

## **MIDDLE TEAM NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2020**

***Relationships – Whanaungatanga, Resilience – Manawaroa,  
Respect – Manaakitanga, Responsibility – Tiaki***

***A community of agile and collaborative learners – Proud of who we are,  
empowered to make a difference***

### **WELCOME**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those students and their families who have joined the Middle School this year. We are looking forward to a successful year.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF**

Welcome back to Debbie Rist, Jacinta Howie, Anushka Patel, Cherry Wong, and Charlotte Wilson. A special welcome to Philip Duncan joining the middle school team in Room 16.

Team leader	Moira Rowlands		<a href="mailto:m.rowlands@bbps.school.nz">m.rowlands@bbps.school.nz</a>
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### **Swimming**

We have once again been fortunate to secure some funding to engage Farm Cove Swim School to take lessons on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please see below for the day your child will be swimming. Swimming is part of the school PE curriculum, therefore it is important that your child brings their swimming gear for each lesson. It would be appreciated if all swimming togs, towels and goggles are named.

Room 12 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
Room 13 - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
Room 14 - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
Room 15 - Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday  
Room 16 - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
Room 17 - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

### **Bring Your Own Device BYOD:**

The Year 4 children in the middle school have the opportunity to bring an Apple i-Pad or a Chromebook to school as a learning tool. It is not compulsory for the students to bring their own device. There are some school devices available in classrooms for students to use. All devices will be stored in a cabinet in the classroom when not in use. It is important that devices are named and that they are charged before they are brought to school each day. All students are given a password to access the wifi and their Google dashboard. The wifi is turned off for students at 3pm and the students are reminded that they are not allowed on their device at school after this time. The e-learning apps can be found with this link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/17m5Wx\\_3nD54tvGF0\\_iGDBAPI1a9FAqKIKqDh3B0s248/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/17m5Wx_3nD54tvGF0_iGDBAPI1a9FAqKIKqDh3B0s248/edit)

You are welcome to come and talk to your child's teacher about any aspect of the use of iPads or chromebooks in the classroom, the uploading of the required apps,

To begin, the most important apps that are required are the Google apps, including Google Drive, and a sketching/whiteboard app.

### **Home Learning**

Students are asked to complete home learning on a regular basis. Home learning encourages the development of good study skills and habits, will provide opportunities for parents to have a sharing time with their children and will help students to develop responsibility for their own learning.

For Year 3 and 4 children, up to 20 minutes Monday - Thursday is sufficient.

In the Middle School, home learning will be set weekly. Home learning will usually comprise of daily reading, learning of spelling words and rules, and maths basic facts. These skills support our writing, reading and maths programmes.

The same book may be brought home for more than one night depending on your child's reading ability or the learning focus within the classroom. School readers are to be returned each day.

From time to time teachers will set additional tasks to be completed and these tasks will be explained in the Home Learning book.

Book bags / library bags are to be used to transport readers and library books to and from school and the library. Library bags can be purchased from the library for \$5.00.

Please take the time to read to or with your child on a daily basis. Reread the class readers with your child, read books from the library or read a book from your own collection. Make it a regular and fun time.

Maths - Basic fact practise is important at this level and teachers may send maths home learning home that supports the classroom programme. The website [www.nzmaths.co.nz](http://www.nzmaths.co.nz) has some very helpful and valuable support and activities for families.

### **Project Based Learning**

During the first few weeks of the term classes will be working on preparing a class treaty, and developing and agreeing on expectations for behaviour and relationships in the class. This will be followed by preparing for our Cultural Summit in Week 4. During this time the children will be sharing information about their own culture as well as learning about the many cultures that make up our school.

In Week 5 we will start our Pest Free Project Based Learning in conjunction with Auckland Council.

### **Concerns**

Please remember that we see every child as an important member of our class, team and school, so please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Middle School team leader Mrs Rowlands with any queries or concerns.

Mrs Rowlands and the Middle School teachers