



WELCOME TO THE SENIOR
SYNDICATE!

BLOG

The Senior Syndicate Blog is up and running

<https://sites.google.com/houghton.school.nz/senior2019/class-blogs>

We will be adding to this regularly throughout the term.

OUR PLACE

We are kaitiaki.

We have a sense of belonging.

We are lucky to live in a special place and we look after it.

OUR PEOPLE

We manaaki each other.

We are kind and think of others.

Everyone feels safe and looked after.

Our Vision

**Caring, Exploring and
Inspiring
Together**

COURAGE and ADVENTURE

We learn and explore in our unique environment.

We try the hard things, not just the easy things, and we help others.

We are brave and speak up.

We have fun!

INCLUSION and DIVERSITY

We learn from other people and places.

We are all different and feel good about who we are.

EXPECTATIONS

As a syndicate, we will be working to support our students so that they are demonstrating good skills in the following areas:

- Independence
- Self management
- Behaviour
- Haewai values
- Key competencies (Thinking, relating to others, using language symbols and text, participating and contributing, managing self)

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to take on leadership opportunities in the following areas:

- Fitness leaders
- Wet-day monitors
- Paper Recycling
- P.E. shed monitors
- Bell monitors
- Peer mediators
- Library monitors
- Recycling monitors

Students in Year 6 have the opportunity to be road patrol monitors

	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5	W6	W7	W8	W9	W10
Inquiry - Kaitiaki	Te Tiriti O Waitangi		Social Studies: Leadership and Kaitiakitanga							
Enrichment Rotations	Murals (Room 9) Sports (Room 4) Drama (Room 10)									
Reading	Developing fluency, comprehension and reading strategies with a range of texts linked to writing and/or inquiry focus									
Writing	Recounts/Retelling		Letter Writing				Factual Report Writing			
Speaking, Listening, Viewing and Presenting	Opportunities to contribute to class and group discussions Sharing homework challenges with the class Collaborative tasks									
Mathematics	Statistics			Addition and Subtraction Strategies						
Te Reo Māori	Revision of previous learning Pepeha/Mihi									
The Arts	Self-Portraits and collaborative art Kapa Haka									
PE/Health	Daily Fitness Life Education Bike Safety and Maintenance									

DIGITAL AGREEMENT

We are currently finalising a digital agreement to be used across the school.

The aim is to ensure expectations and ICT use is consistent across the school, and to keep students safe as they work online. We will not be using chromebooks or devices until this is formalised.

HOME LEARNING

Home learning will begin at the end of this week. It will go home on a Friday and be returned to school the following Thursday. There will be three main components.

- Daily reading (reading log)
- A writing task - can be done individually or with a parent/sibling/other helper
- Homework challenges

Homework challenges - 8 per year, aim to include what students are already doing and give them opportunities to share interests and strengths with their class/peers.

GETTING IN TOUCH

Please feel free to email us or come in before or after school. We are generally unable to respond to emails in school hours (9am-3pm), however you can call Denise if you have an urgent message.

If you would like to set up a meeting with us, please let us know so we can arrange a time that works.

We will be available after this presentation to say hello, so please feel free to come and introduce yourself to us.