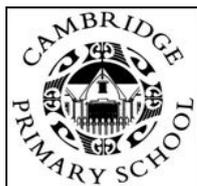


HILLARY NEWSLETTER Term 1 - 2021



Teena koutou! Welcome Back to Cambridge Primary School (CPS)

We hope you have had a lovely summer break. We look forward to getting to know you and your children.

LEARNING FOCUS- TERM 1

Mathematics - We will begin the year with a Statistics and Basic Facts focus. Children will be grouped according to their needs in these areas.

Literacy - Reading and Writing programmes will focus on topics relating to 'Getting to Know Ourselves, Each Other' and our Houses, Enterprise, Hillary Camp 'Hillary Whanaungatanga' unit. We will look into auto-biographies, family trees and other areas of interest for the children.

P.E - We begin swimming on day 1 of school. We will group the children based on their water confidence and structure our lessons according to their needs. As part of the Health and PE curriculum, **all children** are expected to participate. Hillary Syndicate will be swimming each day in the afternoons. Please ensure all togs, towels, goggles and swimming caps are named. If your child is unable to swim due to illness or injury, please inform your classroom teacher.

Arts Programme - The Arts programme will remain on Thursdays and will rotate every term. This will be taught by specialist teachers. Children will also participate in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) rotation on Wednesdays.

Topic - 'Hillary Manaakitanga'. Our focus for the first few weeks is to ensure the children are settled in their new classrooms and get to know one another. From Week 5 onwards we will switch our focus to 'Enterprise,' in preparation for the Gala.

Te reo Maaori - This term we will be focussing on Maaori protocol, daily karakia, waiata and greetings. We will also be developing our Te reo kupu (word knowledge).

TERM ONE EVENTS

Please check the school calendar for school wide events - and stay up to date by reading HERO weekly updates.

Swimming days - our Hillary lunchtime swim is on Wednesday.

Class swimming times

Room 6 - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

Room 7 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Room 8 - Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Room 10 - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Room 11 - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

[Hillary camp notice](#) 24th - 26th March 2021. Please read the attached information about our upcoming camp.

As part of our journey of independence at CPS, it is an expectation that all children will attend the Hillary camp. Please discuss with Ms Stock if you have exceptional circumstances and your child will not be able to attend.

[Parent Camp volunteer application 2021](#) - Interested in helping out at camp? Please fill this out asap as volunteer spaces are limited.

[Student consent form 2021](#) - All Hillary students must have this form filled out for them.

Gala is scheduled for Saturday 20 March. The PTA are after donations of pickles, oils, cosmetics, sauces etc (only new and unopened please) that we can use as prizes for our tombola and other stalls. There will be a donation box in the front office or these can be given to your classroom teachers. We are also seeking volunteers for help with this event. More information will come out soon.

Please Note: Clearly labelled summer uniform, hats, shoes, togs and towel will be required everyday. All efforts will be made to ensure your child has their belongings, however any unnamed items that are left behind will be moved to the lost property boxes.

eLEARNING and BYOD - All children in Year 3 to 6 will be learning about their responsibilities as a Responsible Technology User at CPS. We will teach this in class and children will be signing an [agreement](#). It would be helpful for you to discuss this agreement with your child/ren at home to support their understanding. This agreement outlines the day to day responsibilities

when using a personal device at CPS. Devices are only one of the learning tools that CPS learners have access to on a school day. Students will be monitored carefully by their teachers to ensure they are using the right tool in the right way.

It is **NOT** compulsory for a learner to bring their own device to school, **this is a family choice**. No child will be disadvantaged because they don't bring a device to school, as we will still provide shared access to school owned devices for our students. The benefit of personal devices is - that they provide opportunity for children to personalise their learning and gain instant access to the tools they need.

BYOD at CPS - Parent Understanding - please read carefully

If you choose to participate in the BYOD programme by sending a chromebook to school, then you understand that as part of sending your child with a BYOD that:

- Students' require an appropriate case to protect their device e.g tough case
- Students' devices are signed out of play store
- Students' must adhere to all Board policies and school procedures including the **Responsible Technology User Agreement**.

CPS has a 'Digital Technology and Cybersafety' policy and associated procedures* which outlines the schools responsible technology user approach and how this supports teaching and learning.

*These documents are available on school docs. <http://cambridge.schooldocs.co.nz/>

The school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies because it believes that they enhance the teaching and learning process.

The school will explicitly encourage responsible student behaviour when using technology. This will help protect our students from experiencing harm online. I am aware that this "Responsible Use Agreement" is part of that, and that it encourages students to consider how their actions can affect themselves and those around them.

Please read the student declaration and talk with my child about what it means to them so that your child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines.

Be aware that students can experience challenges when using technology, but that the school makes every effort to support students to manage those challenges effectively. I understand that by learning to deal with these challenges in a safe environment with support, students will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

If you have questions or concerns about the way in which technology is being used by my child at school, I know the school is happy to discuss this with me, and I am aware that I am welcome to do this at any time.

If my child makes choices or behaves in ways that don't align with this Responsible Technology User Agreement there may be consequences or outcomes that the school will discuss with parents.

Please do not send devices to school **until Week 2** of school. During this time classes will be learning about our responsibilities as digital citizens and how to properly care for and use school devices. The children will be given their google sign in account details as we work through this process. ALL STUDENTS require headphones for device use - These have been placed on the stationery list for each child.

Book Bags: Please ensure your child/ren has a book bag to protect both our precious home reading books and library books. Your child will bring home their book bag Mon-Friday starting in week 4. Each class will also visit the school library once a week. If they do not have their book bag at school they will not be able to bring a reader or library book home.

Water Bottles: Please encourage your child to bring a named water bottle to school. Although we have fountains, use of a bottle is far less disruptive during class time. Each classroom will provide a storage area for these.

Litterless lunch: We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. Teachers will be looking to promote Litterless Lunches by using a token system, and all packaging will come home in your child's lunch box.

School Houses: Children are divided into one of four school houses. Families are kept in the same house. The houses are named after four famous 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 litterless lunch boxes. Children are encouraged to dress up in their house colour for school sporting events. Regularly, the winning house is announced at our full school assembly.

8:30am Classes open: An 8:30am bell rings to indicate children can enter the classroom. If you are at school before this time, please respect the teachers' preparation time. Children are not to be on school grounds unsupervised before 8.30am (unless in Before School care).

Wanted: Please send 2 boxes of tissues to help us keep the germs at bay. We may ask for more to get us through the winter months.

Parent help: Assistance in the classroom is always welcome! Sorting reading books, listening to children read, typing children's work for publication or helping out with school events. Please see your classroom teacher for more information.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to a fun filled Term and getting to know our fantastic Hillary Learners!

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