

Wednesday 3rd April 2019



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Community Consultation: Goal Setting

A big thank you to all our families who attended goal setting. 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. Keep your child's goals fresh in mind as the year goes by and ask your son/daughter how they are going. If they see these goals as important to you they will want to learn and try harder. This year we achieved a turnout of 78% which is on par with other years. Well done whanau!

ANZAC Day

This year ANZAC Day is on Monday 25th April which is in the middle of the school holidays, therefore it will be up to you if you wish to take your child to any of the services. I hope you & your family will be able to attend an ANZAC service.



Health & Safety Chaos at the School gate

At the end of the school day, we have a lot of mums and dads picking up their tamariki and with so many cars and children about please take extra care when collecting your child. To increase visibility for our road patrols that operate on these roads, please do not park on dotted yellow lines near the crossings or block



Stop chaos at the school gate
Never stop on yellow lines or double-park around the school. Parking like this can block the view of children and motorists.
Park safe and protect our children.
Illustration of cars parked on yellow lines.

the driveways of local residents. Please do not park on footpaths. Please be considerate and remember 5 year olds have limited understanding of road safety.



Sistema

As you know we have the Sistema music programme with lessons within school time in the Junior School music room. Then later on after school practices are held at the Otaru Music and Arts centre or OMAC which is up by the Otaru Library. As we go into the pupils' holiday break please remember your child's Sistema holiday programme days and times. The opportunity to learn to play the violin, cello, and brass, (trumpet) is huge and it's all free. Normally this would cost thousands of dollars. The research on Sistema states that apart from learning a musical instrument the benefits to a child's learning overall are huge.



Fruit Fly Outbreak

Controls on the movement of fruit and vegetables in the Otaru area have now been lifted after no more fruit flies have been found. The Bio-Security New Zealand signage and wheelie bins have been removed and hopefully this pest has been eradicated. Congratulations to everyone who played their part. If however you did see maggots in fruit or anything like this please phone: 0800 80 99 66.

Complaints



With the best will in the world things can sometimes go wrong. It is a fact of life & when things go wrong how we sort it out is important. At home you know if one of your little ones hits their brother or sister you talk to them about their actions, that you love them but not what they did, & that there will be consequences if this behavior continues- time out, no tv, sent to bed early, no play station etc. Even if you don't fully recognize it every family will have a way of handling problems & getting things back on track. The same applies to school & we give it an official title- a complaints policy. Basically if something is of a concern to you, the best thing you need to do is come in and talk about it. No matter what the issue is you need to talk it over with your child's teacher, or our management team or myself. This initial conversation may mean that there is further investigating and reporting back to you later but talking it over is the fairest way to deal with things. If you have a concern about your child and its minor see your child's teacher. If it's a major/serious concern come and see me.

You may need to make an appointment to see me but my door is always open to you. Your help with this is very much appreciated

End of term dates

Term 1 will be finishing on Friday 12th April at 2.45pm. School will recommence for Term 2 on Monday 29th April at 8.45am. I hope you enjoy the break and you can read stories, play games and enjoy being with your child/ren. Research states that the brain learns heaps through play: decision making, social behaviour, and personality expression. So do get out and play with your child. They are only little once and spending time with your child is precious.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from Rm18. They are Florence Lealifano for displaying the Hillary Heart Value of Excellence in her work this term and also Richard Paulia for displaying the Hillary Heart Value of Whanaungatanga by supporting other students in class. 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.....

