



41 THE DRIVE, EPSOM, AUCKLAND 3.
Telephone: 630-5144; Fax: 630-0972; Email: office@epsomnormal.school.nz

29 July 2010

'Am I making positive connections in the world?' is the 2010 Learning Theme

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all

Dear Parents

I hope you had a wonderful and exciting time over the holidays with your children. We have a very exciting learning term planned for Term 3.

Topic Programmes for Term 3 "I am a Geographer"

Students this term will be learning about the world around us through a geography lens. They will be looking at how people explore and interact with the world around them. **Inclusiveness** is the school value this term. To sustain our world, we need to live in inclusive communities.

The Junior School title for the geography topic is "My Maunga" (My Mountain).

Some of the key learning concepts that the Year 1 and 2 students will cover are:

- A geographer studies places
- A geographer studies where people live and how
- Maps show us what places are and help us to find our way around
- Places are important to people
- People are important to places
- We are surrounded by geographical features

The Middle School title for the geography topic is "A Tale of Two Cities".

Some of the key learning concepts that the Year 3 and 4 students will cover are:

- Maps identify major features of a surrounding area
- People living in two different cities may have different cultures but they have the same needs
- Relationship between land and people – determines settlement, lifestyle choices, clothing
- Building cities changes the landscape
- Recognising that people have the same basic needs wherever they live
- Understanding and comparing our unique use of natural resources, eg water, energy

mount eden ballet academy
meba

RAD Grades & Majors
Pre School Dance for Fun
NZAMD Jazz, Contemporary,
Hip Hop
Theatre Class & Limbering
Competition Lessons available

Heather Palmer ph: 630 5322

Dr Neela Ahmed

Fellow of Royal NZ College of General Practitioners, invites you to her practice for your family's health care at:

Maungakiekie Clinic
4 Puriri Ave, Greenlane

Please call 520-0925 for appointments.
NEW PATIENTS WELCOME.

GOODE RENTALS
& PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD
www.gooderentals.co.nz

Looking for professional property management?
Or looking for a place to rent?

Call Darryl
021 270 4455 mobile
948 7000 Office
darryl@gooderentals.co.nz
www.gooderentals.co.nz

Ladies Day
Every Tuesday
FREE

...Wash or Valet upgrade and complimentary Tea or Coffee
(For the ladies only)

EXPRESS VALET CAR WASH
131 Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland. Phone 09 638-4032
www.rubadub.co.nz

To advertise on this newsletter and support the school, please contact Newsletters Unlimited, Phone/Fax: (09) 817 3867 or Email: newsletters@xtra.co.nz



• Top Quality
• Efficient Service
• Best Prices

★ Graphic Design ★ Business Cards & Booklets
 ★ Digital Print ★ Posters & Plans
 ★ Copy Specialist ★ Flyers & Brochures
 ★ Laminating & Binding ★ Folding & Stapling
 ★ Guillotining & Punching ★ Creasing & Perforating
 ★ Scan to file in Colour and B&W. Up to A0 size.

371A Dominion Rd, (Cnr King Edward St), Mt Eden
 Ph: 623-1168 Email: info@paylesscopy.co.nz

New partner at Cairnhill Health Centre

NEW PATIENTS WELCOME!

- Caring family medicine for children, women and men of all ages.
- Experienced General Practitioner, Fellow of NZ College of General Practitioners.
- Appointments kept available each day for children who become unwell on the day.

Dr Alistair Somerville
 General Practitioner, Family Medicine
MBChB, FRGP (NZ), FRCP (UK), FRCP (UK) (Paediatrics)




Cairnhill Health Centre Tel. 630 9507
 95 Mountain Road, Epsom Fax. 630 9515
 Auckland 1023, New Zealand www.doctorsomerville.co.nz

TWA
THE WAITAKERE AGENCY
 "A world of Talent"

We create opportunities for new and experienced talent in an encouraging and professional environment.

We are expanding our children's database and are looking for confident and talented children (5 years plus) to have the opportunity to be submitted for various TV Commercial briefs.


If any of your friends and family might be interested, please ask them to contact us either by phone on (09) 835-9870 or via <http://www.twa.co.nz>



Belinda Wilson
 Artist

Small classes with experienced art teacher learning the formal aspects of drawing and painting composition. Working in acrylic and experimenting with the many fabulous mediums available. We do figure work, still life, portrait landscape and a bit of abstraction. Based in the **Guide Hall at 132 Grange Rd., Mt Eden**. Classes are on either **Tuesday or Wednesday** and start at **9.30** with a coffee and a chat and then continue to **2 p.m.** with a brief break for lunch. The term is 8 weeks long and runs according to the school term.

Phone Belinda Wilson on
638-4332 or 021 731-007
Email: berwilson@gmail.com



The Senior School title for the geography topic is "Utopia".

Some of the key learning concepts that the Year 5 and 6 students will cover are:

- Geography is a discipline that focuses on how people interact with their land
- People over the ages have always explored new lands, whether for necessity or curiosity
- People group together and sometimes in large groups, for necessity or by choice
- Cities are built on different land surfaces
- Being an inclusive community helps us to live in a more harmonious sustainable community
- We all have unique talents that are useful to the world and need to be shared

Some of the Senior classes will be participating in Geocaching where they will be asked to orienteer themselves to a specific location and find a hidden treasure. This will teach them about co-ordinates and further develop their ability to read maps.

Parents for their own interest are welcome to visit the official Geocaching website at www.geocaching.com. This is an activity you may take up with your whole family. One of our administration staff, Edwina Halliwell, has travelled all over the world finding treasures. Edwina will be working alongside some of the senior children to find treasure in the Epsom area.

Education Review Office Visit

In the second to last week of Term 2, the Education Review Office visited our school. Their verbal presentation was extremely positive and we are presently waiting for their written report. Once this happens we will send you out the Community Page via the school newsletter.

Parent Consultation Week

Parent Consultation Week is being held in Week 10 of this Term. During this week we will be holding morning and afternoon teas with parents. More information will be sent to you about this week later in the term.

Property Development

Over the last eighteen months, the board and senior staff have worked to look at ways of upgrading our school property. We are presently meeting weekly with our school architects. They have recently provided us with a Master Plan for school property developments. There are three areas in the school that will be redeveloped. The Library area will be redesigned to take into account another extra classroom which we will be needing in Term 4 for our new entrants. The Administration Block will be enlarged to make a more welcoming reception area for our community and finally the Senior Corridor, starting at Room One, will be redeveloped to utilise this area for extra teaching spaces for students. Our current ICT suite will be moving to a withdrawal room, temporarily. We are hoping to house two ICT suites, one in the Senior area of the school, and one in the Middle area of the school.

We also have a leaky building under the Library which will have to be remedied. These property projects will begin during the middle of Term 3 and will take over a year to complete.

CEDAR BLIND SPECIALISTS

Factory Direct Manufacturers

Timber Venetians, Sunscreens and Roller Blinds

5 Year Guarantee
Over 20yrs experience

For Quality, Service and Price
Phone: 276-1200

9/18 Weka Street, P.O. Box 22123, Otahuhu



Revive Build Limited
Specialising in home and bathroom renovations

With over 25 years experience in the building trade we offer not only experience but the ability to complete the job to high standards of quality.

Phone Clinton: 027 277-8066
Email: revive.bld@xtra.co.nz
Member of Certified Builders



Zenith DRAPERY CLEANING SERVICES LTD
Auckland's Largest Curtain Dry Cleaning Company

- Pick up, Delivery and Free Quotes
- Take down and re-hang
- Cleaning & mildew treatment
- New linings, repairs
- Curtains, Sheers, Cushion Covers, Bedspreads, Roman Blinds etc

Marlene Hand
Customers Services Manager
119 Great South Road, Otahuhu
Phone: (09) 276-7163
Mobile: 021 617-879
Email: marlene_zenithcurtain@vodafone.co.nz



Poppet Optics
Children's eyewear specialists

For great looking glasses that fit perfectly

- Prescription glasses - sports glasses
- prescription sunglasses - fashion sunglasses
- prescription swimming goggles

Phone for an appointment or book online at: www.poppetoptics.co.nz

1A Wootton Rd, Remuera, Auckland 1050
ph 09 523 4403
fax 09 523 4404
mob 021 869 300

"Funky frames for little faces"




VIVO
Italian Kitchen Furniture (Direct from Italy's leading manufacturers)

"Newform"
from \$9,000

"Vivo Catalogue"
from \$13,000

Price guide (includes delivery and tips, does not include appliances, accessories or installation)

Visit our showrooms at 83 Carr Rd, Three Kings Auckland
Phone 800 844 004 Fax 823 2444
www.vivokitchen.co.nz

delivering international kitchen design and style at a price you can afford

DOT Days

The DOT days were extremely successful days where students had the opportunity to develop their talents and have fun. We were very pleased to see our Green Kiwis feature in the Central Leader. The article was titled 'The Fruit of their Labours' and we will be putting this article on our website. Thank you to Kay Wight and her Enhancing Potential team for organising these two days and the teachers and various tutors who planned inspirational sessions for the students.

Warmest regards

Jane Cavanagh-Eyre

Principal

IMPORTANT NOTICE about our Drop Off Zone

TOGETHER WE CAN DO IT!!!

Our school is again taking part in the "Auckland City Council's Chaos at the School Gate" programme. This is one way of working together to make our school a safe place for students and making sure that the local roads outside our school are safe for the wider community. We know you will want to help us in this.

Being in the ACC's programme means that parking wardens will be assisting us by visiting our school regularly (from Week 2 this term) to monitor the drop off zone and parking around the school. They will be issuing infringement notices where appropriate. We as a school agree to keep our community informed about safe practices by communicating with school families about how they can help.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can help us keep the school environment safe by:

- taking care to observe parking signage. Please note that the '2 minute zone' requires the driver to remain in the car.
- making sure that when pulling into the drop off zone you move to the end rather than stop at the top (this allows others to pull in safely behind you).
- moving into the traffic carefully and going around the block rather than doing a 'u turn' to travel south.
- ensuring you model safe road crossing by using the zebra crossing if parking opposite the school.
- making sure that if collecting children you do not double park and ask students to walk between cars to get into your car.
- parking outside the yellow lines bordering the crossing so that sight lines are clear for our crossing patrols.
- parking a little further away from school and walking the extra distance to remove traffic from our gates.
- dropping children in safe places and ensure they do not alight from cars parked in traffic queues outside the school.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Shelley Quinlivan

Jane Cavanagh-Eyre

Deputy Principal

Principal

Ph: 630 5144 ext 705

jcavanagheyre@epsomnormal.school.nz

squinlivan@epsomnormal.school.nz

To advertise on this newsletter and support the school, please contact Newsletters Unlimited, Phone/Fax: (09) 817 3867 or Email: newsletters@xtra.co.nz