



## Middle School Newsletter Term Three 2015

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have all had a restful holiday and are ready for an exciting and busy second half of the year.



### Middle School Events for Term Three

Museum trips	<i>Thurs 23 July/30 July/6 August</i>
ICAS English – Y4s only	<i>Tuesday 28 July</i>
Middle School assembly	<i>Friday 31 July</i>
Swimming starts	<i>Tues 4/Fri 7 August</i>
Dance festival	<i>Wed 5/Thurs 6 August</i>
ICAS Maths – Y4s only	<i>Tuesday 11 August</i>
School Cross Country	<i>Wednesday 19 August</i>
Speech and Poetry finals	<i>Thursday 27 August</i>
Spell-a-thon testing	<i>Friday 28 August</i>
Area Gymnastics competition	<i>Wednesday 2 September</i>
Middle School assembly	<i>Friday 11 September</i>
Area Cross Country competition	<i>Tuesday 15 September</i>
Book Week character parade	<i>Friday 18 September</i>

### Dance Festival & Gymnastics Competition

Good luck to our dance group who will perform at the dance festival in a couple of weeks time. A huge thank you to Johanna O'Brien and Alex Page for preparing them for this event. Good luck also to our gymnastics team as they take on the local schools later in the term. Thank you to Lynne Laburn, Marie Crous and their many helpers for coaching the team. They are training very hard for this competition.

### Te Reo lessons

This term our classes will be having lessons in Te Reo Maori with a tutor from the Te Reo Tuatahi Trust. Wata, our tutor, will work in the classrooms with the children and teachers for half an hour each week.



### Swimming

We are fortunate enough to be taking part in the free Community Swim programme again this year. Lessons at Lloyd Elsmore Pool start on Tuesday 4 August for some classes and Friday 7 August for the other classes. Many thanks to the parents who have already offered to accompany their child's class to help with supervision. Please ensure that your child's **togs and towel are named** and in a separate bag. If your child is too unwell to participate at any stage in these important lessons then please consider keeping them at home, or send a note to their class teacher. If they are at school they will usually still accompany their class to the pool but not get into the water.



### Cross Country

For the next few weeks we will continue with our training for the school cross country on Wednesday 19 August. Some children are now completing two laps of our training course and most are very proud of the improvements they have made. We have been extremely pleased with the positive attitude that the children are showing and thank you for the support and encouragement you have been giving them.

### Poetry and Speech Presentations

As part of our oral language programme this term the Year 3s will present a poem to their class and the Year 4s will present a short speech. Finalists will be chosen from each room to compete in the finals on Thursday 27 August. A notice with information about poem choice and speech writing has been sent home already.

*Kind regards,  
The Middle School team*