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Dear Parents/Caregivers



Transition Yr6-7 Parent evening

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Mana Nurse's corner

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Stay well and active this term, please ensure that kids are having their breakfast every day. It's an essential fuel for the body to start the day



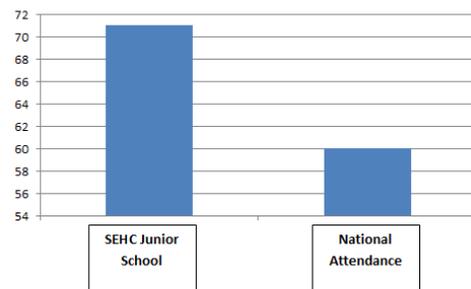
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Sistema

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Collegiate Attendance: Every day counts
Junior School vs National Attendance



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opportunities shrink if you have not got **NCEA Level 2**. Again the research says you get these qualifications by **being at school at least 95% of the time or nearly every day**. So for that reason we have attendance as a major Collegiate target. Recently the Ministry of Education gave us some statistics which show we are doing very well with attendance and we have significantly higher attendance than other similar schools. (Over 10% better) This is very good news but remember **we need your tamariki/child** at school every day. It counts and the habits your child learns today will be the pattern of their future attendance in Middle and Senior School.

Health & Safety: Guy Fawkes 5th November

I enjoy fireworks but they do require adult supervision and a great deal of care. Every year children suffer needless burns and there is always property damage. You must be **18 years and over** to buy fireworks. **Fireworks are totally banned from school**. For every one of our juniors it is illegal for them to buy fireworks. Children are not allowed to buy fireworks and shops selling them to under age children are committing an offence and could be prosecuted. We as parents may also be held to account for any damage that our children may cause. Fireworks can be a marvelous treat but the reality of burns and damage is always there. Please supervise your children closely if you are celebrating Guy Fawkes at home this year.



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- **Patrol training – Thursday 1 December** our next group of young leaders will have the opportunity to train to become a Road Patrol Monitor in 2017.
- **Class photos Friday 11 November**- Full uniform please and everyone looking sharp.
- **Athletics Day** - Yr3 -Yr6 = Tuesday 15 November (save day Wednesday 16 November)
- **Athletics Day** - Junior Syndicate = Yr1-2, Friday 2 December
- **Swimming** - Yr3 - Yr6 every Wednesday. Remember to bring a towel and togs



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Principal

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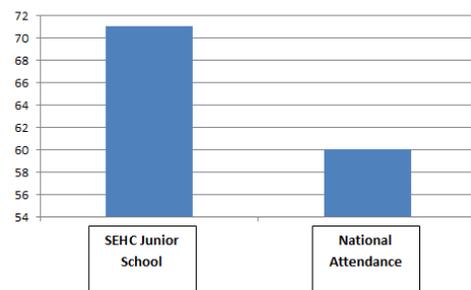
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