

Wednesday 15 June 2016  
Dear Parents/Caregivers,



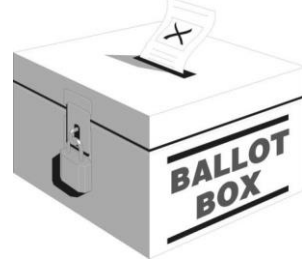
**Bereavement: Mr Dorian Caudy**

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mr Caudy a teacher in the Senior School passed away on Sunday after a short illness. Mr Caudy will be remembered as an enthusiastic teacher, keen on computers and technology and a passionate supporter of Welsh rugby (He was born in Wales). I will miss Dorian and the chance to tell him how well the Welsh team did against the All Blacks. As I know you will please keep Mr Caudy's family in your thoughts and prayers as they come to terms with his loss. Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and let perpetually light shine on him. May he rest in peace.



**2016 BOT election results**

One of the fundamental rights we have in NZ is the right to vote, and that should never be taken for granted. In so many countries around the world many people do not have that freedom and they live under often brutal governments that they cannot change. So voting is important and to all the parents who voted thank you for supporting us and upholding this right. **Tomorrow (Thursday) the results of the Board of Trustees election will be published in the Manukau Courier** and our new Board will be set in place for the next three years. To all our candidates who stood win or lose thank you for standing and offering to help.



**Samoan Language week & Independence Day**



**Talofa!** (Hello) Again our congratulations to all our Samoan fanau on their Independence Day. It was an amazing sight to see all our children with the

banners, colorful attire & salute the flag on their march past. Malo lava!

**Matariki**



Our celebration of the Maori New Year continues this week with some shared activities using tuakana tenia principles (older students teaching younger ones) and on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a combined Junior/Middle school assembly at 9.30am in the Senior School hall.** At the assembly we will have some items and art to finish with and a shared kai between the buddy classes. Please feel free to join us if you can.



**Health and wellbeing- Rugby league**

Yesterday our teams took part in their zone rugby league tournament at Ngati Otara Park. The results were:  
Girls placed 1<sup>st</sup>  
Under 45s boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Over 45s boys placed 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Congratulations to all our teams.

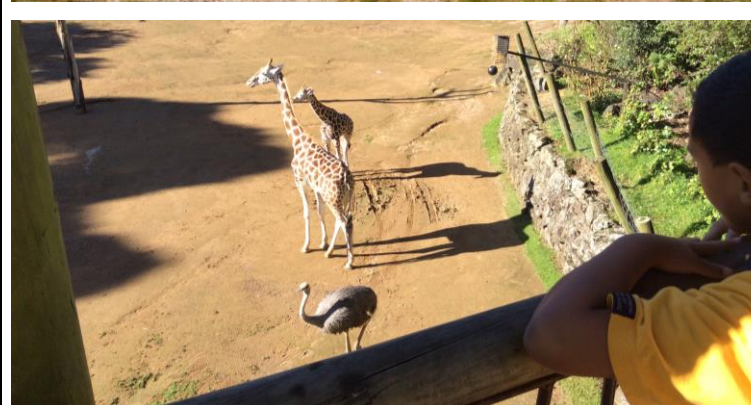
**Education Outside The Classroom: Zoo trip**

What amazing adaptations animals have made to adapt to their natural world. Our tamariki had a wonderful learning experience on their zoo trip and we owe a big thank you to Ms Afeaki and her team

of teachers and helpers who made the whole thing run so smoothly.

**Amazing animal facts:-Zoo trip**

It astonishes me how well animals adapt to their different environments. Did you know that an **ostrich** is a flightless bird and can run up to 70km per hour and in a single stride can cover up to 5metres! The ostrich lays giant eggs, the largest of any kind of living bird. And if threatened ostriches do not put their head in the sand but will try and hide or use their powerful legs to kick at their attacker.



The **giraffe** is the tallest mammal in the world and with their long necks and blue tongues (tongues can grow up to 45 cm long – that's nearly half a metre.) they can reach the tallest trees to get the tastiest leaves at the top of the tree canopy.

**Duffy Books**

A week or two ago Mr Makani and I met with Ms Jacqui Knight who is the regional co-ordinator for the Duffy book programme. We discussed how the programme is

going and some of the benefits that both school aged and pre-school aged children get from reading.

**Forge stronger bonds.** As your baby begins to grow older and move around, setting aside time for reading gives you both a time have fun and to form stronger bonds.



**Better performance at school.** According to numerous studies children who are exposed to reading at an early age perform better in school. Having a mastery of reading paves the way for success in various subjects including maths and science.

As the Duffy slogan goes its cool to read and achieve. Can I also acknowledge here the support too from Goodman Property who have been our sponsors for many years. One of Goodman's major commercial hubs is Highbrook which is literally right next to us. Our school was even a part of the opening celebrations a few years ago. Today thanks to this Goodman development around 5000 people are employed here and this is expected to grow to around 10,000 when fully finished. I mention this too as these developments could have possibly hold the future jobs/careers for our tamariki of today and also to let you know that Goodman has been a strong supporter of our school. They have literally donated thousands of dollars for books to us and we are most grateful.

**Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are: Viancelinda Alapae-Satui from Rm14 for making great progress in her spelling. Also Ringo Baice from Rm14 for working hard to improve his reading. 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.....

