

Wednesday 6 April 2016

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Community Consultation: Goal Setting/ Maori Hui

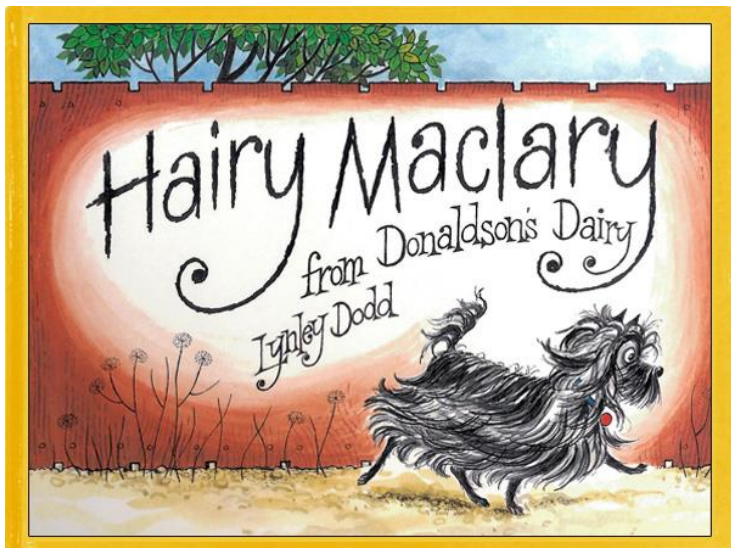
Well done whanau we had over 80% attendance at our recent goal setting meetings! Your little one is watching and seeing you at school and discussing their next learning steps all reinforces how important their learning is and for them to try their best. Keep your child's goals in mind as the year goes by and ask your son/daughter how they are going. If they see these goals as important to you they will want to learn and try harder.

Our Maori whanau meeting has had to be postponed to Monday 11th April at 5pm in the whare. Hope to see you there.



Duffy Assembly

Last week we had a marvelous morning with our Duffy Sponsors - Goodman Property Trust and our awesome guest speaker, GiantKilla. I was a bit surprised about GiantKilla. The name itself seemed odd but GiantKilla a.k.a Siauala Nili said his middle name was David and the story in the Bible is one where David slew Goliath- so David became Giant Kill. Siauala also said his name meant "conqueror" when you face challenges in life and succeed. He also said that if you want to get ahead you need to be able to read, it unlocks knowledge and gives you opportunities. His favorite books were Captain Underpants and Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy- cool story!



BOT elections

Have you ever thought of being a school trustee? Well with elections now just only a couple of months away it's time for some serious thought. Perhaps, it's time for you, yourself to stand or to nominate someone else? Have a think. Nomination forms will be posted in early May (Start of Term Two) and nominations will close Friday 20th May



Notices about the election will be sent home by post (complete attachment to update your contact details and send to school)

Health and Wellbeing: Touch Rugby

Our teams gave it their all against some hard competition and accredited themselves well. Overall our girls came 1st, boys 4th and mixed (boys and girls) 4th. Our thanks too to all our parents and coaches who supported us.



Our girls have the other teams player boxed in and giving her nowhere to go.



One of our boys in action, blocking- you shall not pass!



SEHC Junior School Touch Team

The Flag referendum



As I shared last time our tamariki voted to keep the New Zealand flag the way it is with 60% of them in favour of the status quo. This aligned well with the adult referendum results showing 57% of our country voting to keep the flag. I know there was a swing to change but with ANZAC day coming up and for the sake of our returned servicemen and their families I am grateful that the flag they fought under is still our flag. I see this as respecting them and the sacrifices they made.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC 25th is on Monday 25th April which is in the middle of the school holidays so it will be up to you if you wish to take your child to any of the services. I hope you are able to go and make your own sign of respect.



Health and Nutrition

As you are aware from the news there is a big concern about the amount of sugar 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 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

If you see a dog roaming loose on the street or encounter a dangerous dog please report it as soon as possible to allow the Animal Control Officers an opportunity to catch the dog while it is still roaming. Call the Auckland Council Call Centre on 09 301 0101. Call anytime 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please remember to provide as much information on the dog & the location.



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Joshua Uaisele from Room 2 for his hard work and improvement in writing and spelling. Also we have Sosaia Fetu'u in Room 1 for working hard during writing and attempting to sound out words by himself. Our congratulations to both these hard working pupils.

End of term dates

Term 1 will be finishing on Friday 15th April at 2.45pm. School will recommence for Term 2 on Monday 2nd May at 8.45am. I hope you enjoy the break and you can read stories, play games and enjoy being with your child/ren. Research states that the brain learns heaps through play, decision making, social behaviour, and personality expression. So do get out and do fun things with your child/ren. They are only little once and spending time with your child is precious.

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.....

