

Wednesday 18 September 2019



Dear Parents/Whanau,

Measles

Just another update, as you will have seen in the news there is a growing concern about measles. There are over 1200 cases of measles now in the country and it is mostly in the South Auckland area. The most important thing to do in combating and preventing this disease from spreading is to have your child immunized. If your child has had all their baby shots they are fine. If your child has not been immunized then they are at risk of getting measles and this can make them very sick.

At the moment the Collegiate does not have measles but **if measles is reported at school then any child who has not been immunized will be sent home.** We hope that this does not happen.

Currently Ms Wilson and our Nursing Team will be trying to contact you if our records show that we do not have your child's immunization certificates. If you are not sure about whether or not your son or daughter has had their baby shots, I strongly recommend you see your Doctor and check and get your child immunized if they haven't been already.

Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori

(Maori language week)
Our congratulations to Rm 8 who were the overall winners in Maori Language Week for the best poster display promoting Te Reo. **Tino Pai!**



Mission Moon



Today our very knowledgeable moon scientists in Rm 17 were completing the finishing touches to their moon base prior to the Science EXPO. We wish them well in their event and just to make it harder they are presenting their findings in English and Samoan.

Rugby

Last Friday our tamariki took part in the Otago Zone Rugby tournament and gave it everything.



Our boys came in fourth and our girls came in second overall. This is a fantastic result and was obtained by the sheer heart and determination of our teams. Because our girls came in 2nd place, they then went on to Champions of Champions at Lloyd Elmore Park yesterday where they came 7th overall in Auckland (I wonder if the All Blacks will take the cup again this year... I do hope so!)

Mufti Day – Gold coin donation

Wear your favorite 2019 Rugby World Cup team colors this Friday 20 September. All donations will help transport our awesome Choir to their rehearsals & APPA Choir festival night.

Health and Well-being

The dental clinic has been working at school for all of Term II and is again checking our tamariki's teeth. One of the dentists spoke to me at length about sugar and the damaging effects it has on teeth. Lollies, sweets, fizzy drinks are just bad news for child's tooth enamel and the sugar eats away at the teeth and destroys them. **Simple as that: sugar in sweets and fizzy drinks destroy your child's teeth.** So for that reason in the Junior School we have a ban on fizzy drinks. If you wish to give this as an occasional treat please do this at home. The dentist said that the best thing for your child is water and milk. Thank you for your support with this.



NB. Remember we all need to brush our teeth twice a day: once after breakfast and after dinner at night.

Speech Competitions

Our congratulations to **Rita Mahe and Angelina Faasisila Y6 and Mere Strickland and Cecilia Schwenke Y5** who are the winners of our Speech competition and from that go on to the Otago Zone APPA English Speech competitions which are on **Monday 23rd September at 9.00am.** We wish our tamariki the very best.

Also a reminder too that our Year 3 & 4 will be holding their speech competitions on **Tuesday 26th September at 9am.** Please feel free to

join us at any of these events and support your son or daughter.

STEAM Junior-Middle School & Conservation Week

Over the last few weeks our Year 6 pupils have been working with the Middle School on a



variety of Science projects which were on display in our Science fair last week. One of the experiments was on erosion. In the photo you can see the levels of silt that come away when you pour water onto the three surfaces. Where there was grass (Vegetation), almost pure water rolled out. Where there was leaf litter some soil came with the water. But where it was bare earth the soil mixed with the water and poured off in volumes in a muddy swirl. Very graphic illustration of the need to keep our forests & bush on the land.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from R16 Sandy Vaimauga for improving in her spelling words & Ruth Loi for always trying her best in all her work.

End of Term 3

Term 3 will finish on Friday 27th September at 2.45pm. Term 4 will start on Monday 14th October at 8.45am. We hope that you enjoy your time with your children during the school holidays as they grow so fast.

Yours truly,
John Shearer
Principal