

## Middle Years – Term 2 Week 1 2021

Kia Ora Golflands Campus Middle Years Whānau,

Term 2 is well underway. Thank you for bringing your children back to us. I look forward to a productive learning term with many well-planned upcoming events. As I write this, I have just received an update on the impacting time our students have had on the Duke of Edinburgh, **Pinnacle's tramp**. The weight of some of those backpacks was more than 20kgs! Middle Years newsletter are now published fortnightly. With so much good news it's always a challenge to select what to publish.

The two new multipurpose hoops have been a wonderful new addition to **our recreation spaces**. It is so good to see our students making the most of the options they have at lunchtime each day.



Figure 1 New basketball hoops

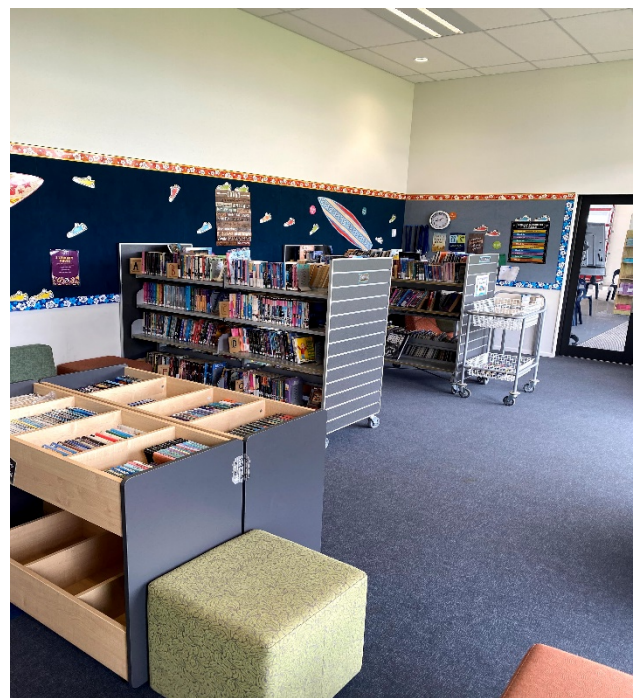


Figure 2 Reading Hub

Our small **reading hub** caters for those who enjoy some withdrawal reading space and I appreciate the parents who generously give of their valuable time to help with supervision at lunchtimes. Without volunteers we simply would not be able to do half of what we do.

Mrs. Kerry Ackerman continues to guide and develop an extremely talented group of **music** and **worship** teams. Along with our enthusiastic **worship leaders**, Mr Nathan Bird and Mr Angus Grainger help our students usher their peers into the presence of the Lord during **Friday worship assembly**. This is what makes our school distinctive and special.



Figure 3 Performing arts



Figure 4 Worship assembly

Mr. Rob Thomas addressed all the year 10 students on the causes and reasons for war. Do your children discuss the **Social Studies topics** with you? They are encouraged to kōrero with you at home?



Figure 5 Mr. Rob Thomas

## Staff news

Mrs. Suzi Morris who left us at the end of term 1 announced the safe arrival of her baby daughter Thea Grace on the 5th May. Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of baby Morris.

Welcome to **Mrs. Sarah Fritschi** to our teaching teams for the remainder of the year.



*Figure 6 Luca Bland - Tennis, Image provided*

Congratulations to **Luca Bland** who represented Auckland in the holidays in the National tennis team events in the U12 age-group and won the tournament. Well done, Luca we are proud of your commitment and achievements.



*Figure 7 Technology engagement in Mahi Tahi block*



Figure 8 Art Competition finalists

At the end of last term our Middle Years student leaders ran an **Easter Art competition**. The winners were: **Sarang Kang** in the Year 9 and 10 entry and **Elpis Hui** in the Year 7 and 8 entry. All the winning entries and finalists were displayed in our Easter Mural. Congratulations to all students who entered.

Can I encourage and challenge you with **Jeremiah 33v3**: Call on the Sovereign Lord and ask of Him to show you great and unsearchable things you do not yet know.

By now you all have been signed up to **Schoology**. This is essential as we prepare for our Student Led Conferences on either the 9th or the 14th of June.

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