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EPSOM NORMAL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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4 February 2010

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all

Dear Parents

We would like to welcome everyone to the 2010 school year and extend an especially warm welcome to all our new families. I hope you have had a restful and happy time during the holiday break.

As a staff we would also like to warmly welcome our new staff – Selina Kung, Kathy Ngan and Dillon Rungan.

Our learning theme for 2010 is... *Am I making possible connections in the world?*

Our 2010 artist is Picasso.

Our 2010 musician is Ravel.

Our Maori Proverb for 2010 is...

He Whakatauki

E kore e taea whenu kotahi
ki te raranga I te whariki
kia mohio tatou kia tatou
Ma te mahi tahi o nga whenu,
ma te mahi tahi o nga kairaranga,
ka oti tenei whariki.

I te otinga
me titiro tatou ki nga mea pai ka puta mai. let us look at the good that comes from it
A tana wa,
me titiro hoki
ki nga raranga I makere
na te mea, he korero ano kei reira

He Whakatauki

The tapestry of our sustenance and wellbeing
cannot be woven
by one strand alone.

Only by the working together of strands
and the working together of us all,
will such a tapestry be completed.

With its completion,
let us look at the good that comes from it
and in time
we should also look
at those stitches which have been dropped,
because they also have a message.

By Kukupa Tirikatene

For each term we will have a different focus as follows:

Term 1
Term 2
Term 3
Term 4

We are historians
We are scientists
We are geographers
We are performers



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Term 1 – We are historians (incorporating achievement objectives from the Social Studies, Technology and Health Curriculum documents.

Our topics for Term 1 have already been planned. The teachers presented the topic learning concepts and learning experiences planned for Term 1 on Tuesday this week. I know the students will be excited and challenged by these interesting learning topics.

The topic titles for Term 1 are...

The Senior School Sector
 The Middle School Sector
 The Junior School Sector

The Great Apology
 Unpacking my Suitcase
 Tapestry in Time

If you learn to be creative in everyday life...you will change the way you experience the world. (Csikszentmihalyi, 1996) Together as a learning community (children, parents and Epsom Normal staff) we will, I am sure, experience a wonderful, exciting and rewarding learning year.

Warmest regards

Jane Cavanagh-Eyre
Principal

INFORMATION UPDATE

CHANGE IN BELL TIMES

A reminder that the new bell times for 2010 are as follows...

8.55am	First Session Starts
10.00am	Brain Break (Fruit in class)
10.55am	Morning Tea
11.20am	Second Session Starts
1.00pm	Lunch
1.50pm	Third Session Starts
2.55pm	School Finishes

2010 TEACHING STAFF

The full list of the Epsom Normal Primary Teaching Staff can be found by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.epsomnormalprimary.school.nz/index.php/aboutus/staff>

2010 SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDAR


Today we have also sent home with your child the 2010 School Events Calendar. We hope this will assist you to plan your school year. Individual School Sector newsletters will give information in more detail. Please note that some dates may be subject to change. Please click on the link below:

<http://www.epsomnormalprimary.school.nz/index.php/events>

IMPORTANT UNIFORM UPDATE

Just a reminder that in 2010 we have moved to all students wearing the new school uniform (green shirt, navy culottes or shorts). Hats (full brim) rather than caps are worn in Terms 1 and 4. The navy/white tops and older style green/navy shorts and old sweatshirts are no longer worn.

Shelley Quinlivan, Deputy Principal



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During the year the school is required to know where your child is at all times during the school day. Parents of children who are absent from school for any reason, or are going to be late are asked to phone the school before 9.00am every day your child/ren are going to be away. The school has an absence line for this purpose. Please phone 630 5144 and follow the instructions given (push 1 to leave a message). Please speak slowly and clearly and give your child's name, room number and the reason for the absence/lateness.

Children are required to arrive at school in time to be ready for class at 8.55am. If your child is not at school by this time please make sure that you come to the office and sign them in. You still need to do this even if you have phoned the absence line and left a message. The office staff check this sign in list against any children who are marked as absent before phoning parents to find out where your child is.

For parents taking the children out of school during the school term, whether for a couple of days or weeks, a letter is required in writing prior to the last day your child will be at school. Please include the dates your child/ren will be absent and the reason for this absence. Please bring the letter to the school office.

*Thank you,
The Administration Staff*