



## Batten and Blake Newsletter

### Term I 2021

#### **Teeena Koutou,**

Batten and Blake teachers extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families. We hope you had a fantastic summer break, enjoying many different experiences.

Our team of classes are called Batten and Blake. We are named after Jean Batten, New Zealand's greatest aviator and after Sir Peter Blake who is a New Zealand-born yachting legend. The school's other syndicate names are Hillary and Rutherford.

Our fantastic team of teachers:

#### Batten

Room 13 - Anna Asplin (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Hannah Buchanan (Thursday and Friday)

Room 14 - Anna Wren (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and Hannah Buchanan (Monday)

#### Blake

Room 16 - Charlotte Jamieson (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and Petalla Kapua (Monday and Tuesday)

Room 15 - Colleen Bredenbeck (Team Leader) Petalla Kapua (Thursday afternoon release)

Room 12 - Taryn Jago-Sutton

#### **Term 1 focus:**

Whanaungatanga, Our CPS family: Understanding ourselves and our place in our class, school and community.

Money maker: Learn to plan, produce and sell a product for our Gala.

Our Community: Understand what is in our community and who can help us to learn how to move around safely.

**Thursday Electives** - CPS delivers a fantastic electives programme each Wednesday and Thursday. These are run by specialist teachers. The rotations are: STEAM, Te Reo, Music and Science.

**Swimming:** Your classroom teacher/s will let you know your swimming day, please let them know if you are able to assist to supervise either in or at the side of the pool. Our Batten and Blake swimming carnival will be held on Week 5, Friday 5th March.

**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** of your child's uniform is clearly named.

**Book Bags:** Your child will bring home their book bag Mon-Friday If they do not have their book bag at school they will not be able to take a reader or library book home.

**Homework:** Homework books will be set up in the next couple of weeks. Your classroom teacher will also be sending readers home for your child to enjoy with you in the next couple of weeks. Look forward to readers coming home also.

**Water Bottles:** Please send a water bottle to school daily to help keep your children hydrated.

**Litterless lunch:** We are an enviro school and encourage our community to make wise choices when packing lunch boxes. All wrappers and 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 belong to one of four school houses. 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 such as litterless lunch boxes, demonstrating our CPS Key Competencies and at sporting events like Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming and Tabloids. Families are kept in the same house and all children are encouraged to dress up in their house colour for school sporting events. 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 need to have time to prepare for the day. Children are not to be on school grounds unsupervised before 8.30am (unless in Before School Care).

**Staggered release times:** To ease traffic congestion, we will continue to do staggered release of children at the end of the day. Times according surname: A-F 2:45 G-M 2:55 N-Z 3:05.

**Wanted:** A box of tissues is greatly appreciated for each class.

**Gala:** 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.

**Assistance:** Assistance in the classroom in any number of ways is always welcome, please see your classroom teacher if you have time to spare.

**Other Information:** Please regularly read the school newsletters and the week ahead through Hero. All information is also available on our CPS website.

We offer many opportunities and challenges throughout the year and we are looking forward to an exciting year of learning.

### **Ngaa mihi mahana**

The Batten and Blake Team - Colleen (Team Leader), Taryn, Charlotte, Petalla, Anna W, Anna A, and Hannah

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