

Wednesday 17th October 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers

**Science and technology
Digi Tech:
Robotics**

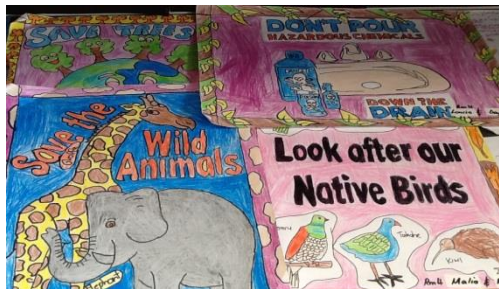
In the last week of Term 3 our Junior Syndicate went to Motat to find out how robots work. They had fun with some very cool tech and at the same time learned a little bit of coding and analytical thinking.



Our thanks to everyone who came along and supported us and made this learning experience possible for our tamariki.

Conservation Poster Winners

Towards the end of last term we ran a poster competition on conservation and we had some very creative entries.



In the posters there were many messages but overall there was theme that our earth needs help and we all need to look after it.

The winners were:

- Junior Syndicate: Malaina Tumanuvao R16**
- Middle Syndicate: Malia & Melissa R4**
- Senior Syndicate: Journee-Brae Wade R8**

**Fakalofa lahi atu
CELEBRATING NIUEAN WEEK**

Message from our Niuean whanau:

This Friday 19 October is Niue Constitution Day. We will have the flag raising at 9.30am. Can all our beautiful Niuean students please come dressed in their traditional Niuean clothing.

Junior School celebrating Niue activities:

- **Tuesday 23 October :**
Morning tea: Niue Sports Activities (field)
Second Lunch: Niue Traditions Display (Area1)
- **Wednesday 24 October:**
Niue Fashion Show (Area1)
- **Thursday 25 October:**
First Lunch - Wacky Niue Hair Day (All students and staff can participate)
- **Friday 26 October:**
Niuean activities during morning tea/lunch

Year 3 & 4 English Speech competitions

On Thursday 1st November we will be running our Yr 3 & 4 speech competitions. What an amazing challenge this is for our tamariki. To be brave, speak up and give it your very best efforts. As always please feel free to join us.

**Community Consultation
Health & Well-being: Puberty**

It amazes me how time races by. One of the most obvious ways it shows is in seeing your child grow. It can seem like they are little one day, but when you look again they are up to your shoulder and growing taller! This is particularly so as your child turns around ten years old. To help them get ready for the changes that getting older brings this term our senior syndicate will be running a series of lessons on, hygiene, exercise and body changes associated with puberty. A letter with full details will be sent home shortly and there will be a parents' information session on **Thursday 25th October** at 3pm in the Yellow pod for those who would like to hear about the programme.



Hiranga Club!

The wonderful Korean Education Centre sponsored Chef Vanessa to come to our school and take our Hiranga Club through some special cooking. Our budding chefs made Hotteok (sweet pancakes), Sake Bokkeum (Stir-spicy chicken stir-fry) and Bibimbap (fried egg on mince, vegetables with imported Korean rice). Mmmmmmm!



Special thanks also to Little Cooks who donated some kitchen utensils.

APPA Choir

Our concert date is now just around the corner (Tuesday 27th November) and to get ready our next massed choir practice is on Tuesday 30th October at Howick Intermediate. This is going to be a marvelous evening in the Town Hall.

Retirement Dr Uys Senior School

Every journey has a beginning and an end and it is with respect that I acknowledge the retirement of the Senior School Principal Dr Peter Uys as he comes to the end of his career in Education. Dr Uys will retire in March next year so there is a little time ahead to say farewell. Today I would just like to recognize his long contribution to the Senior School and the Collegiate and thank him for the years of dedicated service. I'm sure you join with me in wishing him well in his future plans for retirement.

Labour Day

A reminder that **Monday 22nd October is Labour Day** and a public holiday so there is no school. School will recommence on **Tuesday 23rd October at 8.45am**

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from Rm10 - Theresa Heather for consistently completing homework assignments and also Christopher Uaisele who is a conscientious and hardworking student. Well done!

Yours truly,

John Shearer
Principal