



## Middle School Newsletter Term Two 2021

Welcome to Term 2! We hope you all managed to have some time to relax and enjoy the great weather during the holidays.

### Welcome to the team!

We welcome Vanessa Felici to Room 16. Vanessa has taken over from Jo Wallis who is on parental leave for the rest of the year. Tania Schlabitz has joined Kate Jennings in Room 15 and will also be working in Room 16 on a Wednesday. It's great to have you on the team Vanessa and Tania!

### Middle School Events for Term Two

Book Week Character Parade	<i>Friday 7 May</i>
Football Field Day	<i>Tuesday 11 May</i>
Swimming starts (Rm 12, 13 & 15)	<i>Wednesday 12 May</i>
Middle School assembly	<i>Friday 14 May</i>
Swimming starts (all other rooms)	<i>Friday 14 May</i>
Teacher Only Day	<i>Friday 4 June</i>
3-way Conferences	<i>Wed 23 &amp; Thurs 24 June</i>
Middle School assembly	<i>Friday 25 June</i>

### Fitness training

We are once again building up to the cross country run in Term 3 with skipping as our fitness training and have asked you to supply a skipping rope for your child. Please ensure that they have this and it has come to school. Regular skipping sessions will be happening throughout the week with the aim of improving fitness and skill levels and many children are now practising in their spare time! If your child is genuinely unable to participate in any sports or fitness activities, please email their class teacher.



### School Uniform

All children should be in winter uniform by now. Please ensure that every item of your child's uniform is named as they all look very similar! Coloured T-shirts, long sleeved shirts and leggings are not to be worn under the uniform. The red polar fleece should be worn to keep children warm. School shoes need to be worn to and from school and also need to be named as they too often get removed.

### Topic this term

Our theme of "Bridges and Walls" continues and classes are undertaking learning journeys that will see them investigate these in a variety of contexts. Science objectives focus on the range of materials that are used in structures and the different properties of these. Social Science objectives focus on choices that communities make and how needs and wants influence structures that have been built around the world and here in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

### Staying Healthy

As winter approaches, we will continue to encourage personal hygiene practices such as hand sanitising and sneeze etiquette. We do ask that children are kept at home if they are unwell to help with a speedy recovery and to avoid spreading any germs. Thank you for waiting away from the classroom doors at 3.00pm, allowing the children to move out of the rooms freely. Please do not come upstairs outside Rooms 14-16, or onto the decks outside Rooms 29-31, but wait in the courtyard areas at this time, to help with social distancing.

*Kind regards,  
Middle School Teachers*