

Thursday 9 August 2018

Dear Parents/Whanau,



Community Consultation: Goal Setting

As I have said before it is only by working in partnership that we can achieve the best results for your child's learning so every year we have goal setting nights. Goal setting nights are:



- Wednesday 8th August (yesterday)
Thursday 9th August.

Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on learning goals. Goal setting times have been sent out to you and we have tried to give you the time you requested or as close to it as we can. I look forward to seeing you.

Teachers Strike: Wednesday 15th August



Just another reminder that teachers are taking strike action on Wednesday 15th August as their negotiations are not going well.

Please do not send your child to school on that day. You will need to make other arrangements for your child to be looked after at home. Teachers in the Middle School will also be on strike so if you have a child in Year 7 or 8 they will also need to stay home. The Senior School has different union negotiations and is unaffected at this stage. The Senior School will remain open. My apologies for the inconvenience. A separate reminder notice about the strike were given out yesterday & also today at Goal Setting.

Soccer Tournament

This Friday 10th August our school soccer teams are involved in their zone tournament at

the War Memorial Park in Manurewa. As always please feel free to support your son or daughter. A letter with full details has been sent home to those involved.



Jump Jam



It may be wet outside but it doesn't stop our tamariki keeping fit with some sharp moves in jump jam classes. Pretty cool!

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- Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, Africa-nearly all of central Africa, Syria, Iraq Afghanistan the list goes on and the saddest thing is that it's often innocent women and children who end up in terrible 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



PEACE

This week your child is celebrating peace with art, songs, peace flag designing, class

speeches about peace. Sounds like a lot of fun!

Samoan Speech competition - Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate takes top awards at NZ Nationals again.

Last Thursday, Faiva Tauinaola, our Year 5 student competed in the F.A.G.A.S.A National Samoan Speech in Wellington, she placed 3rd in her year level. Other competitors from the Collegiate represented Yr7 & Yr8:

Neviahlia Leuamuli Yr7 5th
Agnes Taefu Yr7 3rd
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This is a tremendous effort and our warmest congratulations to these pupils and their whanau on their success.

Cook Island Language week

Last week our Cook Island Anau celebrated their language and customs. There was a series of exhibition events in the central courtyard at lunch time (I really liked the



drumming) and in the Junior School we had events and activities with pupils in their bright and colorful traditional dress. Love the head pieces- absolutely fabulous!

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.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are Hilita Alatini - She has a positive attitude towards learning and consistently tries her best to produce good work. She is also a team-player who works well on her own and with others. Also from Room 6 we have Alapeta Faau - She has a positive attitude towards learning and consistently tries her best to produce good work. She is also a team-player and leader who works well on her own and with others. Our congratulations to both these pupils.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Daffodil Day 31 August
Rugby Tournament 31 August

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.....