

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**Community Consultation: Goal Setting**

Just a heads up that goal setting this term will be on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March. As I have said before it is only in partnership that we can get the best learning outcomes for your child. Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on the learning goals. Hope to see you all there.

This week I would like to share



with you some of our 2017 results in Literacy and Maths.

**Literacy Targets: Writing Yr4-6**  
Māori 80 % At & Above National Std  
Pasifica 77% At & Above National Std

**Maths Targets: Yr4-6**  
Māori 67 % At & Above National Std  
Pasifica 72% At & Above National Std

**Overall (All pupils) Writing 70% of pupils at and above National Std**

**Overall (All pupils) Reading 74% of pupils at and above National Std**

**Overall Maths 70 % At and Above National Stds**

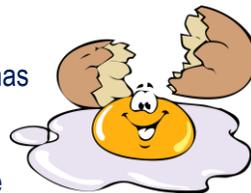
This is a good result well done whanau, but we want better so in 2018 we plan to continue with our work on Developing Mathematical inquiry communities in partnership with the Middle School and push pupils thinking in maths. Revisiting basic facts – I know it sounds old school but knowing basic addition and multiplication facts does make a difference.

In Literacy we are building vocabulary – the more words you know the more you can use them in your writing. We are also teaching our tamariki that you are writing to an audience. What then are you trying to say? Is it a retelling of something you did or are you trying to research or prove a point? Our little ones need to know the purpose of their writing (or the genre as it is called).

You can help too! If you can also build into your week a regular visit to the Library that would be great for their reading and if you can develop a bed time story routine that is even better. Just five to ten minutes a day will help develop in your child a love of books.

**Health and Safety**

So far, this term has been one of the most humid I can remember. All the rain and sun has kept the moisture in the air and the summer heat seems even hotter. I'm sure that if I had dropped an egg on the playground at times it would have fried. At this stage of the year and probably until at least the end of March, can I suggest that



you leave your child's polar fleece at home. There are some really hot to boiling little ones running around playing games at the breaks and they don't need their jumpers. **(While I'm mentioning this, can I also ask your help with writing your child's name on anything they own. This makes it so much easier to identify the owner)**

**Fundraising Swimming**

As you know we have started our school swimming programme (Yr1 – 6). A big pakipaki/congratulations to all our parents who are getting their child/ren ready with togs and towels. To cover the transport costs, we will be selling ice blocks at school, so if you are keen to support us and give your child an occasional treat on a hot day, please send them along with a gold coin. Your help is much appreciated.



**Student contact update details**

Thank you to all the families who have sent in the changes for cellphones and addresses. If you have changed your contact details please remember to let us know, so if your child is unwell and needs to go home, we can contact you. A Student Contact Details form has already been sent home (please complete and send to school)



**Healthy Food and nutrition**

At Junior School, we have the Breakfast Club programme, where a simple nutritious breakfast of wheat bix, toast and milk is

provided. All your child needs to do is rock on up to the orange pod after 7.45am and enjoy. If your child is not in the breakfast club 8.30am-8.40am is a good time to come to school. Our School also provides **FREE fruit and milk for morning tea and lunch** for those who need it.

**Fizzy drinks, chips and cheezels are not the sort of food that your child needs.**

Please when you are making their morning tea and lunch – sandwiches, a piece of fruit & bottle of water is all your child needs to help them progress in their learning.



**Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are: Nele Luteru & Leilani Taufetee-Williams, both from Room 9. They are already showing great improvement in their work. Our congratulations to both these pupils. Keep it up!

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.....

