

Wednesday 24th August 2016

Dear Parent/Caregivers,



Mr Lam- Rest in Peace

Recently Mr Lam who was our Junior School volunteer gardener sadly passed away after a short illness with cancer. In all the years he volunteered his time, he quietly worked away and helped our tamariki learn about plants and gardening. As I said at his funeral I really appreciated all his work for our school community. I have heard the expression that where you spend your time is where you pour out your love. I think in his own quiet way and through the work he did, Mr Lam showed us that he loved this community.

'Eternal rest grant unto him oh Lord and let perpetual light shine on him, may he rest in peace.'

Community Consultation: Maori

We are currently surveying our Maori whanau's thoughts on current Maori bilingual unit and seeing how we can improve it. Each family who have identified themselves as Maori should have received a survey form which we ask you to fill out with the choices and preferences that you would like for your child. Once all the surveys are back in I will let you know the outcomes.

Community consultation: Health

Also over the past few weeks we have been hearing your views on our health programmes. You told us that:

Personal Health and Physical Education topics e.g. Physical Activity. Health and growth development- includes body changes and puberty. Self-esteem. 98% of people said it was good to do or very important to do

Movement and Motor skills e.g. Developed through physical activity. Co-operative and competitive sports. 100% of people said it was good to do or very important to do

Relationships with others e.g. Sharing ideas, needs, wants, and feeling, and managing peer pressure. 100% of people said it was good to do or very important to do

Health Communities and Environments: Safety at home, school and community. Looking after the environment. Hazards. 100% of people said it was good to do or very important to do

My thanks to everyone who took part in the survey and for your most positive comments on our health programmes.

- 'You are doing a good job'
- 'Teach children more healthy eating'
- 'I think these topics are really important'
- 'Awesome explaining this topic this year'

English Oral language: Prepared speeches Public speaking can be one of the hardest things to learn especially if you are little. Last week we held our Year 1 & 2 Poetry recital and our little ones were brave. Thank you to



everyone who came along and supported your son or daughter. On Wednesday 7th September at 9.30am our Yr 5 & 6 pupils will be holding their prepared

speech competition in the whare. As always if you have a child in this, please feel free to come along and support your son or daughter. On Monday we had Ms Marcel Bernard give



seniors for their upcoming event.

Health and well-being: Rugby

The All Blacks pulled out another stunning win against the Wallabies on the weekend - (I do so love beating the Aussies!)



This week it's our pupils turn to give it their best and have a go in the local zone tournament. Weather permitting this Friday our rugby teams are in action again at Bruce Pulman Park. They have been training hard and we can tackle, our passing is improving, our mauls show promise, our line outs are ok and we hope to do well! Please feel free to come along and support your son or daughter on the day but remember the code of conduct even for spectators. We clap, we cheer, but if we lose we still clap and in our next game we have another go. All the best

our pupils tips on how to prepare and present a prepared speech. Its Stand Up, Speak Up, Speak Easy and as always be prepared. All the best to our

to our teams and our coaches. A letter with full details has already been sent home.

Winter

As much as I want the spring, it is still a little way off and it's likely that it will be a time of cold days for the next month or two. It's important for your child's health that they put on jumpers, jackets and shoes and socks. Thanks to our **Kids Can sponsorship** we have given out shoes and jackets for those pupils who need it. Please help your child look after their gear and wear it. It's just too cold and wet for anything else. We would prefer your child to be in school uniform but I'd rather they wear even an old jumper if they are cold.



One of the hardest and most common illnesses that affect many families is cancer. If you would like to support the Cancer Society. This Friday 26 August, we will be giving out daffodils at school for a **GOLD COIN DONATION.**

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are Lili Tangipo in Rm6 for outstanding leadership and being a role model to others. Also from Rm6 we have Kristal Smith for pushing herself in Mathematics and taking on a challenge! 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.....

