

Wednesday 15th May 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



BOT elections

Have you ever thought of being a school trustee?.

Nomination forms were posted out last week and nominations will close Friday 24th May.

Notices about the elections are being sent home by post so it's important that we have your correct contact details. If **you have moved house or changed phone numbers please let Ms Wilson our school secretary know.**

If you have any questions regarding the BOT Elections please make contact with the Returning Officer by emailing llemusu@seh.school.nz.



BOT Triennial Elections

Main Roll - CLOSED Noon Wednesday 8 May
Call for Nominations by Friday 10 May
Close Supplementary roll Noon Wednesday 22 May

Nominations close Noon Friday 24 May
Voting papers sent by Wednesday 29 May
Election Day (Voting closes) Noon Friday 7 June

Count Votes Thursday 13 June
Board takes office Friday 14 June

Heath & Safety: Stop bullying Pink Friday

This Friday we will be holding a wear something pink day for a gold coin donation. This is in support of the national anti-bullying campaign that is being run across the country. If your little one ever runs up against a bully the message is very clear - tell a teacher. Once you tell, the bully loses all power and we can deal with them. All funds raised will go towards supporting the choir for their end of year concert.

Congratulations!

Learning never stops even for teachers and it is with delight that we congratulate Ms Moala on her official graduation from Auckland University. This marks the completion of a significant number of years study at advanced levels. This is truly one of the big milestones in life and we wish Ms Moala our hearty good wishes on her success.



Sistema Year 2

As you know we have Sistema music programmes in school. Lessons for the New Year 2 intake have started and they will be held in the Junior School music room. Later on after school practices are required and these will be held at the Otaru Music and Arts centre or OMAC which is up by the Otaru Library. 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. For further information contact Mrs Ainoa.



Our School whanau: Cultural and heritage

In the Junior School we are proud of all our tamariki who come from all over New Zealand and from the Pacific to form our school whanau. We want to celebrate that richness of life and honour both the heritage of Maori who landed here first in the great



fleet migrations and all the other peoples of the world who have now come to call New Zealand home. To help us with this we are



sending home a survey with the newsletter to gather your thoughts on how welcoming you feel our Junior School is from your experience. If you could spend a few minutes filling out the form and returning it back to school with your child that would be great. This information will help us know how we are going and what we can do to make things better.

Millennium Centre



Last week two of our Senior classes went to the Millennium centre and took part in team building and challenge activities including the rock wall climb. Our pupils had an amazing experience. Our congratulations to Mrs Beazley and Mrs Elise who ran the event so smoothly.

Health and well-being: Netball

On Friday 24 May our netball teams are in action once again



in their Otaru Zone competition at Howick/Pakuranga Netball Centre. Our teams are getting into their training and are going hard out. Should be a great competition. A letter with full details will be sent home to those involved.

Reading Challenge

Currently our Collegiate Librarian Ms Lilley is running her famous Bingo challenge. The idea is to help your child build a reading habit and get into books. They can win some fabulous prizes too during the challenge so please encourage your child to join in and read.



NZEI Strike Wednesday 29th May

It is with regret that I need to inform you that it looks like that there is more industrial action on the cards and a possible strike day on **Wednesday 29th May** as teachers look at renewing their employment contract. This dispute with the Government is now moving into its second year and is an increasing concern. More information with details will be sent home closer to the date.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from Rm8: **Ana Fetu'u** for continuing to show excellence in her learning and **Journee-Brae Wade** for producing outstanding results in her learning. Congratulations to both these pupils.

Yours truly,

John Shearer
Principal