

# Team 1 Newsletter

Term 3 2008

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Stage Challenge was an awesome highlight for the school last term. Our students made us extremely proud of their talent, enthusiasm and commitment. The DVD of the performance will be a treasure for those involved. Thank you to everyone for their support of this venture.

## **Term 3's Learning and Teaching:**

In **mathematics** we will cover number, algebra, geometry and measurement (shape) and reinforce basic facts.

In **English** the written language text form is speech writing. Students will be writing their own speech, practising and presenting it to their class. There will be a team competition on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> with the winner representing our school in the Zone Speech Competition on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Later in the term the focus will be persuasive writing (arguments) and debating. Weekly spelling lists have already been sent home to learn and are used in word study during literacy lessons.

**PE** this term will be based on the skills of gymnastics (balance, landing and movement) and jump rope. **Fitness** sessions will be used to build up to the school cross country event on August 13<sup>th</sup> in week 4 by improving running stamina and endurance over time. All students are expected to train and can bring a spare tee shirt to run in and deodorant to use at school for personal hygiene. Wednesday afternoons continue to be utilised for team **sports**.

**Health** this term will be focusing on nutrition for the body and ties in with our Life Ed visit during Week 6 and 7.

Students change to their second facet of **Technology** lessons at Te Atatu Intermediate. Please ensure students arrive on time for the 8.45 departure with the correct equipment and footwear. A \$10 per term fee is now due for those paying by this method.

**Homework** this term will be different for the first few weeks as students have time at home to work on their speeches during the first part of the term. Planning and practice will be required so your supervision and assistance is appreciated to ensure the work produced is of a high quality.

The **Integrated Study** this term is "A New Way" as we look forward to a sustainable future. Each class will be focusing on energy, energy sources and sustainability. This study encompasses **Social Studies, Science, Literacy, Technology and Stages of Inquiry**.

Ms Corsan will take each class through a series of **Information and Technology** lessons in the ICT suite. A \$10 per term ICT fee is now due for those paying on a term by term basis. On Wednesday mornings we will continue with our French lessons.

We will be speaking with the students about the importance of goal setting and having a focus for their academic, social and personal achievements. The focus value for the term is **Hard Work** and our key competency for the term is **Thinking**. Year 8's have only 5 more months before they leave us to embark upon their secondary schooling. If we can be of assistance with those choices or enrolment requirements for high schools please let us know in plenty of time. We are happy to help.

**Important dates for your calendar are:**

27 <sup>th</sup> July	Book Fair Week starts
28 <sup>th</sup>	APPA Choir Rehearsal
29 <sup>th</sup>	Girls Netball Tournament
4 <sup>th</sup> August	UNSW English Exam
19 <sup>th</sup>	UNSW Maths Exam
24 <sup>th</sup>	Life Ed starts for the whole school
25 <sup>th</sup>	APPA Choir Rehearsal
27 <sup>th</sup>	Calendar Art to be completed
27 <sup>th</sup>	Nor-West Cluster Cross Country
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Nor-West Cluster Speech Competition
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Girls Vaccinations
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jump Rope
25 <sup>th</sup>	Senior School Assembly (Team 2 presenting & sharing)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Term 3 ends

With regards,

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