



Middle School Newsletter Term Two 2015

Term 2 has got off to a fabulous start and the classrooms are humming with learning!

Topic for Term Two

This term our integrated topic continues around the theme of “Zooming in on Science” with a focus on scientific experiments. Each class is following its own learning journey with all sorts of experiments and practical activities taking place. A group of Senior School experts have been visiting the classrooms to lend a hand with some of the new knowledge and ideas. Make sure you ask your child how they have been ‘thinking like a scientist’!!

Middle School Events for Term Two

‘Duchesses’ dance group visit
School disco
Teacher Only Day
Middle School assembly
Wacky Hair and Hat Day
Mufti day and Sausage Sizzle
3-way Conferences

Wed 13 May
Friday 22 May
Friday 29 May
Friday 12 June
Friday 19 June
Friday 26 June
Wed 1 & Thurs 2 July



Cross Country training

It's that time of the year again when we begin to prepare the children for the school cross country (coming up in Term 3). Our fitness time on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays (depending on the weather) are scheduled for practising long distance running to build up fitness levels and stamina. The children are encouraged to bring sneakers to school on these days. Children who are unable to run the full distance of the training course are encouraged to walk it as fast as they can. We ask for your support in promoting this fitness activity with your child where we encourage

perseverance and commitment. If your child is genuinely unable to participate in any sports or fitness activities, a written note or email is required to excuse them from these. Classes are introducing all sorts of exciting and interesting ways to record the distances we cover during our training so remember to ask your child about this!



School Uniform

The children need to be in winter uniform from June 1. Please ensure that every item of your child's uniform is named as they all look very similar! T-shirts and leggings should not be worn under the uniform, especially when they can be seen! Stud earrings may be worn but not hoops for safety reasons. School shoes need to be worn to and from school, even on the days we practise our running!

Activity Fee

The Term 1 & 2 activity fee has been used to fund trips to Te Tuhi art gallery and Birkenhead Leisure Centre as well as a visiting science show and dance group. There are no trips out of the school planned for this term but we are busy planning and organising a Term 3 trip to the museum. Watch this space!

After School Routines

Please remember that all of the school playgrounds are out of bounds from 3.00-3.30pm and children are not allowed to play on these while waiting for you to pick them up. Children who have not been collected by 3.15pm are to go to the school office for safety reasons. We would appreciate it if you could remind your child of these after school routines and arrange prompt pick-up or use the After School Care programme.

Kind regards,
Middle School Teachers