

Senior Team Newsletter - Term 4 2018

Dear parents

The final term for 2018 is shaping up to be busy and productive. There are a number of events planned for this term and we will be seeking parent help for some of them.

Our term began with Life Education and all classes have visited the Life Education mobile classroom twice to have lessons related to the brain being the control centre of our bodies and then a session focussing on how we can adapt and modify behaviour. Ask your child about the Head Hassler and the Mind Master .

Our major topic for inquiry this term is explorers and our reading and writing (including some poetry) programmes will also be linked to the major focus.

All classes have started "Athletics." This year we will be trialing a new "athletics" competition in order to select children for the Inter-school Athletics. We will run an Athletics Day of trials on the 15th November, at school for children who are interested in being selected for our School Team. These disciplines will be in discus, shot put, long jump, high jump and 100m, 200, 400 and 800m sprints. Then in December we plan to have a "FUN Athletics Day" for all Year 5/6 children with a mixture of athletics events and fun races/activities at Mairangi Bay Park

This year children will compete in class levels rather than age groups.

Important dates for the term: (please refer to the school newsletter and / or website for updates)

Week 3

Friday 2 November Junior Athletics with Student Leaders helping

Week 4

Tuesday 7 November Team photographs

Friday 9 November Snr International students at Mairangi Bay Arts Centre

Week 5

Thursday 15 November Senior Inter-School Athletic Trials Day

Friday 16 November Senior Inter-School Athletic Trials - Save Day

Week 6

Wednesday 21 November APPA choir performance at Town Hall - evening

Friday 23 November Grandparents' Day

Week 7

Thursday 29 November Inter-school Athletics (NO SAVE DAY)

Friday 30 November Yr 3 - 6 students to SHREK at the Civic - morning

Week 8

Thursday 6 December Parent helpers' morning tea

Week 9

Wednesday 12 December

Prize Giving assembly 1.40pm

Thursday 13 December
students to attend.

Year 6 Graduation evening. We expect all Year 5 and 6

Week 10

Thursday 20 December

Final school day

Other information.

We have begun the process of selecting the recipients for cups and trophies which will be awarded at prize giving on 12 December. We have clearly defined processes and criteria we work through for each award. Our writing and mathematics awards process involves children who have been selected by class teachers doing some additional tasks to assist us with determining overall winners.

To assist us with the overall sports award, please email Mrs Hohaia

kathrynh@mairangibay.school.nz by Friday 9th November of any particular achievements of note outside of school that we should be aware of. We sometimes need to consider all of the achievements of students when choosing the overall winner.

The Athletics Cup recipient will be decided from the overall best performing Year 6 boy and girl on our School Athletics Day.

Preliminary planning is underway for our 2019 Year 5 and 6 camp (2 nights) which will be held at Carey Park, Henderson beginning on Wednesday 27 March. Our first letter to parents of our current Year 4 and 5 children will go out before the end of this year.

We are anticipating another wonderful end to the school year with our hope being that children end on a positive "high." Teachers continue to have high expectations for class work and behaviour. As usual, should we have any concerns we will be making contact with parents. We also ask that you also keep us informed should you notice any changes in your child's work habits or behaviour.

The Senior Team teachers wish to thank you all for your help and support throughout the year.

Kind regards

Kathryn Hohaia, Nikki Black, Mel Mason, Stuart Dean and John Fowler