

Thursday 25 February 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Community Consultation Maori and Pasifika Hui

A big thank you to everyone who came along and took part in last week's Maori and Pasifika hui looking at the results from 2015, and how we can work in partnership with the whanau in 2016. As I have said before it is only with your support that we can do so well.

Each year the Junior School sets targets and from 2015 the Junior School achieved the following:-

2015

Year 1 & 2 Attendance.

We improved pupil attendance rates to 89% and in partnership with parents we had better information about children being away sick etc.

Year 4 Writing Target

83% of targeted students achieved AT or Above Standard by the end of 2015.

Year 6 Writing Target

82% of targeted students achieved AT or Above Standard by the end of 2015.

Inclusion Target (Everyone takes a full part in the life of school) Nearly 100% of pupils and their families felt supported and had a sense of belonging/whanau to our school community 2015.

These are a very positive results and one that we can all be proud of and I am grateful for the wonderful support from families/whanau in making this all happen. By working together we can achieve great things for our tamariki.

Collegiate Goals 2016

From reviewing last year's school data and from discussions with our community and the Board we are thinking of putting a special focus on the following key areas in 2016

- Mathematics Yr4 and Yr6
- Writing Yr2-Yr4
- Maori attendance to accelerate beyond 90%

Although the year groups will be different as we go up through the Collegiate these targets will be the same for all schools.

Literacy night

If you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2 you are invited to come along to our Junior School literacy night which is being held on Monday 29th February at 5pm-6pm in the orange pod. If you would like to know how to help your child with reading and writing please feel free to come along and join us. There will be a free raffle and free resources to take home at the end of the meeting. (Maybe even a biscuit or two...) Hope to see you there.



Enrolments 2016

Just another reminder if you have a child who is about to turn 5 years old it is certainly time that you come and see us. Enrolment forms are available at the school office; just ask for Ms Wilson who will be more than pleased to help. As an additional support to start your child off on the right foot we are offering Free stationery for all Year One pupils in 2015 and uniform vouchers to the value of \$100. Hopefully this should make it a really easy and a zero start-up cost for your child as they begin their learning pathway at the Collegiate.

Sistema



Our Sistema music lessons started this week and this year they are being held in school with the intention of making it as easy as possible for your child to learn an orchestral instrument. In the photo above the tutors are working in the music room with one of our orchestra groups.

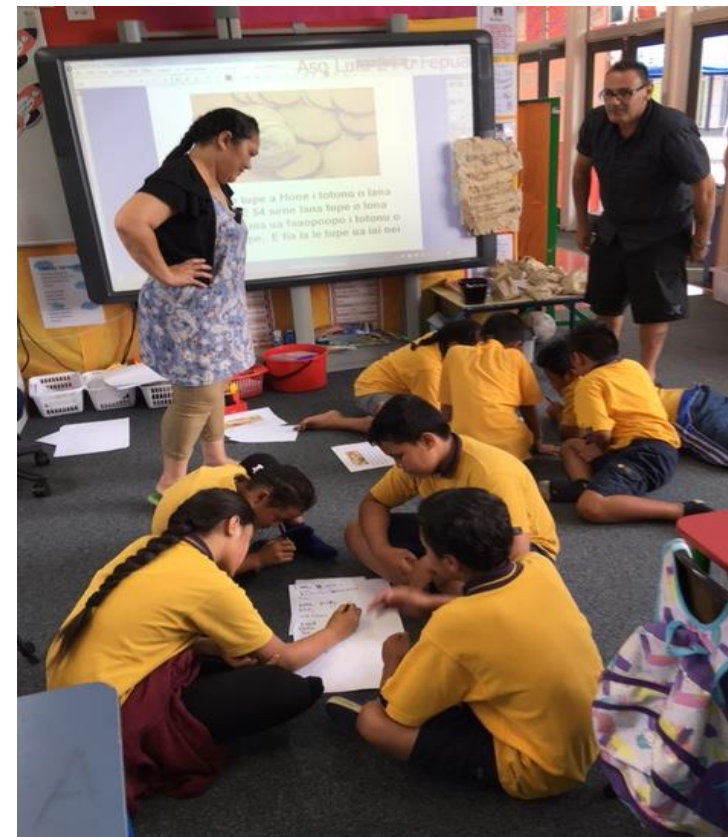
Maths

As I mentioned earlier in the 2016 targets maths is one of our major learning focuses this year. What is so interesting about maths today is that the child's thinking behind the answer is more fully explored.

In the old days you were given a way to solve a problem and you just did it.



(Pupils in their thinking groups)



Sometimes though there was no understanding about why you did something, it was just by rote (memorised) learning. The challenge today is to get the pupils to explain how they got the answer and by explaining it, it secures their thinking and improves their understanding.

Free Health checks at School

A reminder that we have free health checks in schools. If you have a concern about your child's health please feel free to come in and make a referral. This health check can be so good for your child and the service is free.



Museum EOTC Senior Syndicate



As part of the Senior Syndicate study on the Treaty of Waitangi pupils from Rooms 5, 18, 7, 8, 9 will be going to the Auckland Museum next week. A letter with full details will be sent home to those involved.

Gilbert Road murals



Our talented Senior and Middle School pupils have been working on a beautification programme painting murals for the Gilbert Road shops. My favourite is the portrait of Jonah Lomu. Our congratulations to all our talented artists.



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Julius Alatini, Rm3 for working hard and always coming up with great ideas and Jordana Ugapo, Rm3 for listening carefully and getting on with her work. 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 .....

*Kia Ora*

*Talofa Lava*

*Kia Orana*

*Kalimera*

*Namaste*

*Fakalofa lahi atu*

*Noa'ia*

*Bula Vinaka*

*Malo e lelei*

*Hola*

*Ni Hao*

*Bonjour*