

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



2016 BOT elections

Have you remembered to NOMINATE? NOMINATIONS CLOSE 12pm Friday 20 May 2016. Please send any completed nomination forms with your child to the main reception. No late nominations will be accepted.

If you have moved house or changed phone numbers please let Ms Wilson our school secretary know. (This information will be kept strictly confidential)



Mother's day winner



Again though it seems such a long time ago congratulations to all our mums for Mother's Day. The winner of our Junior School Mother's Day competition was Liam and he took home the prize to his delighted mum. I hope you were all able to put your feet up.



Choir and Mufti day

Thanks to your generosity we raised \$240.00 to support our choir. The money goes towards paying for the buses when our pupils go for practices and the first massed choir was just held yesterday. Getting exciting.

Travel wise

At the moment we are having a big push on road safety and yesterday and today we have put out a big banner with the road safety message.

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our kids safe

Keep our children safe ... and park safe.

Please play your part by:

- Always observing the parking restrictions near the school.
Always use the school patrolled crossings and to cross.
Choosing safety over convenience at all times.
Walk with your child and if they are little hold their hand.



Safe Biking



A few years ago I spoke to a Police Education Officer about children and biking on the road. He was of the opinion that children under the age of 12 years old do not have the maturity of thought and the ability to judge things like distances and the speed of an on-coming car and how quickly it is coming towards you. Bikes can be a lot of fun, but I tend to agree

with the Police Officer's view. I also think today's roads are just busy all the time. If your child likes to ride a bike I think that's great but in my opinion it really has to be a quiet back street or a park.

Reading



My congratulations to Room 9 who have picked up a cool reading habit. After a hard lunch time of running around they settle down to 15mins of quiet reading with a refreshing milk. A

very nice way to chill down after lunch!

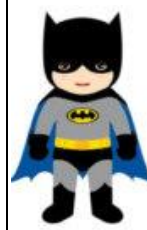


...for more reading fun, ask your child if they have joined the Library's Super Reading Challenge!

Super Reading Challenge

Complete all six reading challenges to collect all six super powers. Record the books you read. You need to collect all 6 super powers to receive a prize.

Challenge finishes week 9 of Term 3.



Detective Skills: Read a Mystery story. Tell Mrs Lilley who committed the crime.



Ability to fly: Try a book to make you laugh.



Super Speed: To complete this challenge you need to read books in the Sprint series. One for every year you have been at school.



Vertical Climbing: Choose a book where someone overcomes a challenge. The challenge can be anything that the character struggles to succeed.



Super strength: Knowledge is strength. Read a non-fiction book. Can you surprise Mrs Lilley with an interesting fact?

Hockey

Our pupils have been practicing hard and have done some intensive training and are ready for their big hockey tournament which is being held at the Papatoetoe Sports Centre this Friday 20th May. We wish all our teams and their coaches the very best. Please feel free to come along to the grounds and support your son or daughter. Should be a great event.



Health and Safety

Recently we had a child at school who mistook medicine for lollies. The concern was that if the child had taken all that adult medicine it could have been very serious. The child is a bright young pupil and you would have thought he understood the difference, but the child didn't. Thankfully it turned out alright it was a serious worry.

Can your child tell the difference between medicines and lollies?



What about a soft drink and radiator fluid?



Are you sure?

Here are a few tips about keeping your child safe

Keep all chemicals and medicines out of sight and reach of children, preferably locked away.

Store all chemicals and medicines separately from food.

Put any chemicals or medicines straight back in their place of storage after use.

- A significant proportion of childhood poisonings occur when chemicals or medicines have been left out after use.
Dispose of chemicals and medicines that are no longer used.
Child resistant caps are not child proof.
Keep medications out of reach of children, even if they have child resistant packaging.

Young children can be good climbers, and often surprise their parents by getting things thought to be out of reach.



If you think your child may have swallowed poison or medicine not meant for them ring 111 or New Zealand: 0800 POISON (0800 764 766) immediately.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Vivian Alapae Satui & Esekia Taito both from Room 9 for huge improvement shown in all areas of school. Well done!

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.....