

EPSOM NORMAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

SENIOR SECTOR TERM 3 NEWSLETTER

22 July 2010

Dear Families

Welcome back to school for another fantastic term of learning at ENPS! We hope that you are very well rested and the students are ready for a busy term packed with enriching learning opportunities.

As part of the "We are Geographers" school wide focus, the Senior Sector topic is "Utopia". Sustainability will continue to be a part of our topic learning for the term. Science, Social Studies, Technology and the Arts will be integrated into the topic programme as each class has a local and global focus for the students. SOLO Taxonomy will continue to feature as our inquiry based learning model. This will assist the students to discover new skills and promote a common language of learning throughout the school.

Continuing during Term 3, we will be busy carrying out assessments for Maths and Writing. These results aid teachers in planning teaching programmes appropriate to the learning needs of the children. Results will be included in the Term 4 reports, due home on 10 December.

As part of learning around the work of Charles Goldie, we will be visiting the Auckland Art Gallery in Weeks 3 and 4 (dates on diary - attached). We will be traveling by bus and will leave school at 9:30am and return to school by 2:30pm. If you are able to assist on the trip with supervision, please let your classroom teacher know on the form attached. Each student is asked to bring a small, pocket-sized, non-electronic object of significance from home.

It is important that students are happy and feel safe at school. The playground is well supervised and opportunities are offered to students to join activities or take on roles of responsibility. Be in touch if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions. Sometimes, you are our eyes and ears! It is better to pop in for a chat, to email or make a phone call if you are wondering how things are going, or think there may be something up. We certainly enjoy wonderful parent support at Epsom Normal Primary. Thank you.

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday 28 July and Thursday 29 July. School will close at 1pm on the Wednesday. Please ensure that you have booked a time, or that you have contacted your child's teacher to arrange another time if you are not available during the above two days. Thank you.

A Cultural/Book Week will be held during the last week of term. Keep reading the ENPS school newsletter for updates on the activities that will take place during the week.

Congratulations to Taryn Monks who returns as Taryn Boyte after her wedding at the end of last term.

Puberty Talks: Year 6

As part of our Physical Education and Health Curriculum, Year 6 students will be taking part in the Puberty Matters programme, run by Health Nurse Heather Cave. She will be running separate sessions with boys and girls in regards to Puberty. These are well-structured lessons covering body changes etc. If, for any reason, you would not like your child to take part in these lessons, please contact Innes Jephson or Kay Wight in writing by Friday 30 July.

Sports Term 3: Tuesday Sport

Years 5 and 6 students will be participating in a sport every Tuesday afternoon. This term Winter Sport continues and your child has already been placed in a Soccer, Rugby, Netball or Hockey team.

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 5 compulsory, Year 6 voluntary), which can be bought at the uniform shop for \$35. They should also be wearing an ENPS hat and have a water bottle. Any sports uniform that has been given to your child for a specific sport should only be worn on the sports exchange dates.

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

Winter Field Day is Tuesday 14 September: this is a whole day of competition against other schools in the sport your child has practised during the last two terms. A letter with more information will be sent out closer to the date.

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/>

We hope everyone has an enjoyable term.

Kind regards

Senior Sector Teachers

Year 5

Shawn Creamer, Trisha Dennis, Selina Kung and Jennie Adlam

Year 6

Innes Jephson, Gabby Robinson, Amy Kelly and Taryn Boyte

Liaison to the Senior Sector

Kay Wight

Teacher contact details are available on the school website in the '**about us**' section.

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Important Term 3 dates to diary:

Tuesday, 20 July	Sports exchange with Dilworth School
Wednesday, 21 July	APPA Choir Rehearsal - Bayfield Primary
Thursday, 22 July	ANI Parent Information Evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Wednesday, 28 July Thursday, 29 July	Parent Teacher interviews. School closes at 1:00pm on July 28.
Friday, 30 July	Zone Gymnastics
Monday, 2 August	Auckland Art Gallery Trip Rooms 3, 5 & 6
Tuesday, 3 August	ICAS English Test
Thursday, 5 August	Senior Sector Speech Finals
Friday, 6 August	Auckland Art Gallery Trip Rooms 4, 9 & 10
Wednesday, 11 August	Central Auckland Inter-School Chess Championship
Thursday, 12 August	Senior Sector Cross Country
Friday, 13 August	ANI Open Day Auckland Art Gallery Trip Rooms 1 & 2
Tuesday, 17 August	ICAS Mathematics Test
Monday, 23 August	Zone Cross Country APPA Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, 24 August	Sports Exchange with Cornwall Park School
Tuesday, 7 September	Sports Exchange with Remuera Primary School
Friday, 10 September	Senior Sector Assembly
Tuesday, 14 September	Winter Sports Field Day, Save Day is Thursday, 16 September
Monday - Friday 20 - 24 September	Cultural/Book Week
Friday, 24 September	Term 3 ends at 1pm - MUFTI DAY
Monday, 11 October	Term 4 begins

Senior Sector Trip to the Auckland Art Gallery

I give permission for _____ to attend the trip to the Auckland Art Gallery as per the dates below.

Monday 2 August: Room 3, 5, 6

Friday 6 August: Room 4, 9, 10

Friday 13 August: Room 1, 2

I am/am not available to assist on this trip (please circle one option)

Parent's name: _____

Signed: _____

Email address:
