

Wednesday 19th September
Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori - Maori Language week



Phoenix Lesatele & Pita Taufalele
Our kaikōrero who helped lead our Collegiate assembly on Monday.

Before a test match the All Blacks begin with a haka. No matter how many times I hear this I am filled with pride for the uniqueness and specialness of our Maori heritage and of Te Reo. In the language of the ancestors the challenge goes out. The All Blacks will take this game or do their utmost to win. Last week we celebrated Maori language and again the challenge goes out. We have a gift of language and we need to celebrate it and use it. No other country can claim Te Reo, only us but if we want to make this a living language we need to use it. Kia Kaha te Reo Maori!

Greetings to one- Tēnā koe (formal), Kia ora (informal)

Greetings to two -Tēnā kōrua (formal), Kia ora kōrua (informal)

Good morning - Ata mārie, mōrena

Thanks -Kia ora

Year 5 & 6 English Speech competitions Last week we hosted the APPA Yr 5 & 6 English Speech competitions in the Whare. What an amazing challenge for our tamariki. They were brave, they spoke up and gave it their very best efforts and they did very well. Our

congratulations to everyone who took part and to our pupils who ended up in the finals.

Year 5

2nd place Otile Taupaki, Rm8

3rd place Angelina Faasisila, Rm 18



Year 6

1st place Zannat Ara, Rm7

3rd place Isaac Fononga, Rm8



A final reminder too that our Year 1s & 2s will be holding their poetry recitals on **Friday 21st September from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Whare**. Please feel free to join us and support your son or daughter.

Tongan Speech competition

As I mentioned last time our Tongan pupils gave an extremely good performance in their zone competition too. They didn't



place this year but they gave it everything. Our congratulation to Rita Mahe, Fiti Pasa and their mentor Mrs Uluulu.

APPA Choir

It is certainly a busy time of the year and our choir was at Howick Intermediate yesterday for the massed school choirs' rehearsal. The end of year concert is getting closer and is scheduled for Tuesday 27th November. More details about this and tickets next term but if your child is in this you have got to go into the Town Hall and see them in action.



Get wise

Managing money is one of the hardest things we all need to do in life. I still remember an old school promotion that talked about 'save some spend some'. I think its good advice even today and to help our tamariki with this we have the ASB Get wise team coming into school this week to talk to our tamariki about how to manage money. Hopefully this will be part of the journey that helps them set for financial success. I know a similar programme for older students in the Senior School is also being run.



Skipathon

Last week the Junior School held a whole-school Skipathon event to raise funds for Sports equipment and trips. Each class took part in a 30-minute session. There was a variety of skipping challenges and our tamariki just loved it. Jumping a single rope I find hard but some of our little ones are into double dutch and jumping over two ropes at one time. Absolutely amazing. Amazing too was your support and at last count



we had just over \$1,500 in sponsorship support from you. Thank you so much.

Positive Parking



Starting this week 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 and 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 Otara. This is just our way of saying thank you for doing the right thing.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are from Rm1 - Paula Paea for putting in the effort of attending school every day and trying his best to progress in his Reading & Spelling Levels. Also Ana Palu for thinking beyond what is expected and writing some excellent stories using all the prompts she has been learning about. 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.....