stay with a group for the day. This helps to build relationships with the students in the groups. They will also need to be prepared to go into the water for the surf rotation. We think this is a great way to end our term as well as developing skills in our children in challenging situations. Please email sbutler@mangawhaibeach.school.nz if you are available to support a group on your child's day.

Literacy: Please encourage your child to read every night for at least 20 – 30 minutes. Students will also need to learn their spelling words. Our spelling focus will continue for those on List 1 – 6, to learn, through their homework programme the words at their level. (Year 5, List 1 - 5, Year 6 List 1 – 6). Students who have mastered these lists and are able to transfer them into their writing successfully will go on to learn List 7 and 8. Once your child has mastered all of the lists they will go on to choosing words of interest to them, which is closely monitored by their teacher. All lists can be found on the M.B.S. webpage. Notebooks will go home weekly and returned to school with your signature.

Maths: It is also really important to support your children at home in learning their times tables and basic addition and subtraction facts. We would like you to continue to support your children to complete at least 30 mins a week for homework on Maths Whizz in Replay mode. Replay mode supports the learning they have had at school and enables them to practise in the areas of need.

Physical Education:

Our **B.E.A.C. H.** values focus are for students to **Excel- Aim high and give everything their best, and Have Fun- by having a joyful positive attitude whilst doing P.E.** Our skill focus this term for week 1 - 6 will be around the Wellsford sports challenge which consists of, Volleyball, T-ball, Dodgeball, and Basketball. From week 7 - 10 we will focus on running, jumping and throwing activities to prepare us for athletics day. Students will need to bring a change of clothes, shorts and a basic T-shirt for P.E. times every Wednesday. Sports shoes are a good idea for running activities but not compulsory. It is a requirement that the students participate in P.E. as it is a part of the curriculum.

Kind Regards

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