

# Pohutukawa Team

## Year Three

## Newsletter

Term 1 2020



**EpsomNormal**  
primary school  
Kia ngātahi ai te tu  
E pakari ai te tuarā  
*Together we are strong*

**Ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi**

*With red and black the work will be complete*

This refers to co-operation where if everyone does their part, the work will be complete. The colours refer to the traditional kowhaiwhai patterns on the inside of the meeting houses.

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to Epsom Normal Primary School! I hope you all had a fantastic school holidays, celebrated Waitangi Day, and enjoy what remains of our wonderful summer.

Our classroom communities continue to enjoy the warm Auckland weather. Through fluency writing, critical literacy, learning about statistics, creative art activities, and a variety of active games, students, teachers, and learning support assistants have been getting to know one another. This is very important as it makes up the foundation of our time together as one big ENPS whānau (family). In fact, this term, our overarching concept in topic is 'I am a Citizen' where our tamariki (children) will be learning what it means to think in the mind of and walk in the shoes of a citizen. They will be exploring how to be a good citizen in different environments and contexts. For example, we at ENPS, use the Māori word Manaakitanga, loosely translated as 'hospitality'. As with many Māori words, the meaning goes much further than a literal translation. We want our new parents, staff, students and student teachers to feel welcome and valued here so they have the confidence to share their very best. It is because of this, that we embrace Manaakitanga as the basis of our relationships at ENPS. We are all learners at ENPS, and a supportive and caring environment will not only be a strong foundation, but a springboard into new ways of learning, thinking and being.

In the spirit of Manaakitanga, I'd like to remind our families about the School Picnic on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February starting at 4:45pm in Room 17, where you will have the opportunity to meet the teachers in the Pohutukawa Team and learn about our teaching and learning programme.

Nāku iti noa, nā

Hayley Morris, Gabby Robinson, Rowan Hopkins and Ian Galvan

# Lunchtime Sports and Activities

## Term 1 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jump Jam – Room 26	Ripper Rugby – Junior Field  LEGO Club – The House	Soccer – Junior Field  Basketball – Junior Courts	Badminton – Junior Courts	Mixed Games – Junior Field  Science Club – STEM Room

Every Thursday afternoon, Years 3 & 4 take part in a Middle School Sports event. Classes are paired together and participate in a fortnightly rotation that includes basketball, touch rugby, cricket and street hockey.

## Term 1 2020 Major Events

February	March	April
<p><b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup></b> - Powhiri (new students, teachers, student teacher and staff)</p> <p><b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b> - Meet the Teacher School Picnic &amp; Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p><b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup></b> – Middle School Assembly</p>	<p><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b> – Performance Assembly</p> <p><b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b> – Middle School Assembly</p>	<p><b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b> – Performance Assembly &amp; Sausage Sizzle</p>



## Swimming at ENPS

Swimming is a vital part of the curriculum. During our swimming session, we teach your children about basic water safety skills.

As much as possible we would like to have a 100 percent attendance during our swimming time. However, if your child is not able to participate for any reason, please write a quick note or email your child's class teacher explaining why your child is unable to swim.

### Swimming Schedule:

Room 16 and 17 – Every Tuesday 11:20am – 1:00pm

Room 18 and 19 - Every Wednesday 11:20am – 1:00pm

## Sun Safety

Children love playing and participating in outdoor activities, however we would love to keep them safe from the scorching sun. Therefore, it is important for them to wear their ENPS sunhat at all times when outdoors. We ask the parent community to remind their children to bring and wear their hat at school every day. Sunscreen is available in classrooms.



## The Important Reminders:

- The safety of your child before and after school is important. If you are dropping your child before 8:30, please make sure your child waits at the covered space between Year 2 and Year 4. ENPS support staff will supervise this area between 8:15am and 8:30am. Please contact Parnell Trust if needed, to inquire about the before and after school care programmes.
- We encourage children to arrive at school on time on a regular basis. However, we understand that your child might be late on occasion. If so please ensure your child signs in at the school office before coming to class.
- We ask that parents and caregivers sign in and out at the office when helping with any school event or taking children out of the classroom during school time.