

Wednesday 1 November 2017



Raapa 1st Noema 2017
Dear Whanau/Caregivers,

Ambury Farm



City life can sometimes separate our tamariki from what it's like in the country but our Junior School tamariki who went to Ambury farm & had an amazing experience getting up close to life on the farm. Brilliant hands on learning. My congratulations to the Junior Syndicate and all our helpers who ran this programme so smoothly.

Heads up on some upcoming dates

Zone Softball competition 7th November at Rongomai Reserve. (letters with full details will be sent out shortly)

Patrol training 9th November - our next group of young leaders going into gear.

Class photos Tuesday 14th Nov Full uniform & everyone looking sharp



Athletics Day: Yr3-Yr6, Friday 17 November on the Junior School fields

Gifted Kids Open day 15th November

Zone Athletics day 28th November

Botanic Gardens Middle Syndicate EOTC Tuesday 28th November

Sistema Kiwi Capers Concert Tuesday 28th November

APPA Choir Festival

On Monday 6th November

our Junior School choir is taking part in another massed choir practice as we get closer to the APPA Festival which is being held on Tuesday 7th November. I



always look forward to seeing our pupils on stage in the Auckland Town Hall. Its hard work to learn the music off by heart and then be brave and sing in front of hundreds of people but our pupils are brave and have confidence in themselves that they can do it. A letter with full details has already been sent home.

Niue celebrates

Fakalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti!



Congratulations again to our Niue whanau on their Constitution day. Little they may be but these tamariki are the future. Go 'The Rock.'

Sistema

With the start of Term 4 our Sistema pupils are busy with the preparation for their end of year concert Sistema Aotearoa Hui Taurima 2017. It



is being held on Wednesday 22nd November at the Vodafone Events

Centre – 3.30pm and 5pm. All our Sistema children will be involved in this concert and will be out of school for most of the day. Permission letters will be sent home shortly. It promises to be another wonderful event. My congratulations too to all our pupils taking up the Sistema programme. Hope to see you there.

Collegiate Targets Attendance: Every day counts

There is an expression that goes 'Being there counts' Research states that if you aren't at school its likely you are not going to have a successful life. Your job opportunities shrink if you haven't got NCEA level II. 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 Intermediate and Senior School.

Health and Safety 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.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are Temukisa Satala, Rm16 for settling quickly into her new class and also from Rm16 is Richard Paulia for excellence in Writing. 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.....