

Wednesday 4th May 2016

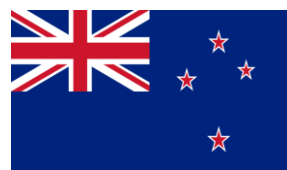
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2

As we slide into winter, the days are getting shorter, cooler and rain will be coming. Our children can cope really well though and be at school every day with a little help from mum and dad.

Tips for winter

- When it's cold get your child to wear their jumper and put their shoes on.
- We are giving all Year ones and pupils new to the school a free Kids Can raincoat. For our older pupils find their coats from previous years and if it's raining get them to wear their coats.
- When your child has worn their coat in the wet they need your help to look after the coat and hang it up to dry at home, then it will protect your child all winter long.



2016 BOT elections

Have you ever thought of being a school trustee? (See attached pamphlet) Well with elections now just only around the corner perhaps it's time for you yourself to stand or to nominate someone else. Have a think.



Nomination forms have already been posted to families (1 nomination per parent or caregiver) If you have any questions, please feel free to come to the school office and ask for the Returning Officer.

Nominations close noon Friday 20 May, 2016.

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

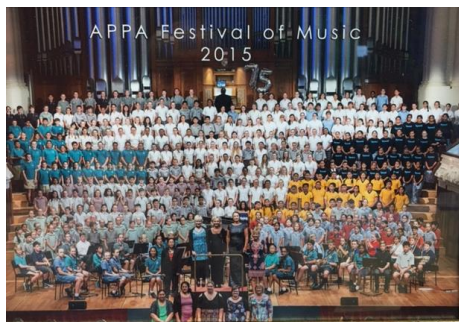
Sistema Year 2

As you know we have Sistema music programmes in school which run in partnership with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Lessons for Year 2 are about to start within school time and they will be held in the Junior School music room. Later on, after school practices will be required and these will be held at the Otara Music and Arts Centre (OMAC) which is by the Otara Library. The opportunity to learn to play the violin, cello, and brass, (trumpet) is huge and it's all free. Normally this would cost thousands of dollars. The research on Sistema states that apart from learning a musical instrument, the benefits to a child's learning overall are huge. For further information please contact Ms Itere.



APPA Choir

On the same music theme our school choir is also gearing up again for 2016. This is another amazing opportunity for your child to be performing at a top level in the Auckland Town Hall. If your child has already joined the choir – great, but if they haven't please encourage your child to see Ms Itere as soon as possible. The first of the massed choir practices is being held on Tuesday 17th May. A notice with full details will be sent home closer to the time.



ANZAC Day



This year ANZAC Day fell in the middle of the school holidays but it was still great to see so many students from the Collegiate at the dawn services. My congratulations too to Cecile Vine who in front of over a thousand people spoke well about the debt of gratitude we owe our service men and woman who served our country.

Hockey

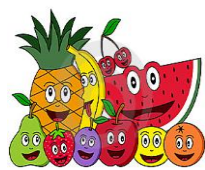
Well you can tell the seasons are turning as we move more into winter games. Our next big tournament for our tamariki is focusing on hockey. (Friday 20th May)



Health and Nutrition



As you are aware from the news, there is a big concern about the amount of sugar and salt in our diets and how this can lead to obesity and health issues like diabetes later in life. Our community surveys have also shown your concern too for better nutrition for your child. So in the Junior School pupils can have options for juice, milk or water as a drink but NO



FIZZY DRINKS PLEASE they are just full of sugar. (Up to 8 teaspoons in a 330mls can) Similarly we are asking that there are no big bags of chips/burger rings etc brought to school. If you want your child to have this treat, please send only snack size packets with your child's lunch. Or you could try cutting up a carrot or apple or some raisins...

Did you know that your child gets free Anchor milk and a piece of fruit every day and lunch too if they need it?

Message from the Council: Dog problems

In the news recently there has been a growing alarm around the number of dog attacks which have inflicted severe wounds on young children. These injuries can be horrific. The latest attack reported in the Herald on Sunday was about a 7 year old boy who had facial injuries requiring over 150 stitches to repair. These attacks have got to stop so Auckland Council has decided to do something about it with a programme of support with little and no low cost to dog owners who look after their dog and penalties for those who don't.



Auckland Council has launched an amnesty initiative and strict new rules aimed at reducing the harm done by menacing dogs in the community.

Free registration for 'menacing' dogs Dogs classified as a menacing type, particularly American Pit Bull Terriers, will have their 2016/17 registration fee and any failed dog registration fines waived if the dog is registered before 1 July 2016.

\$25 for de-sexing, micro-chipping

Additionally, the council will provide de-sexing, micro-chipping and muzzles for these dogs at a nominal \$25 fee. After one year, the council will provide a Responsible Dog Owner Licence to candidates who qualify.

Strict rules from 1 July 2016

From 1 July, any unregistered menacing dogs will automatically be seized and the owners fined. Auckland Council's Animal Management team will conduct a widespread enforcement campaign. Over the coming weeks, Aucklanders will see advertising and information distributed in a number of different languages. A direct

contact number (0800 462 685) will also be established for people to find out more about how they can take up the offer. People can also phone this number for emergency response in the wake of an attack.

Complaints

With the best will in the world things can sometimes go wrong. It is a fact of life & when things go wrong how we sort it out is important. At home you know if one of your little ones hits their brother or sister you talk to them about their actions, that you love them but not what they did & that there will be consequences if this behaviour continues - time out, no tv, sent to bed early, no play station etc. Even if you don't fully recognize it, every family will have a way of handling problems & getting things back on track. The same applies to school & we give it an official title - a Complaints Policy. Basically if something is of a concern to you, the best thing you need to do is come in and talk about it. No matter what the issue is you need to talk it over with your child's teacher, or our management team or me. This initial conversation may mean that there is further investigating and reporting back to you later but talking it over is the fairest way to deal with things.



1. If you have a concern about your child and its minor see your child's teacher.
2. If it's a major/serious concern come and see me.

You may need to make an appointment to see me but my door is always open to you. Come and see me.

Mother's day

This Sunday 8 May is Mother's day and we wish all our Mums a special day where the family will do all the jobs around the house and let Mum rest!



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Christopher Uaisele, Rm4 for being a good role model to his peers and leads by example. Also Karamillah Saumanaia, Rm4 for being most helpful in class. Well done to both these students

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.....

