



## Middle School Newsletter Term Three 2016



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

ICAS English – Y4s only	<i>Tuesday 2 August</i>
Middle School assembly	<i>Friday 5 August</i>
Swimming starts	<i>Tues 9 /Wed 10 Aug</i>
Dance festival	<i>Wed 10/ Thurs 11 August</i>
Science-athon starts	<i>Monday 15 August</i>
ICAS Maths – Y4s only	<i>Tuesday 16 August</i>
School Cross Country	<i>Thursday 25 August</i>
Middle School Mini Olympics Day	<i>Friday 26 August</i>
Area Gymnastics Competition	<i>Thursday 1 September</i>
Speech and Poetry finals	<i>Thursday 1 September</i>
Stu Duval – Author visit	<i>Friday 2 September</i>
Science-athon Testing	<i>Friday 2 September</i>
Area Cross Country Competition	<i>Tuesday 20 September</i>

### Dance Festival & Gymnastics Competition

Good luck to our dance group who will perform at the dance festival on Wednesday 10 August and Thursday 11 August. A huge thank you to Lynne Laburn 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.

### Mandarin Lessons

This term our Year 3 classes will be having lessons in Mandarin with Yan Yin. Our Mandarin 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 9 August for some classes and Wednesday 10 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.

### REMINDER

Swimming now finishes on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of September

### Cross Country

For the next few weeks we will continue with our training for the school Cross Country on Thursday 25 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 1 September in the hall at 9:30am. A notice with information about poem choice and speech writing has been sent home already.

### Someone's missing ?

This term Andie Pirie is on leave having been awarded a TeachNZ Sabbatical. She will return to school in Term 4 after this time of research and refreshment.

*Kind regards, The Middle School team*