

Middle Syndicate Newsletter

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to school in 2020.

Already your children are settled into their new classrooms, with teachers and pupils getting to know each other.

As always, the teachers welcome the interest you take in your child's learning and in Syndicate events.

Teachers are always available to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's social or academic needs. It would be helpful to make an appointment as teachers are with children before school and do have some after school meetings.

Please join us for a Middle Syndicate family picnic tea at school on Tuesday 31st March from 5:30pm till 6:30pm.

Regards

Hannah, Kere, Joe, Samantha, Pauline, Andrea, Sam, Charlotte.



Middle Syndicate Teachers

Room 7 : Samantha Hickman

Room 8 : Pauline Miller

Room 9 : Sam Baxendine

Room 10: Hannah Douglas

Room 20: Kere Scott

Room 21: Joe Kirker/Charlotte Hayward

Room 22: Andrea Moore



Water Bottles

We encourage children to have a named water bottle to drink from during the day. These need to be taken home and cleaned regularly.

Hats

It is Henley School policy that all children wear wide brimmed hats during Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure that your child has a named hat every day.

Footwear

The 'Henley School Uniform Policy' states that footwear must be sensible such as Velcro / lace up runners, shoes or flat sandals that securely strap the foot. High heeled shoes, jandals and wheeled shoes are unsuitable for school wear.

Walking to school



Please encourage walking or scootering to school over biking. Children should not bike to school until age 10, according to the Police. This is to do with the development of spatial awareness.



Before School Routines

In the Middle Syndicate we encourage children to develop independence and personal organisation skills. This means children are expected to have the necessary equipment organised to start the day before the bell goes. Please encourage your child to do this. All children need a Reading Bag, to keep their books tidy, to help notices get home safely and to protect library books. These can be purchased from the school office.

A friendly reminder that children are allowed into the classrooms when the 8.30am bell goes. If they arrive at school before this, they need to wait in the designated areas.

Library

We promote respect and care of Library books. All books must go home in a protective bag and need to be returned weekly (but may be re-issued).

Weekly Timetable

Monday: Room 22 **Tuesday:** Room 7 **Wednesday:** Rooms 8 & 20
Thursday: Room 21 **Friday:** Rooms 9 & 10



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 the expectation that each child reads for at least 15 minutes per night and practises their weekly spelling words.

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.

Swimming



This subject is included in our P.E. programme as part of the school curriculum. **All children are expected to take part in swimming lessons.** As weather conditions can change during the day please ensure they have their togs every day. **Please ensure all swimming gear is clearly named - including goggles.**



Topics for Term 1

Sport: Swimming and Basketball

Health: Relationships

Science: Electricity

Mathematics: Statistics, addition and subtraction

Te Reo Maori: Greetings / Feelings / Pepeha

Art: Colour

Reading: Drawing on our prior knowledge, predicting and decoding

Writing: Using nouns, verbs and adjectives to enhance our writing

Oral language: Conversational talk and responsive listening

