

Wednesday 4th April 2018
 Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Healthy Communities



I was talking with our Mana Nurses recently and they are making a huge effort to follow up our tamariki who have sore throats. A sore throat can lead to rheumatic fever if it's left untreated. Rheumatic fever is very serious and can cause heart damage. Every time your child has a sore throat it could potentially be something that leads to Rheumatic fever so don't ignore it. If your child is given antibiotics, it's important they take them for the whole 10 days, even if they feel better. Over the holidays if you are concerned about your child's health you can call **Healthline on 0800 611 116 for 24 hour advice for free.** Make sure you take your child to see a doctor or nurse straight away if your child has a sore throat.

Noho Marae



This Friday 6th April at 4.30pm our Maori unit Te Waka Ora will be having a sleep over in our Noho Marae til Saturday 7th, 10am. The idea is that with a living

experience like this our tamariki will learn how a Marae works and what communal living is like. Permission forms with full details has been sent home already. Promises to be an amazing learning opportunity for our tamariki.

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC is on Wednesday 25th April which is in the middle of the school holidays so it will be up to you if you wish to take your child to any of the services. I hope you are able to go and make your own sign of respect



Health & Safety Chaos at the School gate

Stop chaos at the school gate

Never stop on yellow lines or double-park around the school. Parking like this can block the view of children and motorists.

Park safe and protect our children.

At the end of the school day we have a lot of mums and dads picking up their tamariki.



please do not park on dotted yellow lines near the crossings or block the driveways of local residents. Please do not park on footpaths. Please be considerate and remember 5 year olds have limited understanding of road safety.

Sistema

As you know we have the Sistema music programme with lessons within school time in the Junior School music room. Then later on after school practices are held at the Otaru Music and Arts centre or OMAC which is by the Otaru Library. These holidays, only a selected few students will participate in the Sistema



With so many cars and children about, please take extra care when collecting your child.

To increase visibility for our road patrols that operate on these roads,

holiday programme. These students have already been notified by letter. Yr2 students will have the opportunity to enrol in Sistema for Term 2 holidays later. Sistema is a great programme and the best part is that it is **ALL FREE!** The research on Sistema states that apart from learning a musical instrument, the benefits to a child's overall learning are huge.

End of term dates

Term 1 will be finishing on Friday 13th April at 2.45pm.
School will recommence for Term 2 on Monday 30 April at 8.45am. I hope you enjoy the break and you can read stories, play games and enjoy being with your child/ren. Research states that the brain learns heaps through play, decision making, social behaviour, and personality expression. So do get out and play with your child. They are only little once and spending time with your child is precious.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Litiana Soane and McTaavao Mahe both in Room 1 for being great leaders, hard workers and reliable and awesome helpers. Our congratulations to both these 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

