

SENIOR SECTOR TERM 2 NEWSLETTER

20 April 2010

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. This term our theme is 'We are Scientists' and our topic is titled 'Eureka' (I've done it). The word Eureka is used to express delight on finding, discovering, or solving something or finally succeeding in doing something. The children will be involved in hands on science experiments discovering and learning. We will be working across the Material., Physical and Living world strands making connections with the world around us.

To support our learning, we will also be visiting the Fonterra Science Roadshow. This also has a number of great hands on experiments for students and exciting presentations. We will be traveling by bus and as always parent help is needed to support our students with their learning. Please complete the form attached and send it along to your classroom teacher by Friday 30 April.

Year 5 Thursday 10 June at Dilworth School 12:00 - 2:20pm

Year 6 Wednesday 16 June at Royal Oak Intermediate from 11:00 - 1:30pm

We are also after parents or community members who work in the science field and would like to come and visit our students and talk to them about their work, and possibly demonstrate/get students involved in science. If you know of any one, please contact your classroom teacher.

To assist with a number of the experiments we will be doing we need some extra resources. If you have any of the list below, please send these along to school by the end of Week 1.

Yeast	Small and large jars
Cornflower	Cotton wool
Cooking Oil	Clean used milk cartons
Dried beans (kidney/blackbeans)	Egg cartons
Sticky tape	Wax paper
Water-proof tape	Glad plastic wrap
Rubber glove	Polystrene cups
Plastic drink bottles	Straws
Clean used Mizone drink bottles	Corks
Toothpicks	Blue tack
Coloured cellophane	Balls of String
Clean used icecream containers	Large cardboard boxes
Tall cardboard boxes	Shoe boxes
Cardboard tubes (gladwrap or kitchen towels)	

Art

For Art this term, we are starting to look at Charles Goldie who is a New Zealand Artist who worked around the same time as Pablo Picasso. Goldie was best known for his portraits of Maori with lifelike realism in contrast to the work of Picasso.

Homework

Homework will consist of 20 minutes of reading each night, review of 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

PE and Sport

PE - Dance/Invasion Games

We will be looking at Movement in education through dance for the beginning of our term. The second half of the term will focus on Target and Invasion Games. If you have purchased a school sports shirt, your child needs to bring this along to school on their PE days.

Fitness

As part of our Sport and PE Programme we will be looking at Cross Country running as our fitness component for Term 2. Children will need to bring appropriate footwear on their PE Days.

Tuesday Sport.

Following our Summer Sports programme, Year 5 and 6 will continue to participate in a sport every Tuesday afternoon. This Term is Hockey, Netball, Soccer and Rugby.

Children will need to wear appropriate clothing every Tuesday afternoon. They will need a change of shoes and the new ENPS sports T-Shirt (Year 6 optional), which can be bought at the uniform office for \$35. They should also be wearing an ENPS hat and have a water bottle.

The children will have exchanges every couple of weeks against schools from around our Zone. We hope to host as many as possible here or at nearby sports fields. Please check the website if these are cancelled as this will be updated. The dates for when we are competing against schools are below in the important dates.

The Winter Field day is towards the end of Term 3.

Important Term 2 dates to diary:

26 - 30 April	HistoryAthon Testing this week and sponsorship Money returned
Tuesday 4 May	Sports Exchange - Kings/Newmarket
Friday 14 May	Senior Sector Assembly 2:00pm in the Hall, all parents are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 18 May	Sports Exchange with Victoria Ave School
Tuesday 1 June	Sports Exchange with Royal Oak Primary
Monday 7 June	School Closed - Queen's Birthday
Wednesday 9 June	ICAS Science Test
Thursday 10 June	Year 5 to Fonterra Science Roadshow
Friday 11 June	Senior Sector Assembly 2:00pm in the Hall, all parents are welcome to attend.
Wednesday 16 June	Year 6 to Fonterra Science Roadshow
Tuesday 22 June	ICAS Writing Test

28 June - 2 July	Mufti Week
Wednesday 30 June/Thursday 1 July	Development of Talent (DoT) Days
Friday 2 July	Reports Home School finishes at 1pm
Monday 19 July	Start of Term 3

Phew! A busy term ahead and we look forward to continuing to work alongside the students in their learning. If at any stage, you have questions about your child, please contact your classroom teacher to make an appointment.

Kind regards
Senior Sector Teachers

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Year 6

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Liaison to the Senior Sector

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