



Hub 3 Newsletter – December 2016

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families for 2017 as well as those families who will be staying with us for another year. We look forward to the coming new year and the amazing learning opportunities it will bring. We have some brief information below to help with your child's transition into the 2017 school year and encourage you to contact us or drop in to introduce yourselves as well.

Our sports calendar is kicking off pretty early next year with softball coming up in week 4 and cricket not long after that. We always need your support with coaching, training and helping on the day. In fact, this year we have had to pull out of a few events due to no parent helpers coming forward. The dates are outlined below so that you can offer your support and cut out the stress of having to find parent help at the last minute. Please email Lisa (lisat@claytonpark.school.nz) or talk to us if you can commit to either of these dates.

Softball – Wednesday 22nd February 2017 (Save day 23rd Feb)

Cricket – Wednesday 15th March 2017 (Save day 16th March)

Soccer – Friday 7th April (Save day 10th April)

Holiday contracts have been handed out to every child this week and we need your help to ensure that we can hit our target of a 75% return rate next year. Your child and their teachers have worked incredibly hard this year to ensure that there has been progress in reading and maths. If our tamariki don't maintain their reading and basic facts practice over the summer break, then they start next year off behind. We want to make sure they make as much progress as possible next year. Ensuring they complete their maths and reading contracts is a great way to help make that a certainty.

Camp for our year 7 and 8 students is coming up early next year. You should have already received information and permission slips for this. It is an expectation that we offer EOTC learning experiences for our students and this is going to be an extremely valuable one. We will be camping at Te Haruhi bay (Shakespeare Regional Park). Students will be responsible for setting up their campsites, erecting tents, planning their menu, shopping for their food and cooking their own meals. We have a great range of experiences planned however at this stage we have had very little response from our families. Our aim is to get every year 7 and 8 student along to camp in term one. If you have not yet returned the permission slip and deposit, please do so. If there are any barriers to your child coming on camp, please don't hesitate to let us know. We will try our best to solve any problems in order to provide this learning experience for our kids.

BYOD will be running again next year. Your child will be bringing home an ICT contract and some information regarding this. This will need to be returned to school in order for your child to participate in our BYOD program. We have had a successful year this year and can happily say we have had no safety concerns related to BYOD. What we have found is that it helps to extend our students learning time and students are much more engaged. If you are interested in purchasing a device for your child to bring to school next year please don't hesitate to contact us, we have negotiated some special deals to help make this easier for families.

School expectations will be closely monitored and communicated with our families next term. We are paying close attention to P.E uniform, which is still not in place for some of our year 7 & 8 families but is a school requirement. You can help with jewellery and nail polish by reminding your children to remove it before they come to school. Students are also required to have a sun-safe school hat that is compulsory during terms 1 & 4.

Term 1 Theme – Our Place We kick off our school year with an interesting theme around 'our place'. Our school is going through a pretty exciting change, with buildings being knocked down and new ones being built in their place. Over this period of time we will be engaging in some design technology challenges on how to help make our available space beautiful and functional. Have a chat to your child about what this might mean, we are thinking things like garden art, murals, seating and painting games onto our play areas.

Term 2	Topic Theme: Change School Event – Science Fair
Term 3	Topic Theme: Our World School Event - Production
Term 4	Topic Theme – Celebrations School Event – Cultural Festival

Ashley Triana:

Kia ora, I'm Ashley and this will be my fourth year teaching at CPS. I'm excited to be leading our year 8 digital class next year and look forward to the many school events and learning experiences that we have planned. I am lucky in the sense that I have had 2 years teaching and building relationships with our new year 8's. This means that we will be able to kick the 2017 year off with a bang and get started on some pretty meaningful learning with our tamariki from day 1. I look forward to getting to know all of our whanau over the coming year, please don't hesitate to get in contact if I can help in any way.

Lisa Thomson:

Hello to all our families. I'm Lisa Thomson aka Mrs T. I've been at CPS for the past 12 months working with year 7 and 8 students I Studio 7. I am excited to be working with two other teachers in 2017 in years 5, 6 and 7. Currently I am in charge of sports at CPS and am looking forward to some exciting new sporting opportunities that will take place in the new year.

Meet the Teaching Team!



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Bronwyn Groombridge:

Kia ora I am Bronwyn Groombridge. I have taught for a quarter of a century all around the North Island. I have taught Primary and Secondary Physical Education and Health over the years. My favorite area has been in South Auckland over the last 10 years. In my spare time you will find me in a local swimming pool doing lengths. Teaching is the coolest job because you get to discover stars in the making. My favourite saying is "Never a dull moment".

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