

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018



Kia orana Parents, ☺ Welcome back to Term 3 and to all our Cook Island whanau I hope your Constitution Day (4<sup>th</sup> August) and Cook Island language week goes well.

### 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 will be on:**

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August (school will finish at 1pm)**

Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on learning goals. Goal setting times are being sent out this week 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 all.

### Teachers Strike: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August



You may have seen this on the TV but teachers are looking at strike action as their negotiations are not going well. The following piece is from the teachers union NZEI:

**Heads Up:** Our staff will be taking industrial action in the form of a **strike on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**, the time has yet to be confirmed. This action is not against the school itself but is part of national industrial action organised by our union about our excessive workloads, bureaucracy and pay. We all hope that the issues over which the

industrial action has arisen are resolved as soon as possible. As more details come in we will send home special newsletters to keep you informed.

### Chaos at the School gate

A reminder that we all need to slow down and park safely particularly after school. I have talked with Mrs Shelley about the parking and we are worried. In trying to pick up their child some parents are parking on the pavement, the yellow lines or on the crossing itself. By doing this you are putting our tamariki at risk and you could hurt a child. **Please park safely.** Our Year 1 & 2 classes are also learning about Safe Walking from Constable Matt our Police Education Officer. Please remember young children have limited understanding and ability in assessing dangers on the road. You need to look out for them.



### APPA Choir

On **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July**, our Junior School Choir will be going to **Howick Primary School** for their second Regional Choir rehearsal. The rehearsal is in preparation for the APPA Choral Festival in Term 4. A letter with full details will be sent home shortly to those involved in this practice.



### Community of learning

Over the past year the Collegiate has been working with other educational learning centres/institutes to establish a community of learning. This means that we are trying to

align some of our teaching and learning programmes to see how we as a group can further enhance pupil wellbeing and achievement. Tentatively this is shaping up as a literacy focus across all the preschools, schools, and even MIT. Early days yet but promising. I'll keep you in touch with further developments.

**Reading Tip:** Want to help your child succeed at school? Try this advice from well known author Mem Fox.



### Ten read-aloud commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the

child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start with the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.

9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. Please read aloud every day, mums and dads, because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do.

### Samoan Bilingual Speech competition

At the end of Term 2

**Faiva Taunaola, Rm18 made it into the finals for the Auckland FAGASA Samoan speech competitions.** Faiva will be going to **Wellington**

**Nationals** next week accompanied by a family member and one of our teachers, Ms Taefu. We wish them all the best.



Also towards the end of last term our Samoan Bilingual unit ran a spectacular traditional dress fashion show. My congratulations to everyone involved on the design and effort put into the costumes and on the elegant department of our tamaiti.

### Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are Wendy Mu Tauraa Upu and Nele Luteru both from Rm9 for working very hard in Term 2 and have made great progress in all areas. Our congratulations to both these pupils.

Yours truly,  
**John Shearer**  
**Principal**