

Wednesday 8 March 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Maori Hui

Tonight at 5pm we will be holding another hui in the whare to discuss and celebrate the achievements of 2016 and where to next. Hope to see you all there.



Community Consultation

Last time I shared with you our attendance target and how well we did. (Remember having your tamariki at school every day helps their learning go like a rocket!) This week I'd like to share with you our mathematics results.

2016 Maths Targets for Yr 4 & 6

- 84% Math Target at or above NS
- 95% of Year 6 Targets are At or Above
- 69% of Year 4 Targets are AT or Above
- None at Well below

This is a tremendous outcome and is a result of whanau, school and your child working together to get the best learning outcomes possible. More work is planned, further professional development with inquiry foci, small group teaching, developing pupils' knowledge and maths strategies but we need your help too!

Here are a few tips to help your child's learning in maths.

- preparing and sharing out food – "two for me and two for you". Ask, "How many for each of us?"
- talking about time – "lunchtime", "storytime", "bedtime"
- using words in everyday play like "under", "over", "between", "around",

"behind", "up", "down", "heavy", "light", "round", "circle", "yesterday", "tomorrow". You can get library books with these words and ideas in them too

- asking questions like "How many apples do we need for lunches? What do you think the weather is going to be like today/tomorrow? What are we going to do next?"
- find numbers around your home and neighbourhood – clocks, letterboxes, speed signs
- count forwards and backwards (clocks, fingers and toes, letterboxes, action rhymes, signs)
- make patterns when counting "clap 1, stamp 2, clap 3, stamp 4, clap 5..."
- do sums using objects such as stones or marbles e.g. 2 + 3, 4 + 1, 5 + 4
- and for older pupils, basic addition and multiplication tables are still key building blocks that they need

Use lots of mathematics words as your child is playing to develop their understanding of early mathematics (e.g. "over", "under", "first, second, third", "round", "through", "before", "after"). Use the language that works best for you and your child.

Goal setting: Looking ahead 2017

We also need to look at the next step/goals for your child on an individual basis. Goal setting nights are on **Tuesday 14th March and Wednesday 15th March**. We have tried to give you the meeting time you wanted for you and your child to meet with their teacher as best we can and we are looking forward to seeing you all there. Please remember that on **Wednesday 15th school will finish at 1pm** to

accommodate interviews so you will need to make arrangements for picking up or minding your tamariki a little earlier on that day.

The Arts



Thanks to our partnership with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra and Sistema on Thursday 23rd March

our Senior Syndicate are going to the Matinee dance performance of 'When Two Rivers Collide'- (and it's all for free!) What a wonderful opportunity. It's going to be a visual and auditory extravaganza with western, eastern and Maori music traditions fusing to create a soundscape! A permission letter with full details will be sent home shortly.

Health and Well being



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 3rd April. Again this is a fully funded programme which gives our tamariki another amazing learning opportunity. Permission letters with full details will be sent home shortly

Museum EOTC

One of our Nation's founding documents is the Treaty of Waitangi. To explore some of its history surrounding this key agreement between Maori and European settlers our Senior Syndicate tamariki will be going to the museum in two groups this Thursday and Friday. *Permission notes have already been sent home to those involved.*

Happy Birthday to our Barnardos early childhood centre

Believe it or not, this Thursday Barnardos turns 7 years old. I was part of the establishment committee that helped get the centre here and it has been a pleasure to see so many of our tamariki come through here, our Playgroup and then do so well at school. Happy birthday to Pravina Ram (head teacher) and all her team and our families who use this marvellous facility.

Education review office

Later this month we are looking forward to the Education Review Office visiting the Collegiate as part of their normal cycles of review. We hope to share with them our journey so far and to see some of the good things that are happening. I will keep you informed of this closer to the time.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Adon Wolfgramm in Rm15 for always giving 100% and encouraging others to do the same. Also Harlaquin Vaela'a-George in Rm1 for showing dedication in her learning all the time and never giving up. 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