





Batten Newsletter

Term 4 2017

Welcome to Term 4. Wow, how fast is this year going by! It is wonderful to see the fantastic growth, determination and innovativeness amongst these children.

Term 4 is always a busy term that seems to whip by before us, so please ensure that you keep up to date with newsletters, website and the CPS facebook page. Noted below are a few things to be aware of, new or old within the school.

Firstly, we are named the Batten Syndicate after Jean Batten, New Zealand's greatest aviator. The school's other syndicate names you may read about are Blake, Hillary and Rutherford.

Curriculum: This term amongst other things, the children will be learning about 'The Marae' - based around camp in week 5 and then we are looking at a Toy unit 'Lookout and make way', along with PMP, Athletics, Swim Safety so much to learn!

Thursday Electives - every Thursday the school runs an electives programme run on an 8 week rotation. Specialist teachers take these classes.

Rm16 Music/Maori

Rm15 Maori/Visual Art

Rm 14 Every second week Miss Kelly Collins will be in class to take various activities with the children.

Spare clothing: We encourage your child to have a spare change of clothes, including underwear. Accidents do happen and it makes it easier if we have access to clean clothing. We suggest PE gear is left in your child's bag for this reason.

Uniforms: Please ensure that ALL your child's uniform is **clearly** named.

Book Bags: Your child will bring home their little yellow book bag Mon-Thurs. If they do not have their book bag at school then they will not bring a reader home.

Library Books: Our Library day is a Monday, therefore your child will bring home a library book every Monday. This needs to be returned by Friday so we can provide poetry books for the weekend.

Water Bottles: Please encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school. Although we have fountains it is less disruptive during class time to use a bottle.

Litterless lunch: We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. All food scraps will come home in your child's lunch box. The healthier the lunch box the healthier the child and their learning! :)

School Houses: Children are divided into one of four school houses. Families are kept in the same house. The houses are named after four historic Cambridge horses. These being Sir Tristram (Yellow), Charisma (Black), Young Quinn (Green) and Zabeel (White or Blue). House points are collected in many ways including sporting events like Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming and Tabloid Sports. Plus non sporting points like achieving Key Competencies and litterless lunchboxes. Children are encouraged to dress up in their house colour for school sporting events. Each fortnight the winning house is announced at our full school assembly.

PMP: Last term we sent out a survey to see if any parents were able to assist with our Perceptual Motor skills Programme. The days we will do PMP are **Monday 1:30-3:00pm** and **Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm**. Thank you to the following parents who have offered to help...

Monday 1:30-3:00pm	Wednesday 1:30-3:00pm
Johanna Shortt-Smith Sandrine Pryor Aimee Munro Gemma Jenni McColl Christina sem Romy Van dijk	Emma (Can only help for first 3 weeks) Sandrine Pryor Stacey Ward Hayley Booth Julie MAZUR Christina sem

8:30am Classes open: There is an 8:30am bell that rings and indicates that children can then enter the classrooms. If you and your child are at school before this time, then you need to ensure that you are supervising them.

Reflection Time: This happens every afternoon from 2:50 pm onwards. You are invited to come in and hear about what your child has been doing throughout the day.

Wanted: This term we require many used goods, so that the children can get creative. So think twice before you throw things out!

Assistance: Assistance in the classroom is always welcome! Sorting reading books, spelling and maths testing, listening to children read, typing children's work for publication or ruling lines in writing books. Please see your classroom teacher for more information.

Other Information: Please regularly read the school newsletters, express, emails and our school facebook page for any information.

Oral Language Plan

Children are encouraged to share their experiences, bring items, belongings, treasures and photos from home to share with the class. They are working on speaking clearly with volume and expression. Audience children are encouraged to ask questions and about what they have heard to find out more. These items will remain in the classroom for the day to ensure they are kept safe.

Room	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
14	Zach Alisha Kaede Willa	Jasmine Rongoa Jesse Riley	Keera Ethan Jasper	Alice Mia Max
15	Cooper Sadie Reine Isla B	Keian Annabelle Kaede Isla R Courtney	Ethan Ruby Ruven Noah Kyra	Charlotte Macie Jackson Alice Mya
16	Annabel Devon Beatrix Cooper Lara	Lily Cruz Issac Nina Zach	Karmen James Harry Dylan Sakura	Trelise Harvey Declan Piper Hugo

Bike and Scooter Track: This new and truly cool part of our school is up and going! Please ensure that helmets are sent to school with your child and bike/scooter. No helmet no riding adventure.

Any other questions please do ask, otherwise you can contact us at;

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Regards

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