

Thursday 24 March 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



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. Well done whanau!

Maori Hui

This is some advance notice that on Tuesday 5th April at 5pm we will be holding our next Maori consultation meeting in the whare where we continued our korero. Hope to see you there.



Attendance

There is an expression that goes 'Being there counts' If you have every been at tangi/funeral for a loved one or the birth of a baby or saying goodbye to someone who is going overseas you know what it means. Being there counts, it connects you to the person, the family, the moment and new learning. One of the greatest regrets we can have in life is to say 'Oh I wish I had been there.' It's the same with school. Research states that if you aren't at school its likely you are not going to have a successful life. Your job opportunities shrink if you haven't got NCEA level II. Again research says you get these qualifications by being at school at least 95% of the time or nearly every day. Some of our little ones have already got the message and our top class with 96% attendance is Room 3. Our congratulations to some pretty eager Year one learners!

Immigration – kids can come to school

Families have told me that when you first arrive in New Zealand there is a lot of paper work to do to become a citizen. This process can take a long time, weeks or even months. Our New Zealand Ministry of Education though has an agreement with New Zealand Immigration that regardless of your citizenship status, while everything is being sorted out your child can attend school. So please if you know families who are going through the process of settling in New Zealand, let them know that their kids don't have to stay at home and learn nothing. Their children can come to school while citizenship papers are being sorted out.

Health and Wellbeing: Touch Rugby

Well not to rest on their laurels from the cricket, the next summer/autumn sport we have is Touch Rugby which is being held on Friday 1st April at Bruce Pulman Park. Notices will



be sent home shortly to those involved and again I hope you are able to come along and support your son or daughter.

The Arts: Easter Egg colouring in competition

I read somewhere that one of most popular adult books being sold at the moment is colouring in books. It seems that this child pastime is still a favorite for adults too. Earlier this week our Student librarians ran an Easter Egg competition and we had some amazing colourful creations. Taiko and Logotino were very excited to organise the Collegiate wide colouring competition. There were a huge number of entries. Taiko and Logotino with the help of Ben Sula judged the competition this afternoon and the winners for the Easter treat are:

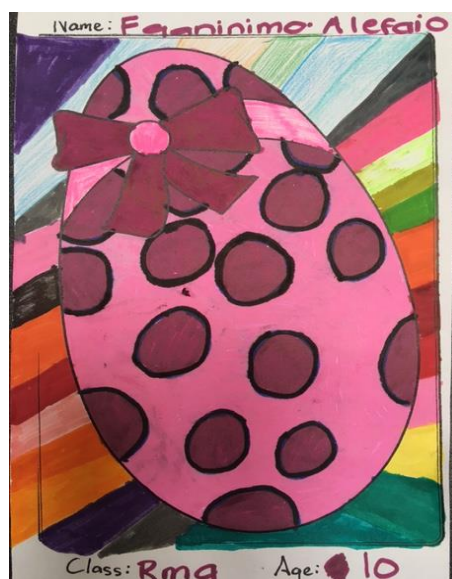
- Hakurina Te Pania Edmonds Rm 5 Jnr
Leilani Taufetee Williams Rm 17 Jnr
Faaninimo Alefaio Rm 9 Jnr
Kalani Mehau Rm 6 Jnr
Daniel Polovili Rm 10 Jnr
Hilita Alatini Rm 3 Jnr

- Easter Etuale MR2
Jane Vaoa MR12

- Zion Petone 9AUAR
Kayla-Maree Shepherd 9CDSP



Our congratulations to all our winners.



Faaninimo's egg, pretty in pink!

Age 10

Did you know that the Easter egg is used as a sign of new life for Christians? (They are also a great treat to eat!)



Love Kalani's swirls. Reminds me a bit of Jupiter

Age 7



Leilani Age:8

and these striking patterns are very effective too

The Flag referendum

Well our tamariki voted last week and they voted to keep the New Zealand flag the way it is.

New Flag: 115 votes

Current NZ flag: 177 votes

The comments from our children were also interesting; they saw changing the flag as disrespectful, what a waste of money. Others said they would like a new flag but said they did not like the design. Sounds like our next generation of voting citizens are already thinking about what they want for our country for tomorrow. The main thing though for us to do is have your say and vote.



Have a happy and healthy Easter break! From the Mana Kidz health team

A sore throat needs to be checked every time, so during the Easter break remember to go to your family doctor or nearest after-hours clinic for anyone who has a sore throat. If your child has been given antibiotics please remember to send or take them with them if they are going away.

Call the Healthline on 0800 611 116 for 24hour advice on where to get your child's sore throat checked for free.

Duffy Assembly

On Thursday 31st 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.

ASB Polyfest

Congratulations to all Senior School students that participated in the ASB Polyfest last weekend. Thank you to the family and friends for their continuous support! Ka mau te wehi!



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Gase Alaivaa and Vivian Satui in Room 9 for showing huge improvements in their work. Our congratulations to both these hard working pupils.

Easter Break

This Thursday the Junior School will close at 2.45pm for the Easter break. This will be the first time for many years that we have had Easter so early and separated from the pupils' end of term break so please remember schools are closed for Monday and Tuesday of next week. The Junior School will re-open on Wednesday 30th March at 8.45am



End of term dates

Just some advanced notice that Term I will be finishing on Friday 15th April at 2.45pm. School will recommence for Term II on Monday 2nd May at 8.45am.

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.....

