



# TERM 1 NEWS

## CALENDAR DATES

### MARCH

- 13 Pasifika experience at Vodafone for Y7
- 14 Pasifika experience at Vodafone for Y8  
Girls softball at Howick Softball club
- 15 Boys Softball at Howick Softball club
- 16 Poetry workshop in school
- 19 Teacher Only Day
- 20 SEZ Tag at Sir Barry Curtis
- 21 Poetry Workshop in School
- 22 Paid Union Mtg for all Teachers at 1 pm  
Fresh Gallery Poetry Workshop for Room 9
- 23 School swimming sports
- 27 Year 7 Farm trip

## SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITS

There are a lot of visits and events out of school and in school coming up over the next few weeks before school finishes for term 1.

In most cases they are educational trips so therefore there will be no cost to you. At the middle school we try to give students as many opportunities to experience different things in our own and the wider community.

The Pasifika Experience coincides with Polyfest and will allow students the opportunity to participate and make items from the Pacific. See some photos on back of newsletter.

The Poetry Workshop is run by Michael King Writers Centre. We will have an Auckland Poet work with groups of year 7 and 8 students over the two day. They will write a poem and present them. Last year their poems were placed in the Fresh Gallery for our community to read.

The Fresh Gallery Poetry workshop is different and Room 9 will walk to the Fresh Art Gallery in Otara to complete a session with Humans of South Auckland.

These two opportunities are around writing poems which is our focus for this term in writing.

Later on this term we will hold a Special Poetry Celebration which you will be able to come and listen to the students great writing. There are lots of exciting things happening in our school for the next few weeks.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Poly Fest Day Friday 16 March** If you would like your child to attend let us know by phone or letter
- Teacher Only Day 19 March.** There will be no school for students on this day
- Union Meeting 22 March** School will close at 1.00 pm for students



# RHYTHM INTERACTIVE

Yesterday our students experienced Rhythm Interactive where the students followed drum beats lead by 2 performers. It was a great experience especially with the students doing rhythm and beat in Music time in class. It was great fun.



# TEACHER ONLY DAY

Our middle school teacher only day will be held on Monday March 19. **This means there will be no school on this day for middle school students.**

The teachers and staff will be at school attending a professional workshop based on delivering Te Reo Maori in classrooms and creating activities to connect with our Pasifika and Maori students through the newly developed Digital Technology curriculum.

We hope that this will not inconvenience you too much but hope that informing you about this now will allow you time to arrange care for your child on this day.



# STUDENTS POETRY CORNER

## South Auckland

Let me tell you a story a story  
about  
A place called South Auckland  
You see crime and death  
I see peace and life  
You see trash and rubble  
I see assets and treasure  
You see stupid and weird  
I see smart and cool  
You see useless  
I see useful  
Find peace in chaos  
Find love in hate  
Find you in yourself

**By Kristal Smith**

## Pacific islanders

People judge us on how we speak because of our English  
They label us as fobs, and uneducated Dole bludgers,  
Who are lazy and useless  
You continue to label us but labels are for soup cans  
You are not at a supermarket, yet you think you have  
the power to label me  
Just know that, this is me,  
This is who I am supposed to be

I am a forest and stereotypes are the fire, they burn  
me away until there's nothing left  
Don't stereotype people, God created them that way  
We live in a world full of stereotypes  
You continue to label us but labels are for soup cans  
You have two choices and you choose the wrong one  
You choose to judge us instead of really looking at us  
But then again labels are for soup cans

**Brianna Saina**

## MUSIC IS MY PASSION

I am in love with music  
I wonder if my future will end up in it  
I hear my sister stomping, clapping  
trying to make rhythm  
I see my cousins fighting over the remote  
I want to carry on playing  
Music is my passion

I feel rhythm and of course the beat  
I feel music flowing through my feet  
I feel music developing rhythmic intelligence  
and rhythm in my language  
I feel music benefiting my learning  
I swoon over musical instruments  
like my family swoons over me

Music is inside of me  
I am in love with music  
I understand music is hard  
but still so exquisite  
I dream of playing on stage  
with the world in front of me.  
And know that this will come true one day.

I am in love with music

**Debra Tuuaga.**

You me best of friends      Splash her tears fall down, her body shakes with sadness  
Hopefully it never ends      Hurt with pain and fear, she's crying very quiet  
You know who you are      Splash her tears fall down, her face turns into a frown  
You became a super star      Her body shakes with sadness, but for real she's full of  
madness  
Even if you live so far      She always hurt with pain in her face you see the strain

**CHRISTCHIAN**

**Darleen**

## TIME.

Time goes slow when I'm ambling sadly on the beach,  
feet deep in the golden sand, head facing down,  
On my face is a sorrowful frown but in the end my en-  
dearing canine is by my side helping me get through  
the sadness .

Time goes slow when I grow older and older changing  
from childish to straight bolder feeling more free think-  
ing and wondering what my future will be.

Time goes fast when my teachers academic  
knowledge engages into my intellectual mind and I fin-  
ish my maths work in swift haste with joy in my heart  
and knowledge in my brain.

Time goes fast when Usain bolt runs a 100 meter track  
with his long legs, head pecking like a peacock and his  
arms swinging like a child's swing set in their play-  
ground and as he wins does a yes The fastest man in  
the world.

## Ashwyn

Tonight we baked cake, baby  
blue banana cake

Friends were invited,

Everyone was roaring loud  
It knocked there socks off

So proud

**Wisdom**





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**SIR EDMUND HILLARY  
COLLEGIATE OTARA**

*'Towards far horizons'*

# PASIFIKA EXPERIENCE



## REMEMBER

On your smartphone, computer or tablet go to our Facebook site:

**Search:** *Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Middle School*



To find out more go directly to our YouTube channel:

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