

Year 2 Newsletter, Term 2, 2018

We welcome back everyone for an awesome term.

A special welcome to new students and families joining the Elm Park family.

Important dates this term:

- Friday 4th May
 - Year 2 Inquiry Launch Day (Auditorium) 11am
- Wednesday 16th May
 - Visit to Buddhist Temple (9am - 2pm)
- Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th May
 - 3-Way Teacher-Parent-Student Conferences
- Monday 4th June
 - Queen's Birthday (no school)
- Tuesday 12th June
 - School Photos by Photolife
- Monday 11th - 15th June
 - Matariki Week
- Wednesday 20th June
 - Basic-Fact-a-Thon (more details to follow)
- Thursday 28th June
 - Year 2 visit to Stardome Observatory
- Thursday 5th July
 - Principal's Award Ceremony 9.15am
- Friday 6th July
 - School finishes 3pm



Our learning focus for the term:

This term we will be launching our Inquiry Unit called

'3,2,1, Blast Off! The Sun, Moon and Stars'

The main focus of this inquiry will be how the Sun and Moon affect the planet Earth and the cultural significance of Matariki to New Zealand from a Māori perspective. In alignment with Matariki we will also be exploring the Stars and how people use them.

This will be followed up by a visit to The Stardome Observatory in Week 9.

By the end of this inquiry students will be able to articulate their learning by sharing their knowledge of features and facts that are specific to each celestial body and their impact on Earth and us as people.

Blogs and Reports

We will be continuing with e-Portfolios as a means of keeping you up to date with your child's learning. It would be fantastic if you could log on and comment on what you see, using your parent login.

Your child's report will also be available via their blog from Week 2 onwards.

See the office personnel in case you are unsure of your login details.

Reminders:

Activity fee:

This is set at \$100 for the year. You can either pay this amount as a whole, or in increments over the year if that is convenient. Please contact the office for other easy payment options. This fee covers the cost of classroom resources, class trips and groups visiting the school and sports activities throughout the year.

You can pay directly into the school bank account, make sure you use your child's name and room number as a reference 12-3109-0012543-02 or you can pay directly into wrapitup.co.nz or come into the school office and use eftpos.

A reminder that we will be visiting the Buddhist Temple in Week 3 and The Stardome Observatory in Week 9. Activity payments need to be up to date.

Uniforms: Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform and that all items of clothing are clearly named, jumper and shoes included. **Hats are not compulsory this term.**

Reminders:

Being prepared for the day:

We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child has brought their book-bag with homework book and reader to school each day. It helps the children prepare for the day if they are in school and settled before the 8.45 am bell.

Year 2 Homework:

This term we will begin sending home spelling lists. The lists will be glued into homework books on Mondays for learning over the week and students will be tested on Fridays. **Please note:** Not all students will have spelling lists for homework. Please see the note in your child's homework book or see their teacher if you are unsure of what the expectations are. We appreciate how busy families are and understand that some days there may not be enough time to do this.

If possible please encourage your child to continue to read their readers each night and login to Reading Eggs/press and Athletics for further practice.