

# Kowhai Syndicate Newsletter Term 2, 2018.

30 April 2018

Welcome back. We hope that everyone has had a good break. The Wellington weather has certainly been kind to us and we all feel well rested and ready to launch into Term 2.

A reminder that many students have allergies to different foods so, we ask you to remind your children not to share food at school.

Our school values are always a main focus for us: making them key to everything that we do. Our values are empathy, perseverance, integrity and creativity. We encourage you to discuss these with your children and encourage them to find ways that they can make them part of everyday life.

This term we begin our Swimming lessons at Keith Spry pool in Johnsonville beginning in Week 2 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May and finishing in Week 9 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We travel by bus to the pool and all students are expected to take part in these lessons which are part of the school curriculum. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming gear every Thursday. PE uniform should be worn on Thursdays.

Electives will begin on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May (Week 2). If you are still to enrol in an Elective option please do so urgently by emailing the office.

We have Kapa Haka and Te Reo lessons beginning on a Friday also this term. We welcome Jo Raukawa our new Kapa Haka / Te Reo teacher to our staff. Kapa Haka will be at lunch time in the library between 1 and 1:25. Te Reo lessons alternate between each week with Year 1-4 starting in the first week of term and Year 5-8 starting in the second week. Lessons will be 30 minutes in duration.

Teachers are always happy to discuss your child's progress with you or any concerns that you may have. Trying to do this in the morning before classes begin is not always appropriate, as teachers are preparing for the day and welcoming students to class. If you have concerns or want to share anything with your child's teacher, please make a time to meet with them so that they can give you their full attention.

For consistency with our homework we have decided this year to use a generic sheet each week across year levels; Year 3-4 and Year 5-6. This means that classes at the same two year level will experience some of the same homework. We also use study ladder activities as homework tasks. These are specific to the level your child is working at and are selected to reinforce what is being taught in the individual classes. The expectation is that students will complete both the homework sheet and the study ladder activities. Homework is handed out on Fridays and is due back at school the following Thursday.

Thank you for supporting us in all that we do to create a positive learning environment for the students at St Benedict's School.

*Kind Regards*



### **Literacy**

Our reading and writing is closely linked to our topic study. This helps us to use our reading and writing as a learning tool. We will focus closely this term on being able to recognise how an author identifies the intended **Audience and Purpose** and how the **Structure** of writing varies according to the genre. To do this we will focus on a variety of genre but in particular narratives- picture books, fairy tales, myths and legends.

### **Te Reo**

Lessons will be alternate Fridays in the library with Ms Jo Raukawa.

### **Physical Education /Health**

Swimming starts this term but we will also be focusing on Cross Country and Winter Sports.

## **Dates to Diary**

### **SCHOOL MASSES AND LITURGIES**

Pentecost Liturgy in Library at 9:15am Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of May

St Benedict's Mass Friday 6th of July 9:30 am

### **CLASS MASSES-**

Rooms 4 and 9	Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> of May
Rooms 5 and 10	Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> of May
Rooms 6 and 11	Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> of May
Rooms 7 and 12	Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> of May
Rooms 5 and 10	Wednesday	30 <sup>th</sup> of May
Rooms 4 and 9	Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> of June
Rooms 6 and 11	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> of June

### **OUR CLASSES LEADING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

Room 10 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of June      Room 9 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of June

Room 8 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of      Room 7 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July

### **SPORTS**

**School Cross country** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 11 am

**Northern Zone Cross Country** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Interzone Cross Country** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

### **ICAS EXAMS (these can be subject to last minute change)**

**Science** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May

**Writing** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June

### **PARENT INTERVIEWS and ACTION PLAN REPORTS**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July