

# Middle Syndicate Newsletter

## Welcome to Term 2 2021

### *Term 2 Events.*

#### School Cross

#### Country

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
Week 5

#### Matariki

#### Celebration

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Week 9

#### Reports Home

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Week 9

#### Parent Interviews

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Week 10

#### Book Week

Week 10  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July Book  
Parade

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your help in Term 1 and the first half of Term 2, especially with our swimming lessons at the ASB Aquatics Centre. We look forward to your continued support this term with the various events we have planned.

As your child moves to a new year group, they also move to a new expected level in the curriculum. In the mid-year, we report on progress towards that new level. In some cases a child may move back one place on the rating level e.g. Working Above to Working At, Working At to Working Towards. Please keep in mind this is a new level and your child is moving and working towards it.

By the end of the year as your child continues to make progress, they may reach the same places on their report as they did last year. We look forward to discussing your child's progress at our parent interviews later this term.

Hannah, Sam, Pauline, Samantha, Kere and Andrea

## Mid-year Reports

Your child's report will be e-mailed home on **Friday 2nd July**.  
The follow up Parent Interview will be held on **Tuesday 6th July**.  
Remember to look at their work on Seesaw and discuss it with them.  
They are learning great Digital Literacy skills.  
Thank you.

# Health and Physical Education



The Middle Syndicate children are very positive about taking part in daily fitness sessions.

Following 2 weeks of swimming lessons and walking to and from the pool, we noticed a huge improvement in student's fitness levels. In Weeks 3 and 4 we will be doing daily Cross-Country training in preparation for the School Cross Country in Week 5.

Each Tuesday afternoon we participate in skills sessions which focus on developing ball handling skills, as well as team building strategies. During Term 2 we are covering a variety of Winter Sporting Codes.



Wearing appropriate footwear daily is important to ensure your child is comfortable when participating in these activities.

This is a good time to check all your child's uniform is clearly named, especially jackets, so they can be quickly returned when left somewhere.

## Library

We promote respect and care of Library books at Henley School.

All books must go home in a protective bag.

All books need to be returned weekly (but may be re-issued).

### Weekly Timetable - check

Monday - Room 13

Tuesday - Rooms 7 & 8

Wednesday - Room 14

Friday - Rooms 9 & 10

# This Term's Topics

Science – Our Planet and Beyond

Te Reo – Pepeha, Numbers, Matariki

Mathematics :

Measurement – Volume / Capacity & Mass

Numeracy - Multiplication focus

Sport - Winter Codes and Cross Country

Art – Calendar Art

Written Language – Persuasive Writing &

Explanation

Reading – Visualising, Making Connections

The Arts – Drama related to Matariki

Please make sure your child has the necessary stationery items for classroom activities.





The instant recall of Basic Facts remains a priority for all children. Without it, children's new learning of strategies taught is hindered as they spend time working out the basic facts.

For example:

Addition and subtraction to 10 and then to 20 e.g.  $6+3=?$  or  $7+8=?$

Times tables (mostly 2, 3, 5 and 10).

It would be helpful for children to be practising these nightly.

A quick and fun game for practising addition basic facts is to roll 2 dice and whoever correctly adds the two numbers first, gets a point.

## Homework

The Middle Syndicate have Homework to reinforce children's learning and to keep you informed about topics covered in class.

Homework should not be too challenging for your child. There is an expectation that each child reads for at least 10 minutes per night and practises their Spelling word list nightly, ready for a Friday class test. There will also be some Maths Homework, based around improving the speed and accuracy of Basic Facts.

Occasionally there will be home projects linked to our topics for the children to complete at home and share at school.

***Teachers appreciate your positive encouragement and support when you sign off your child's efforts at home.***