

# Middle & Senior School Newsletter Term 1 2019



## EVERY CHILD, EVERY OPPORTUNITY



**Dear Parents/Caregivers**

**Golly gosh, it's back to school again, it's 2019 and end of week three!!**

Welcome back everyone! We are so excited to resume the new year with both our returning pupils and new ones for 2019. The weather is absolutely gorgeous, our school pool ready to be used, and the teachers rested and raring to go! We hope you had a super holiday and enjoyed your trips and visits with family. I (Mrs Goundar) went all the way to London to welcome my granddaughter, my son and daughter in law's first baby.

On that note Mrs Haletama's daughter was born one week after my granddaughter. Both daughter and Mum are doing well.

It is always such an exciting time when the children finally arrive back at school, and we can begin our learning together.

**Family Night, Thursday 14 February:**

We had a great turn out at our Family Night (Meet the Teacher Evening), and we thank you for your attendance. This was a great opportunity to meet your children's teachers and develop an understanding of the routines and expectations of their 2019 classroom.

**School Times:**

**School begins at 8.55am.**

10am- fruit/vege/water break

11am-11:30am-morning tea break

1pm-1:45pm- lunch break

3pm-school day ends

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time ready for learning.

**Inquiry Topic**

Our Inquiry Topic this term has a Heath Focus linked to the school wide overarching theme of 'This Is Us'- Ko Tatou Tenei. The Middle School students will focus on team work, while the Seniors will investigate how working together, we positively influence our community.

**Swimming**

Swimming is part of our Physical Education Programme this term, so all students are expected to swim every day, unless otherwise advised by parents regarding illnesses etc.

**Carnival:** This year the swimming carnival will be held at our school pool on February 28.

**Year 6 Marae Overnight Stay**

The Year 6 students will be having an over-night marae stay as part of Education Outside the Classroom. (28, 29 March) They are looking forward to this experience at Te Tahawai Marae based at Edgewater College.

**Race Relations Day**

**22 March**

The children will have the opportunity to dress up in their favourite cultural costumes and parade on the 'cat-walk'. We would also love to see you all as well, if you can take time off work.

**Above is our school vision (Every child, every opportunity) and everything we do connects back to it.**

**We are looking forward to a fun, exciting and a successful 2019!**

A special welcome to Percy Meissenheimer to our team.

Arinam Goundar, Keshini Ravi and Percy Meissenheimer

