

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

English Oral language: Prepared speeches

Public speaking can be one of the hardest things to learn but one day, at a birthday celebration, wedding or church service, somewhere we could be asked to speak. We need to know how to stand bravely and present to our whanau and community.

Today (Wednesday) our Yr 5/6 pupils held their prepared speech competition in the Whare. They spoke well, with growing confidence and ability. The winners are:

Year 5: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Agnes, Rm18, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Maylahn, Rm9, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jaylin, Rm7

Year 6: 1<sup>st</sup> place: Praise, Rm9, 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mercedes, Rm8, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Faaninimo, Rm9.

Congratulations to Praise, who will represent our school at the APPA Speech competitions.

Sistema Concert



This Thursday, (tomorrow) selected pupils from our Sistema orchestras will be going to the Auckland Town hall to listen to a concert by the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Permission letters have already been sent home and we remind everyone that

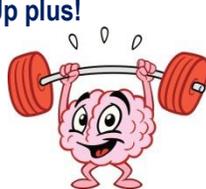
we need full school uniform please. N.B. pupils will be returning a little after the normal school bell and are expected back around 3pm.

We Otarā

From the 10<sup>th</sup> September to the 15<sup>th</sup> October the Fresh Gallery is presenting a history of Otarā and the Junior School has been asked to be part of the opening celebrations. Ms Ainoa has already sent permission letters home to those involved for the opening on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. I hope you are able to come along and support your son or daughter and even get to meet the Mayor!

Homework Club: PowerUp plus!

On Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm in the Collegiate Library our pupils have the opportunity to get extra tuition for free. A parent or a responsible adult needs to come along to support their child, but this is a great way to help your child get ahead in their learning. There is also great snacks and food available and it's all for free. Want that bit of extra brain power for your child? This is worth checking out!



Tongan language week

Our congratulations to our Tongan whanau who celebrate Tongan language week and the contribution Tongan families have made to the rich diversity that is NZ.



Language, culture and food are all being celebrated this week. We even had our top Tongan speaking pupils practicing their prepared speeches to the Senior School, and then this Thursday they are going to take part in the APPA Tongan speech competition.



Simply brilliant and we wish all our speakers the very best for their competition. Malo!

Health and well-being: Rugby

Last Friday three teams represented our Junior School at the Otarā Schools Rugby Tournament. It



was a great day, with some fantastic rugby displayed across the competition. Our students did extremely well and



should be proud of their efforts. The final standings were as follows:

Under 50 kg boys: 3rd place
Open (Barbarians team): 2nd place
Girls: 1st place.



Our girls now go onto the champions of champion's tournament next week. A separate newsletter will be sent home to those involved in this. Wow!

Netball

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September our school netball teams are involved in their zone tournament at the Howick Pakuranga netball courts. As always please feel free to support your son or

daughter. A letter with full details has been sent home to those involved.

NZEI: paid Union meeting

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September there is a paid union meeting for all the Collegiate staff who are union members. (That is nearly everyone.) There is concern that the latest Government proposal around funding schools called Global Funding could disadvantage your child.

- fewer teachers and larger class sizes
less job security for teachers
lower quality teaching
fewer hours for teacher aides and support staff

So for teachers to meet and have their say about the Government proposals, we encourage you to pick up your child and take them home early at 12.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September. If this is not possible we will have a skeleton crew at school to look after any child that cannot go home till the normal finishing time of 2.45pm.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are Leo Tukuafu and Sanjana Singh from Room 5 for showing positive attitudes towards their learning. 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.....

