

Wednesday 9 August 2017  
Rāapa 9 Ākūhata 2017



**Dear Parents,  
Community Consultation:  
Goal Setting**

Last week we had 78% turn out for our goal setting meetings which for cold wet winter nights is really appreciated. The research says if the school and the home work together your child's results go up. My congratulations to everyone who attended and supported their child.



**Peace week**

This week is peace week in the Junior School and looking around the world at the moment we sure need it. Conflicts seem to be everywhere - Ukraine, Turkey, nearly all of Central Africa, Syria, Iraq Afghanistan the list goes on and the saddest thing is that it's often innocent people who end up suffering. What I also find hard is that after the last gun has fallen silent, the last bomb has fallen, peace is worked out by talking the issues out around the table. What a tragedy this didn't happen first, not last.



This week your child is celebrating peace with art, songs, peace banner designing & class speeches about peace. Our banners should will be on display across the Junior School this Friday, so feel free to come along and join in the fun.

**Samoan Speech competition: Junior and Middle Schools take top awards again!**

Our congratulations to our pupils who took part in Samoan Language National Speech competitions. Again our pupils were placed in the top five age appropriate Samoan speakers

in New Zealand. Our Junior School pupils who have moved on into the Middle School have continued to excel with Penny coming 1<sup>st</sup> and Praise coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Yr 7 competition.

**FAGASA SAMOAN NATIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION 2017 RESULTS:**

held in Christchurch:

**Students:**

**Year 5:**



Cecilia Alapae Satui 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Matautu Carmen Tetele 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Year 6:** Nevaiahlia Leuamuli 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Agnes Taefu 4<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Yr7:**

Penelope Tanuvasa 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Praise Saumani 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



**Sistema**

I know I've mentioned this before but time is running out if you want your 6 year old to join this fantastic programme. Research shows that children who are on Sistema just do better. To everyone who has already



enrolled their child well done, but if you haven't please see Mrs Ainoa. I thoroughly recommend it.

**APPA Choir**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August our Junior School choir is taking part in another massed choir practice as we get ready for the APPA Festival which is held in November. We have a large group of choir members this year and I'm looking forward to seeing them all on stage in the Town Hall. Wow what a learning opportunity.

**Cook Island Language week**

Last week our Cook Island Anau throughout the Collegiate celebrated their language and customs. In the Playgroup, our youngest students celebrated the week too with some crafts and a shared morning tea.



**Absolutely fabulous!**

**Senior Syndicate**

I was discussing the research and construction Abigail and Wendy (Rm9) put into their study of the solar system. Mum got the foam balls for the planets from Kmart. They used pencils to hold their planets in place and grandfather's art set to paint the planets. They borrowed Mum's hair dryer to help dry the paint and because it was messy

they made it all outside. Unfortunately it was raining at the time with thunder and lightning strikes around them, so they got a bit scared but kept on with their work under the tarpaulin. Talk about dedication to Science! What amazing support too they had from their families and what determination to finish their project.

Ps They also told me Pluto got bumped from the list of planets as it was too small.



**Parents: MIT Adult scholarships available for culinary and bakery programmes**

Free scholarships are available for Maori and Pacific Islands aged 19 to 40 years old! Places available for 5<sup>th</sup> September start for our Culinary and Bakery Programmes. Interested in this industry? Please give Dale, Eseta or Denise a call (09) 926 7843

**Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are Wendy Mu Tauraa and Leilani Taufetee Williams both from Rm9 for great improvement in their learning. Well done!

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 .....

