

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Tongan language week

Our congratulations to our Tongan whanau who are celebrating Tongan Language Week and the contribution Tongan families have made to the rich fabric of diversity that is NZ. On Monday we held a Collegiate assembly and we had our top Tongan speaking pupils Rita Mahe and Fiti Pasa practicing their prepared speeches in front of the whole Collegiate with over 1000 people watching them. Wow! This is hard but they are very brave girls and the experience has helped them prepare for this Thursday they take part in the APPA Tongan speech competitions at Sutton Park School.



Malo!



Speech Competitions

Tomorrow, Thursday 6 September we are running our in-school Year 5 & 6 English Speech competitions at **11.30am in the whare**. The winners from that go on to the Otago Zone APPA English Speech competitions which we are also hosting here in the whare on **Tuesday 11th September at 9.30am**.

Not to be out done our little ones will be holding their poetry recitals on **Friday 21st September at 11.30am in the whare**. I really enjoy watching our young speakers as they gather their courage and make their first attempts at public speaking. Please feel free to join us at any of these events and support your son or daughter.

Rugby

Well the weather is just not helping us so we are using the save day this Friday. Our teams are taking part in the Otago Zone Rugby tournament which is being held at Bruce Pulman Park. A letter with full details has already been sent home to all those involved.

The Warriors Rugby league

Last Friday thanks to the generosity of DTR our school were given some tickets to see the Warriors play the Canberra Raiders at Mt Smart Stadium. It was a marvelous event and one I'm sure our tamariki who went will never forget. A special thanks to Ms Caruana and Mrs Uluulu who looked after our tamariki so well.



Positive Parking

Starting from Monday 17th September and running for two



weeks, we will have a positive parking team up by the crossings and parking areas, looking for people who are parking correctly in the designated zones. We are providing Travelwise loyalty cards. If our Positive parking team picks you for doing the right thing that is parking correctly away from the school gate, away from the yellow lines and off the footpaths you get your card clipped. Once you have 5 clips on your card, hand the card into the School Office and Miss Wilson will give you a voucher for a burger at Wendys or a muffin and a coffee from Caltex Otago. This is just our way of saying thank you for doing the right thing.

Skipathon

Our Junior School will be holding a whole-school Skipathon event on **Thursday 13th September, 2018** in order to raise funds for Sports equipment and trips. Each class will take part in a 30-minute session. A sponsor sheet is attached with full details. Your support with this is appreciated.



Daffodil Day

Thanks to your generosity last week we managed to raise \$500.00 for Cancer Society. On behalf of cancer sufferers struck down by this disease and their families- Malo aupito, faafetai lava.



Sistema

This week I thought I would put in my congratulations to all our whanau who are supporting their child in



their Sistema learning journey. In Sistema our tamariki make so many advances in learning academically and in attitudes of trying and mastering challenges that are hard. I attended a recent afterschool session and I saw our tamariki growing up and growing up beautifully. I know getting kids to practice and picking them up and supporting them to keep going can be hard at times but I started to see the rewards in the eyes of these children. They knew they were good, their confidence was soaring. They are good now and they are going to be even greater. Keep going mums and dads, get your kids into Sistema.



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from Rm5. They are Tupoupo'atu Vaitohi for taking up responsibilities in class and working hard in Maths and Vilisoni Fangupo for excellent group work in class and taking on responsibilities. 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.....