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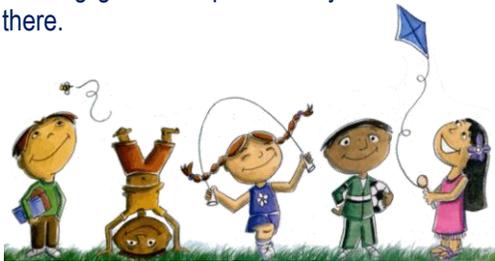
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### Community Consultation: Goal Setting



Just a heads up that goal setting this term will be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March. As I have said before it is only in partnership that we can get the best learning outcomes for your child.

Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on the learning goals. Hope to see you all there.



This week I would like to share with you some of our 2018 results in Literacy and Maths.

### Maths Targets: Yr3-4

Māori 80 % At & Above Expected Std  
Pasifika 86% At & Above Expected Std

### Writing Targets: Yr5-6

Māori 100% At & Above Expected Std  
Pasifika 97% At & Above Expected Std

Overall (All pupils) Writing 70% of pupils at and above Expected Std

Overall (All pupils) Reading 76% of pupils at and above Expected Std

### Overall Maths 81 % At and Above expected Stds

These are some very good results, well done whanau, but we want better so in 2019 we plan to continue with our work on Developing Mathematical inquiry communities in partnership with the Middle School and push pupils thinking in Maths. Revisiting basic facts – I know it sounds old school but knowing basic addition and multiplication facts does make a difference.

In Literacy we are building vocabulary – the more words you know, the more you can use them in your writing. We are also teaching our tamariki that you are writing to an audience. What are you trying to say? Is it a retelling of something you did or are you trying to research or prove a point? Our little ones need to know the purpose of their writing (or the genre as it is called).

You can help too! If you can also build into your week a regular visit to the library that would be great for their reading and if you can develop a bedtime story routine that is even better. Just five to ten minutes a day will help develop in your child a love of books. And above all talk to your child about what's happening at home and the world around them. The more you talk with them the more they learn and grow.

### Health and well-being: Water

Do you know that human beings are made out of 60% water and its one of the best things for



summer. Some very smart tamariki in Rm 17.  
(Photo: Memory is happy with her water bottle)

### Collegiate Assembly



above we had Rita Mahe speaking on the value of Respect. At one point Rita got stuck, but with grace and gentle support from one of the Senior School prefects - Melleza Hodge stepped up and helped her. Brilliant example of Whanaungatanga and part of the vision of the Collegiate.

### Health and Safety: Stranger Danger

Most people are good, however there are a few people who are either mentally unwell or are a threat to little ones. The Police are investigating a recent incident where a girl

you? Water helps your body run smoothly and keeps your kidneys working well. Now in Room 17, every child has their own water bottle with the aim of staying hydrated and healthy this

was approached and touched inappropriately. Hopefully this is just a one off but it might be a good opportunity for you to speak to your child about going straight home after school and never to go with a stranger. **Can I also ask that you make it clear to your child how they are to go home and then stick to that arrangement.** If you say to your child that you are going to pick them up in the car, then you need to be in the car park before 2.45pm. This is especially for our 5yr olds. If you are not there, they may think that they can go home another way or go to a friend's house, or wander off to the park. Five year olds don't have experience or good judgment and if you leave them waiting they can get themselves into trouble. Please make sure you are waiting for them so you can connect up smoothly.

### Ministry of Primary Industries: Fruit Fly



As you will have seen in the news, a fruit fly has been found in South Auckland. Biosecurity NZ has declared a controlled area around the location where the fly was found. That meant whole fresh fruit and vegetables could not be moved outside of the area which extends 200m from where the fly was found. You can find more information online.

### Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Vela Tonga for always trying her best and Sione Palu for encouraging his peers when they are struggling. Both these children are from Room 6 and are already showing great examples of Whanaungatanga and Excellence. Well done.

Yours truly,  
**John Shearer**  
Principal