

Thursday 10 March 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

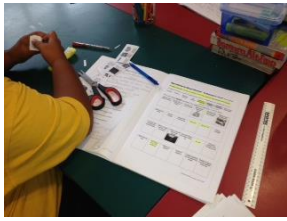
**Community Consultation**

Last time I shared with you our school wide targets – that's what we will do as a whole school to lift educational achievement. However we also need to look at the next step goals for your child on an individual basis.

Goal setting notices have been sent home and if you can put in the day and time that suits you best and then return it to school we will do our best to fit in with your request. Goal setting nights are on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

**Literacy week**

Thank you to all the parents who came in and joined us for our Literacy night and took part in our Literacy week activities to celebrate reading and just have fun with their child. I've included a few photos that captured the highlights and some of the book characters who looked absolutely great. A big thank you to all our staff who made this so much fun for our tamariki. **Miss Mouse and Elmo give Ms Peyroux a hug.**



**A Maori Warrior and A witch on a broom!**



**There were Frozen princesses and Green eggs and ham** (I don't think anyone wanted to make and eat Green eggs.)

**Secondary School Polyfest 2016**



**Tongan war dance**

I am always impressed at the polish and effort that our Senior School puts into Polyfest. Our pupils have worked amazingly hard with practice after practice. Regardless of how they place in this year's competition I would like to congratulate these young men and women. In my mind they are winners already.



**Park safely and keep our kids safe**

This term our school is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this term and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally.

**The agreed approach is zero tolerance'** – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety

offence. Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.

**Health and Wellbeing: Cricket**

Well after some exciting games our boys came in 7<sup>th</sup> and our girls' team came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in their zone competition. Our thanks particularly for this go to Ms Itere and her coaching team who are out on the fields practicing with our tamariki every day. Our pupils had a brilliant day.



**The Flag referendum**



At the moment our country is deciding to either keep our current flag or change to a new one. To my mind it's perhaps not the best way to spend over \$20,000,000. Still it is something we all now need to consider and to vote on. I hope over the coming weeks you do post off your vote; the most important thing is to have your say. At school our pupils are holding their own flag referendum. Once they have explored all the options they will have their chance to vote and we will see what your children think we should do. I'll keep you posted on the results.

**BOT Elections June**

This year we will be holding our Triennial Board Elections in June which is still a little way off. However its certainly time to consider if you think you would like to stand as Board member and support our school. More details to follow

**ASB Banking**

While money is not everything it sure helps to pay the bills and put food on the table. Pupils need to learn the message that money is hard to earn and you need to save for your future. It's a habit that starts early and at the Collegiate your child has the opportunity to have weekly banking with the ASB. Building a saving habit is something I hope you will support your child to do. (Enrollment forms are available from Ms Wilson in the school office.)



**Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are: - Kristal Smith for showing Whanaungatanga, helping others and taking on extra jobs. She can be relied on to complete learning and go the extra mile. Nikos Kaleta was chosen for excellence and leadership; chosen by his class to negotiate our Poroporo Ti Tiriti and a learner who leads by example. 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.....



**Below The cat in the hat and The bug that went boing!**

