



Elm Park School
Empowers all learners to achieve their personal best

Year 4 Newsletter, Term 2, 2016

Kia ora, malo e lelei, kia orana, fakalofa lahi atu, ni hao, bula vinaka.

Welcome back to Term 2 and a special welcome to our new families at Elm Park School.

We look forward to an exciting, busy term of learning.

Important dates this term:

Week 1	Thur 5th May	Year 4 Inquiry Launch Day (11am-1pm)
Week 2	Wed 11th May	Bike Skills starts (5 week programme)
Week 3	Thur 19th May	NZ Sign Language Workshops
Week 6	Mon 6th June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Week 7	Tues 14th June	School Photos
	Wed 15th/Thur 16th June	3 Way Learning Conferences
Week 10	Thur 7th July	Principal's Awards Assembly (10am)
	Fri 8th July	Term 2 ends (3pm)

Our learning focus for the term:

Our learning focus this term will be science based.

We will be learning about different materials, their properties and how they can be used.

We are having a Science Inquiry Launch Day on Thursday 5th May and would love to have parents/caregivers come and help if you are available. Please let your classroom teacher know.

Later in the term we will be having the 3 Way Learning Conferences, where we look forward to meeting you and talking about your child's learning and his/her goals.

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 post comments on your child's blog.

We look forward to a great term and meeting with all parents and caregivers later in the term..

Nga Mihi Koutou,

Sasha Kulik, Alice Prendergast, Alice Massey and Sara Melville (Year 4 Team Leader)

Useful information

<p><u>Uniforms:</u></p> <p>We ask for your support to help our students show pride in their Elm Park School uniform. Please ensure that your child is in the correct school uniform and that all items of clothing are clearly named. If your child is unable to wear the correct uniform, please send along a note to your class teacher and they will be issued a uniform pass until the issue can be rectified</p>	<p><u>Bike Skills:</u></p> <p>This term we have been fortunate to have the team from the Auckland Council come to teach our students bike skills. The programme runs for five sessions, and our students are learning about safety and riding skills .</p>	<p><u>Homework:</u></p> <p>In Year 4, we have reduced homework to the basics, as we understand that families have commitments outside of school time. The expectations are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 20 minutes reading per day • Athletics - aim to achieve a bronze certificate (should take approximately 30 minutes over the week) • Basic Facts - focus on quick recall for all addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts <p>These skills form the foundation of success in the senior school. Please support your child by ensuring that they are meeting these minimum expectations. If access to computers is a concern, students may use computers before school in their classrooms - please ask their teachers.</p>
<p><u>Library:</u></p> <p>Your child will visit the school library every week. Please ensure that the borrowed book is returned promptly, before the next visit to the library. We trust that the library books that are taken home will be looked after.</p>	<p><u>Being prepared for the day:</u></p> <p>It helps the children prepare for the day if they are in school before the 8.55 am bell. Children can come into rooms when the bell rings at 8.30am.</p>	

Keeping in contact

Contact with and from school

There are many ways we can contact you and you can contact the school. It is vital that school has your latest contact details in case of an emergency.

❖ Website

www.elmpark.school.nz

❖ Blog

<http://elmparkschool.blogspot.co.nz/>

❖ Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/ElmParkSchool/>

❖ Smartphone App

Our smartphone app by [Skoolbag](#) can be downloaded for free from iTunes & Google Play - just search for Elm Park School.

❖ Year 3 & 4 Deputy Principal - Belinda Johnston

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