

SENIOR SECTOR TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

2 February 2011

Dear Families,

Haere Mai and welcome back to school for 2011, A warm welcome also to new students and families joining us in the Senior Sector at Epsom Normal.

Our first theme for 2011 is "I am a Philosopher" with our topic being called *Tribe Vibe*. Students will learn about working together, famous philosophers and their ideas, their own personal philosophies and how they can impact on their world around them.

Students will be cross-grouped for maths. They will be placed in classes based on their knowledge of maths strategy (Gloss test).

During Term 1, we will be busy carrying out assessments for Maths and Writing. These results aid teachers in planning teaching programmes appropriate to the strengths and needs of the children.

Parent Teacher interviews will be in the last week of Term 1. These are an ideal opportunity to discuss your child's next learning steps and share talents with the teacher.

Homework will consist of 20 minutes of reading each night, review of geometry basic facts and spelling activities. For extra activities, students are encouraged to visit the school website in the student area and use the learning links.

http://www.epsomnormalprimary.school.nz/index.php/students/learning_links

Physical Education and Sport

Swimming.

All children must participate in these lessons and will need togs, a towel and a swimming cap. A cap can be purchased through the uniform shop. Some children may also like to wear goggles. If you are able to assist with supervising students when not in the pool or support teachers with swimmers, please feel free to contact your classroom teacher.

Swimming times are as follows:

Room 1 and 2	9:40am Monday	9:00am Wednesday
Room 3 & 4	9:40am Tuesday	9:00am Thursday
Room 5	11:20am Monday	9:00am Friday
Room 9 & 10	9:00am Monday	9:40am Friday

Swimming Sports

Training for Years 5-6 will begin next week. Miss Jackson will be holding meetings for interested children wishing to participate in this competition.

Tuesday Sport.

Year 5 and 6 will be participating in a sport every Tuesday afternoon. This Term is Summer Sport and your child has already been placed in a Tennis, Badminton, Padder Tennis, Touch Rugby, Cricket or Mod Softball Team. A permission form will be sent home for all children participating in sport, as some sports need to walk off-site to practice. Parent help with walking to and from practice locations is quite important, if you can help with this please contact Mrs Boyte.

Children will need to wear appropriate clothing every Tuesday afternoon. They will need a change of shoes and the new ENPS sports T-Shirt, which can be bought at the uniform office. They should also be wearing an ENPS hat and have a water bottle.

We are lucky again this year to have the students from the Auckland University Faculty of Education coach our children this year. They will be starting towards the end of this Term and will be with us until the end of Term 3.

The Summer Field Day is Tuesday the 5th of April, this is a whole day of competition against other schools in the sport your child has practiced during this Term. A letter with more information will be sent out closer to the date.

Extra sporting opportunities at Epsom

There are many sporting and cultural opportunities on offer at ENPS. Encourage your child to look on the daysheet everyday for any meetings being held for the other activities going on at ENPS.

<http://www.epsomnormalprimary.school.nz/index.php/daysheet/2010/02/07/>

EOTC Puriri Year 6 Camp

The Year 6 Puriri team will be going to the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre in Long Bay from the 30 March to 1 April. This will be an action packed camp filled with exciting challenges for our children.

Separate newsletters will go home around this. We encourage all students to attend Camp as it is a great opportunity to challenge the children in a safe and supportive environment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Innes Jephson.

Beach Ed Kauri Year 5

The Year 5's will be traveling by bus to Mairangi Bay where they will be run through a range of water and beach safety activities before spending time in the water swimming and body boarding. Rooms 1 and 2 will be going on Monday 28 February and Room 5 will go on Wednesday 2 March.

A permission form with opportunities for parents to help is attached to this notice. Some parent helpers will need to be in the water to assist with water safety.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Corinna Raasch.

Important Term 1 dates to diary:

Thursday 17 February	Meet the Teacher/School Picnic 5pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 February	Photolife Class Photos Years 2 - 6 Individual Photos
Friday, 25 February	Senior Sector Assembly
Monday, 28 February	Rooms 1 and 2 to Beach Ed
Wednesday, 2 March	Room 5 to Beach Ed
Tuesday, 22 March	Zone Swimming Competition
Friday, 25 March	Senior Sector Assembly
Wednesday 30 March - Friday, 1 April	Year 6 EOTC - Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre (Camp)
Tuesday 5 April	Summer Field Day
Wednesday 13 April and Thursday 14 April	Parent Teacher interviews. School closes at 1:00pm on April 13.
Friday 15 April	Term 1 ends at 1:00 pm.
Monday, 2 May	Term 2 begins

We hope everyone has an enjoyable term.

Kind regards

Senior Sector Teachers

Year 5

Corinna Raasch, Trisha Dennis and Jennie Adlam

Year 6

Innes Jephson, Martha McFaul, Emily Withrington and Taryn Boyte

Teacher contact details are available on the school website in the **about us** section. www.epsomnormalprimary.school.nz

Permission Slip for Beach Ed

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Year 5 trip to Mairangi Bay for Beach Ed on either Monday 28 February (Room 1 & 2) or Wednesday 2 March (Room 5).

I am able to assist with supervision on the land Yes/No

I am able to assist with supervision in the water Yes/No

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Date: _____ Email: _____