

Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Dear Parents,

**Community Consultation: Goal Setting**

A big thank you to all our families who attended Goal Setting. As I have said before it is only in partnership that we can get the best learning outcomes for your child. Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on the learning goals. Keep your child's goals fresh in mind as the year goes by and ask your son/daughter how they are going. If they see these goals as important to you they will want to learn and try harder. This year we achieved a turnout of 76% which is on par with other years. Well done whanau!

Over the last few weeks I have shared with you our Collegiate 2016 Maths and Attendance targets. Today I would like to share the last big target we had which is Literacy, and again we have done well.

**Literacy Targets:**

- 85% of our Target students are At and Above National Stds
- Māori 75% At & Above Nat Stds
- Pasifica 89% At & Above Nat Stds

This is a good result but we want better so in 2017 we plan to look at expanding pupils vocabulary with a Collegiate wide focus on essential vocabulary (word lists), and further work on expanding Collegiate writing pathways. For example report writing is far different from expressive writing and a story about going to the beach. We also need your help too! If your child comes home with

practice work to look at vocabulary or reading just spend a few minutes with them and hear their reading/spelling. If you can also build into your week a regular visit to the library that would be great and if you can develop a bed time story routine that is even better. Just five to ten minutes a day will help develop in your child a love of books.

**Project WY**

My congratulations to all those whanau who have taken up this fitness and family challenge. The programme is also designed as a joint initiative between Junior and Middle School to look at enhancing Leadership opportunities for our tamariki. Such a great way to bond with your tamariki and have fun. (In the photo, is Mr Amerika and his son Noah in training. Mr Amerika is also a Member of B.O.T)



**Health and Wellbeing: Touch**

Well our teams have been practicing hard and we are getting better and better. The zone competitions are on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at Bruce Pulman Park. I hope you are able to come along and support your son or daughter.



**White water rafting**

As I mentioned last time thanks to sponsorship from the Find your Field of Dreams



Foundation our Senior Syndicate are going White Water Rafting at the Vector Wero White Water Park on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Again this is a fully funded programme which gives our tamariki another amazing learning opportunity. Permission letters with full details have been sent home.

**Eye on Nature**

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March Room 5 will be going to visit the Eye on Nature event where they are studying the environment and how we can look after our beautiful planet. Permission slips will be sent home to those involved.



After the school days Eye on Nature culminates in a free Family Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Open to all Aucklanders, the Family Day will present a myriad of events and activities to entertain and educate young minds.

**Duffy Assembly**

Next Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am we will be holding our Duffy assembly where we will be celebrating all the good work of the term and how cool it is to read and achieve. If you are free I hope you can come and join us.

**Playgroup**

As always for family support and developmental play, remember to see Ms Mafi and join our Playgroup. Research shows that the greatest learning occurs in a child before the age of five, and it's so true - a young child takes on crawling, walking, running, hand eye co-ordination, language, a sense of love and belonging are all massive new learning for a pre-schooler. At the Playgroup this learning can be further accelerated through developmental play with the support and guidance from our co-ordinator Ms Mafi - well worth a look.



**ERO**

As part of our normal review cycle the Collegiate will be having our next Education Review on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. These reviews can be helpful as part of our own self review process.

**Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are: Hakurina Te Pania Edmonds and Shelby Ngamu, both from Rm10 for being student leaders who are role models to others in our kura. Our congratulations to both these hard working pupils.

Yours truly,  
**John Shearer**  
**Principal**

Return Slip (Return this slip and go in the draw for a book prize!)  
I have received the newsletter & I have read it.  
Signed.....