

MIDDLE SYNDICATE



It's been a busy half year for the Middles!

Welcome back to term three and here is hoping that you had a great holiday and are ready for lots of fun and learning.

The Middle Syndicate has had a great half year so far, having been on a visit to Orakei Marae, on one of Auckland's sunniest winter days; taken part in the school Football Festival, organised superbly by Miss Whittington; celebrated the engagement of Mr Rattenbury to the lovely Becky; and generally had a fun time learning, working and playing together in our Middle School Syndicate throughout the never-ending curriculum areas.

This term we are focusing on 'Expressing Ourselves' and we will be exploring this through Pasifika and the arts and culture pertaining to the Pacific Islands. At the end of the term we will move onto understanding 'How

We Organise Ourselves' through an investigation into the Commonwealth Games.

Maths will continue to be taught with a strong focus on number, and this term there will be a minor focus on geometry and measurement.

Literacy will be integrated into our IBL programme, with an emphasis this term on narratives, recounts and improving the inferential understanding of texts through guided reading. We may be the largest syndicate in the school, but we are also very close-knit which provides the students and staff with a positive atmosphere where we all get to have a great time and all the teachers are looking forward to term three and the fun it will bring.

A special thank you to the wonderful teachers in the Middle School - they are

doing a spectacular job educating your children and contribute so much of themselves to the wider school community. I couldn't ask for a better team to be a part of.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the many parents who have supported and helped the Middle School whether it be in-class support, organising football uniforms, cooking up a storm for a class lunch or just general enthusiasm and kindness. We are incredibly fortunate to have such generous parents at VAS, thank you for all you do.

Hayley Gibson

Syndicate Leader Year 3/4



FRENCH LUNCH



MAORI STICK GAMES



YEAR 4 CAMP



ROOM 15

Room 15 - The Winners!

The highlight of the long Term 2 was Sportathon Week. Room 15 drew Brazil for our World Cup soccer country. We had an interesting and fun-filled week learning about Brazil and preparing for the soccer games.

Mrs Childs



ROOM 16

What a fantastically fun French time Room 16 had during Sportathon week! We learnt a little French, found out about some French buildings, made a French poster and flags and, most importantly ate a lot of yummy fantastic French food at our shared lunch - you've never seen french onion soup, croissants and pain au chocolat disappear so fast! Our football may not have been the most fantastic on the field but we worked well as a team, our cheerleaders sparkled and did some daring moves, the journalists took notes and the photographers clicked away! We had a fabulous time and realised that we don't have to win to have fun! Many thanks go to all those who helped us to have such a great time designing shirts, walking to Shore Rd, preparing food etc. We look forward to doing it again one day!

Mrs Coleman



ROOM 17

MEXICO, MEXICO, MEXICO - PERFECTO!!!!

Well we may not have won more than one match, but what we lacked for in football talent we more than compensated for in abundant enthusiasm and musical madness! It was a delight to have all of the children have their own role in the football festival, and to have the Mexican Lunch celebration capped off the amazing week. Thanks especially to Nicky, Pip, Marion and Victoria - you are all wonderful!

Miss Gibson



ROOM 18

Uruguay! Uruguay!

Room 18's chants were heard all down Dragon Drive as we kicked off the V.A.S Football Festival with our very own Opening Ceremony. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm of all the children, and how patriotic they were to our adopted country, Uruguay! Thank you to all the lovely parents who helped to make this such a fun and successful event, and to all the children for their passion and excitement. :)

Miss Manu



ROOM 19

LET'S GO CHILE, LET'S GO!!!

*We were thrilled to be the winners of the Year 4 soccer tournament! Everyone enjoyed being involved in different ways and we also had fun learning a little Spanish...my favourite was being asked how to say "the old granddad likes to eat cheese" (un abuelo viejo le gusta comer queso)! It has been good to see many students from Room 19 show an interest in the World Cup matches and an interest in other cultures. A BIG thanks to all the parents who participated and helped to make it possible - we appreciate you.
Mr Rattenbury*



ROOM 20

Room 20 had a very busy and enjoyable Term 2!!! We loved preparing and putting together a frog assembly item (especially because we are a little bit frog crazy this year in our art and poetry). ... And then who can forget the amazing sportathon which we took part in representing South Africa. It was such a fun week making flags and costumes, the opening ceremony and of course the big match which we loved taking part in. All in all an exciting term. Bring on Term 3!!!

Mrs Rolleston



ROOM 21

WE WERE THE PROUD SUPPORTERS OF OUR VERY OWN ALL WHITES! THE HIGHLIGHT WAS THE STRONG COMPETITIVE ATTITUDE OF OUR TEAM WITH A NAIL BITING FINAL WHICH IN TRUE WORLD CUP STYLE EVEN WENT INTO OVERTIME. AT FIRST WE WERE DISAPPOINTED TO NOT WIN BUT THIS WAS SOON FORGOTTEN AS WE WERE VERY PROUD OF THE WHOLE CLASS INCLUDING ALL OUR SUPPORTERS CHEERING FROM THE SIDELINES! IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE ALL THE KIDS WORKING TOGETHER WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AS WE PREPARED AND PERFORMED OUR ALL WHITE ASSEMBLY ITEM TO CONCLUDE THE ACTION PACKED WEEK. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HELPED US OUT WITH THE EVENT!

MISSFREDRICKSON