

# Kowhai Syndicate Newsletter Term 3, 2018

24th July 2018

Welcome back to Term three, Production term!

We hope that you have all had a good break and are ready to launch yourselves into the term. There will be dance, acting and practise, practise, practise for our wonderful production *The Adventures of Super Stan* !! We will let you know within a week or two what your child needs for the production in the way of costumes, props etc.

Welcome to Charlie Clark Room 6, Judah Stuart Room 7, Sam Xu Room 8 and Amelie Cakebread Room 9, new students to our syndicate this term. Amelie is the sister of Lily Room 12 and Oscar Room 3. We warmly welcome you all to the St Benedict's family and hope that you enjoy your time with us.

This term we begin with our special Grandparents Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July. We hope that many of you will be able to join us on this special day as we celebrate the important role that Grandparents have in our lives. Please also take the opportunity to visit classes after morning tea to look at what the students have been learning.

We begin production practice, with dance lessons from Footsteps Dance Company for the Year 5 and 6 students and for the Year 3 and 4 students' dances choreographed by Mrs Kelly and Janine, our librarian. We thank both Mrs Kelly and Janine for the work that they have put into these dances. The production provides us with an opportunity to do some across class grouping as we work in year groups for our dance and acting scenes.

This term we begin weekly sessions at Nairnville with Rooms 6 and 7 going on a Wednesday afternoon and Rooms 8-10 on Thursdays. Please make sure that your child brings a warm weatherproof coat (rain, wind and cold) on Nairnville days as we will be walking to Nairnville each week and go regardless of the weather. If the weather is particularly bad we really appreciate the offer of rides to Nairnville. Please let your child's teacher know if you are able to make yourself available at short notice to help us transport students to Nairnville.

Later in the term we will be holding our school swimming sports competition. More news on this will follow later.

Teachers are always happy to discuss your child's progress with you or any queries 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 anything that you want to share with your child's teacher, please email to make a time to meet with them so that they can give you their full attention.

For consistency with our homework we 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 levels will experience some of the same homework. We also have Study Ladder activities set up to form the major part of your child's homework. 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.

Kind regards,

Lata Govind Room 6, Jared Bath Room 7, Jacqui Miranda Room 8, Clare Short R9, Cheryl Taylor Room 10. Anne-Marie Cassidy (Rooms 9 and 10), Molly Kelly (Room 7) and Kate Woodbury (Room 8) -Our part-time teachers working in the Kowhai Syndicate.

### **Lunches**

All students are supervised for the first 10 minutes of lunch to ensure that they have time to sit and eat their lunch before running off to play. We encourage students to be eating a healthy lunch each day. As an Enviro-School we encourage “nude lunches”, this means eliminating packaging and unnecessary food wraps.

As we get older and are burning up more energy we need food that will sustain us throughout the day and that will feed our brains. Snack foods don't provide this for us so please limit treats to special occasions and make sure that your child has a healthy filling lunch. By this stage of their life they should be encouraged to make their own lunch (with supervision of course). Please do not include food items that are hard to open or require heating as we do not have the facility to support the students with this.

### **Punctuality**

All students are encouraged to be at school between 8:30am and 8:45am. This allows them time to get themselves set up for the day and to chat to their friends. Arriving on the bell or after the bell doesn't allow students to do this important organisation for the day. The roll is taken daily at 8:50 am and 1:30 pm in all classrooms. Students who arrive before 8:30am should remain outside. No-one is permitted to be in the classrooms or corridors before 8:30am as this is teacher's preparation time.

### **Uniform**

Please encourage your child to wear their uniform with pride. Girls should have hair ties and bands in school colours (**navy, maroon or white**). Nail polish and jewellery is not to be worn to school. It is too easy to lose precious pieces and some jewellery poses a safety risk in the playground. Earrings should be **plain studs or sleepers** only please. Students will be asked to remove nail polish and any jewellery that is not appropriate for school wear.

## **Curriculum Focus for Term Three**

### **Topic:**

#### **A Home for Everyone**

This is an integrated Religious Education Inquiry topic which incorporates Social Science and Health as well as all of the Religious Education strands. It links to the Caritas Social Justice foci and Catholic Social teaching.

### **Mathematics**

Number continues to be our major focus and this term we begin to focus on number strategies that we use to solve multiplication and division problems. We will continue to learn our basic facts (facts to 20, doubling and halving and times tables- at the appropriate level). We will also be looking at algebra with patterns, sequences and rules being a focus.

There will also be a Geometry and Measurement focus across each class, these will vary across the syndicate but will include coverage of area, location, mapping, capacity and volume.

### **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 **Language Features** 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 scripts and plays.

### ***Te Reo / Kapa Haka***

Lessons will swap to a Tuesday and continue to alternate every second week in the library with Ms Jo Raukawa.

### ***Physical Education /Health***

Nairnville begin this term but we will also be focusing on Athletics. We also have our school swimming sports and athletics later in the term.

## **Dates to Diary (events involving Kowhai Syndicate)**

### **SCHOOL MASSES AND LITURGIES**

Grandparents Mass Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 a.m.

Assumption Mass Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30 a.m.

### **CLASS MASSES–**

Rooms 4 and 9      Wednesday      22<sup>nd</sup> of August

Rooms 5 and 10      Wednesday      29<sup>th</sup> of August

Rooms 6 and 11      Wednesday      12<sup>th</sup> of September

Rooms 7 and 12      Wednesday      19<sup>th</sup> of September

Rooms 8 and 2, 3      Wednesday      26<sup>th</sup> of September

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

Room 6    Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of July      Room 10    Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of August

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July- ***Please ensure that you are wearing correct winter uniform including the school jersey.***

### **SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Matinee (Dress rehearsal) 12:00 noon and evening show at 7:00 p.m. and

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September evening show at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a late start for classes of 10:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday to allow the students to catch up on some sleep.

### **SPORTS**

**School Swimming Sports** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of August at Karori Pool

**Northern Zone Swimming Sports** Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Inter-zone Swimming Sports** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**Inter-regional Cross Country** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September

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

**English** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of July

**Mathematics** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of August

**Australian Mathematics Competition** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August

**Father's Day Breakfast** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August

**HOK Quiz** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August

***Please see school calendar for other whole school events.***