

Year 4-6 Newsletter, Term 1 2020

Kia ora, malo e lelei, kia orana, fakalofa lahi atu, ni hao, bula vinaka, namaste, As-Salam-u-Alaikum.

Welcome back to a new year at Elm Park School.

We trust that you have had a relaxing break and have enjoyed the lovely summer weather!

The Year 4 classes for 2020 are as follows:

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| Room 12: Mrs Julie Prendergast | julie@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 13: Mrs Janet Fletcher | janet@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 14: Miss Jasmine Hannaby | jasmineh@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 15: Miss Jade Wyeth | jade@elpark.school.nz |
| Team Leader: Ms Rachael Versloot | rachael@elpark.school.nz |

The Year 5 classes for 2020 are as follows:

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| Room 19: Mrs Michelle Harmse | michelleh@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 20: Miss Nikita D'Souza | nikita@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 21: Miss Melanie Estella | melaniee@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 22: Ms Sara Melville (Team Leader) | sara@elpark.school.nz |
| Miss Jacqui Fisher (Thurs/Fri) | jacqui@elpark.school.nz |

The Year 6 classes for 2020 are as follows:

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| Room 23: Mr Paul Park | paul@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 24: Mrs Sharlet Naidoo (Team Leader) | sharlet@elpark.school.nz |
| Room 25: Mr Deline Samaka | deline@elpark.school.nz |

We are looking forward to an exciting year in the Year 4 - 6 Team.

Already our calendar is filling up with important dates.

Important dates this term:

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| Week 1 | Thurs 6 Feb | Waitangi Day (school is closed) |
| Week 3 | Mon 17 Feb Tues 18 Feb Thurs 20 Feb Friday 21 Feb | Rm 19/20 Te Tuhi Trip (Y5) Rm 21/22 Te Tuhi Trip (Y5) Kai & Korero Evening (Parents and Whanau) 5:15 pm Whole School Assembly - Presentation of badges to Councillors |
| Week 4 | Tues 25 Feb Fri 28 Feb | HPPA Softball Field Day House Jump Jam (bring House Colours to school) |

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| Week 8 | Fri 20 Mar | School House Event (bring House Colours to school) |
| Week 10 | Wed 8 Apr Thur 9 Apr | Principal's Awards Assembly 10am Last Day of Term 1 (ends 3pm) |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Our learning focus for the term:</p> <p><i>This term our Inquiry work is centred around Learning Focused Relationships and PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning). The students will be learning about how to get the most out of their learning - being confident enough to take risks, ask questions and keep trying even when it's difficult. They will learn about our values, the 3 R's - Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.</i></p> <p><i>The overarching Inquiry theme for 2020 is 'Achieving Our Personal Best'. It is the 2020 Tokyo Olympics this year and we are looking forward to using this platform to investigate how we can achieve our personal best in all that we do.</i></p> <p><i>As part of our PE programme for the term, the Year 5 and 6s will be having a weekly PE Rotation with on Thursday afternoons focusing on Fitness Skills. There are also Softball and Swimming Trials.</i></p> <p><i>e-Portfolios are an important part of your child's learning journey. These are works in progress by the students and the teachers. Your child's log-in and password remain the same as last year. In the next week your child will be beginning to contribute new work. Please take time to share and discuss this with your child.</i></p> <p><i>For your convenience, we can arrange for you to be emailed each time new work is uploaded. If you would like this set up, please contact either the office or your class teacher. We also encourage you to leave comments on the work that you view. The students love to receive your feedback. Student e-Portfolios can be accessed on the Class Pages via the school website. We recommend bookmarking this link for easy future access!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nga Mihi Koutou, The Senior Syndicate</i></p> | | |

| Useful information | | |
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| <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. All school sandals / shoes need to be plain BLACK. Please do not buy shoes with coloured soles and laces. Girls should wear their hair tied back with a black, blue or white hair tie.</p> <p>Please note that it is compulsory for all Year 4 - 6 students to wear the Elm Park School PE uniform for PE sessions, school sport events, interschool sports events etc. Please ensure that your child</p> | <p><u>BYOD</u></p> <p>A reminder that as part of the BYOD programme, students in Years 3 - 6 have the option to bring their own devices to school. This facility is available to support their learning. The device is restricted to Chromebooks only. More information can be found on this slideshow and in this booklet.</p> <p>Please contact Ms Melville for any clarifications with regards to the BYOD programme (sara@elmpark.school.nz).</p> | <p><u>Homework:</u></p> <p>The homework expectations in Year 4 - 6 are designed to reinforce current learning in the classroom. All work should be able to be completed by students independently. Completion of homework is the beginning of developing good study habits. It is a requirement that parents sign the homework book each week. This helps us to ensure that parents are kept up-to-date with what is being learnt in the classroom and how students are achieving.</p> <p>Homework should take approximately 30 minutes each night made up of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 minutes reading a |

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| has their PE gear for these events. Please note that hats are compulsory in Term 1. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> book or novel 5 minutes basic facts practice Learn spelling words and complete spelling activities over the course of the week Reading response - 1 written paragraph over the course of the week |
| <u>Food policy:</u> Students are not allowed to share any food or drink with others. Fizzy drinks, lollies / chocolates are not allowed in school. Elm Park School is a litter-free school. All lunch box rubbish will be sent home. Lunches can be ordered from the lunch room, either online or at the beginning of the day. | <u>Kai & Korero Evening</u> On Thursday 20th February we are inviting parents to a Kai & Korero Evening. Classrooms will be open from 5.15pm to 6.15pm so that families can drop in and meet the teachers. Following this we invite you to join us on the field for a picnic, games etc. We look forward to meeting you and sharing with you our plans for the year. | Students with incomplete homework will be required to complete it during free time on Fridays. |
| <u>Library:</u> 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. | | |

Keeping in contact

Lines of Communication

If you have any concerns or queries about any issue, please make an appointment to speak to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance **as soon as possible**. If you feel the issue still needs discussion please make an appointment to discuss your concerns with the Team Leader in your child's area (Y4 Ms Rachael Versloot, Y5 Ms Sara Melville Y6 Mrs Sharlet Naidoo). Further discussion, if required, proceeds to the Head of the Y4-6 Team, Mr Dave Borchers and if necessary, the Principal, Mrs Plowright. Confidentiality and correct lines of communication are of the utmost importance to us and we value your co-operation in using this communication channel.

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 [School Apps](#) can be downloaded for free from iTunes & Google Play - just search for Elm Park School.

❖ Year 4-6 Deputy Principal - Dave Borchers

dave@elmpark.school.nz or 09 577 0192