



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### TERM 3

- 24 Year 6 Science Buddy programme commences
- 31 'Whetu and Nick' at Vodafone Event Centre for whole school.

### August

- 1 Parent Teacher evening
- 6 South Eastern Zone Netball competition
- 22 South Eastern Zone Rugby League competition
- 27 Boys Basketball
- 29 Girls Basketball

### September

- 24 Cultural Performance evening
- 26 Cultural performance to Edmund Hillary Retirement Village



Snow comes to Ōtara!

## TERM 3 LEARNING

Each term I write to let you know what topics your child will be covering for the term. This term we have some very exciting things happening. Our big whole school focus will be Cultural dance with the students choosing a culture they would like to take part in, learning the cultural dance then performing to parents at the end of the term. Apart from this we will also be celebrating different cultures language weeks.

Our school focus this term is going to be science based. Our students Topic Inquiry focus will be on the 'What impacts our environment?' In classes students will work in groups to look at these events and collect information and data to support the topic they are investigating. The Junior School year 6 class will join our school for this investigation.

**Writing**– Learning to write arguments and stating an opinion and Scientific explanations

**Reading** –Reciprocal Reading, StepsWeb

**Mathematics**– Number Multiplicative thinking, Strand Statistical thinking

**Topic**– Scientific Investigation

**PE**– Badminton

## HOUSE HAKA COMPETITION

Last week of Term 2 we held the School House Haka competition. It was a great effort from all houses. The competition was very tight and the points were very close. The judges commented on how close each of the performances were. The final placings of the houses were:

1st Tangaroa House

2nd Tawhirimatea House

3rd Tane Mahuta House

4th Tu Matauenga House

## TERM 3 STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are presently completing school class reports on student learning progress. We will be inviting parents and caregiver into school to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how well they have been working.

The meeting evening will be Thursday 1 August from 2.00 pm—7.00 pm.

Look out for the letter requesting the time you wish to meet. On this evening we will also showcase some of the completed Digital Technology projects the students completed during our Tech Week Exhibition.

**On this day school will close at 1.15 and students will go home.**

# 'Middle School Mana All Day Everyday'

# MIDDLE SCHOOL NOTICES

The Hillary House Leadership Centre Trust organized for a truck load of snow to be dumped near the house on Saturday to celebrate Sir Ed's 100 birthday. Families came along and their children enjoyed playing on and with the snow, making snowballs and throwing them at each other. The trust also handed out free tickets to the Snow Planet.



## LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CELEBRATION



Candy Tusini-Rex has spent the last 10 weeks taking our young year 7 leaders through an exciting 'I am Patriot' Leadership program. They graduated on the last day of Term 2 with a celebration lunch and issuing of new tee shirts and certificates. Each of the students who have attended this program have enjoyed it immensely and have taken things they have learnt back into their classroom to help them perform better leadership tasks when they are doing their class councilor responsibilities. Some students were away of the Friday so did not receive their certificate and tee shirt.

We are hoping to run this program for the year 8 students in term 3 due to how successful it has proven to be. It is great to use people from our community to help shape them in positive ways.

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# NEWS FLASH

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIC



During the School holiday period Eric Mafi Puletaha Lepolo played in the South Auckland Bruce McLaren Open rugby Tournament. He was playing in the South Auckland Team. His team came first in the tournament. 'Way to go South Auckland'. Eric was selected in the Under 13 Auckland Rugby Team.

Fantastic effort Eric, Middle School whanau are very proud of your continued sporting efforts.

## WINNING HOUSE IN HAKA



## ATTENDANCE TRACKING

This term we are looking at all students attendance. Over the last 2 terms we have had a lot of students absent from school so we have changed our procedure and if your child is away you will receive a phone call asking if they are sick and when they will return to school. Please help us by contacting school to tell us if your child is going to be away. The class attendance this week has been fantastic and we would like to keep it that way. Our whole school attendance was 85% which is a good start.

Wk1	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
R1	94%	100%	97%	97%	87%	95%
R2	85%	77%	88%	92%	81%	85%
R8	52%	79%	86%	83%	72%	74%
R9	86%	86%	93%	96%	86%	89%
R10	79%	79%	96%	96%	88%	88%
R11	89%	89%	93%	96%	82%	90%
R12	60%	80%	83%	84%	83%	78%
R13	65%	85%	85%	96%	74%	81%

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# MESSAGE FROM MANAKIDZ CLINIC

From the Manakidz Health Team we would like to bring to your attention the rise in Measles cases particularly in South Auckland. Measles is caused by a virus that is passed through skin contact, or nasal secretions such as coughing or sneezing. If you think you have a fever and any of these signs:



Please contact your family doctor by phone or you can freephone **Healthline on 0800 611 116** and speak to a nurse and follow the advice given, there are also interpreters available.

Please let's ensure our tamariki/tamaiti/tamaiki are vaccinated on time against the measles with the MMR vaccine. If you are under 17 years old still eligible for the free MMR vaccine however there maybe a cost to see the doctor.

For more information online you can go onto the Ministry of Health website or the Auckland Regional Public Health Service.



Photo Credit: Ngere Noa

## CONGRATULATIONS

13 YEAR OLD SENSATION SHARNIQUA WALTERS ENDS THE ROUNDS WITH A WHOOPING 60 CONVERTED GOALS AND AN OVERALL SCORE OF 136 POINTS. NOT ONLY IS THAT THE HIGHEST FOR HER U14S GRADE WHO HAS 11 TEAMS THIS SEASON BUT THE HIGHEST IN ALL GIRLS GRADES INCULDING THE U16S AND U18S GRADES, A TOTAL OF 29 TEAMS

SHARNIQUA HAS HELPED HER TEAM INTO THE SEMIS NEXT WEEK AGAINST REIGNING CHAMPIONS HOWICK HORNETS. ALL THE BEST TO OUR U14S GIRLS



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