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Term 1#1

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Hi Everyone

We have had a lovely time being back at school together this week. It is always so nice to see everybody and to hear about holiday fun, and it is so cool to see how happy the kids all seem to be now that we are back at school! We have been looking at Chinese New Year to start the year off as our first two days of school coincided perfectly with the end of the Year of the Dog and the start of the Year of the Pig. We are now all well versed in the characteristics of the various animals in the Chinese Zodiac.



We are thrilled to have some new students with us to start 2019. Jennifer, Jasmine and Nicole have recently moved to Dunedin from Dalian in China and Emilie is from France and will be spending some time with us during Term One. We are learning lots of interesting things about China and France, around both language and culture.

Swimming-Starting Friday February 15th

We will be combining with St. Josephs this term for our swimming lessons, and we will also be doing our lessons on Friday afternoons, leaving at approximately 1pm. This will be a nice change and will also be a lovely way to end the week. I will text a reminder in the middle of next week about togs and transport.

Camp-Glenorchy March 4th- 8th (Week 5)

Camp is fast approaching which is very exciting. Plans are coming together and include an adventure on the Dart River Jet Boat and also doing the first part of the Routeburn track. We also plan to do some activities in and around Glenorchy. The accommodation is about 2kms before the township and is basically a small house, which has amenities and a couple of bunk rooms, meaning that most of us will be tenting so time to dust off our tents. It will be cool to see a tent city again like we had at school at the end of 2017 here on our grounds. I plan to have a brief meeting at the start of week 4 to fine tune food and transport arrangements. Please let me know if you are planning on coming for some or all of the camp and please ask if you have any queries.

Stationery and Donations

Stationery packs have been purchased and distributed to the children. These cost \$30 per pack. Donations will remain at \$90 for the year. These can be paid at the office or directly into our school account: **03 0905 0078080-00**

Dates for your Diary

ASK ANTO – Every Wednesday

School Camp – Glenorchy - Mon 4th - Fri 8th March

Otago Anniversary – Monday 25th March

End of Term Assembly – Thurs 11th April

End of Term – Friday 12th April

Kids Book Club- First Monday of the month 3.15pm Port Chalmers Library

Join us for book reviews & discussions, games, puzzles, art and nibbles!

For more details phone 472 7583

Term One Topic

Our topic for Term One is titled “Source to Sea”. This is designed to tie in with our work with John Fisher and the Halo Project. This exciting project will see us study and monitor a stream whose headwaters begin in a forested environment, are then intersected by various land uses and then exit into an estuary, ours being Purakaunui Inlet. We will be working alongside Waitati and Warrington Schools and a number of scientists and experts. We will no doubt learn a great deal about the fresh water quality and biodiversity of our local stream.

NOTICES

Looking forward to seeing our Little Papis again every Thursday morning!



ASK ANTO



AFTER SCHOOL KIDS CREATIVITY

Welcome back to ASK ANTO 2019

I'm really looking forward to ASK ANTO again this year, every Wednesday after school till 5.15pm, resuming on Wednesday 13th February. See you all there! Ph. 0210317369



Friday School lunches are resuming again tomorrow Friday 8th February, the cost is \$2.50 per child.

Tim Cook
Principal