

# TEAM SPARK - TERM 4 2017

## Staff News

Lorna Fitzgerald will be leaving us at the end of week 3 for the impending arrival of her baby. Debbie Happer will be taking over and teaching in HB21 for the rest of the year.

We wish Lorna, and her husband Liam, all the best at this very exciting time. We also thank Lorna for all her hard work this year - we will miss you!

## Ngā mihi

Thanks again for all your support last term! Without it, we wouldn't have been able to make our bit of a difference to the community on our clean up day - 400kg rubbish was an impressive haul! We were also grateful for your support on our trip to the Art Gallery.

I hope many of you managed to see the school's production of Porridge - a very impressive show resulting from hours of hard work and practice. Our year 5s certainly did themselves, and Team Spark, proud.

Congratulations again to all those involved and a big thanks to Miss Soal who was our director extraordinaire!

This term looks set to be both busy and fast - hope we all enjoy the ride!

## Budget - Term 4

Mahoe Reserve - bus (tbc)

End of year swim - \$3.50

## Learning Focus

This term, we will be consolidating our learning from over the year, whilst still looking to extend our understanding.

**Maths** - Revision; Algebra & Problem Solving; Geometry

**Literacy** - writing about personal experiences with a focus on surface features (grammar & punctuation), spelling and grammar rules; instructional reading focusing on comprehension strategies

**Inquiry** - Sustainability - we are continuing with this topic and students will be undertaking independent inquiries and projects to showcase their learning. We are also planning to make beeswax wraps (at a small cost per student) so if anyone is interested in coming in to help, we'd love to hear from you!

## Home Learning

Home Learning will follow the same format as in Term 3 and will be compulsory for Year 5 students.

- Digital (online) programmes to support skill building and practice - Reading Eggspress and Mathletics
- Home Learning Projects & Challenges - optional activities designed to link real-world activities to classroom learning (these will be available on Google Classroom)

## Term 4 Calendar

18th Oct - NPDL Launch / Parent Information Evening (6pm)

20th Oct - Senior Athletics (year 5 upwards)

1st Nov - Mahoe Reserve Trip

14th Nov - Junior Athletics (Year 1-4)

Week 6 - Tennis

22nd Nov - Yr 5-8 Parent Evening; Sexuality Education (5:30pm)

Week 7 - Team Spark Athletics afternoon (date tbc)

1st Dec - End of Year Reports sent home

4th Dec - Year 4 Sports Spectacular

8th Dec - End of year swim

13th Dec - Prizegiving