Wednesday 26 June 2019 Rāapa 26 Hune



Dear Parents/Whanau,

### **BOT** elections

Our congratulations to the following whanau and friends of the school who have been elected as our new Trustees.

#### **Junior School**

Dr Va'aiga Autagavaia Mrs Tapaita Matekuolava

#### Middle School

Mr Damon Salesa Mr Tua Amerika

#### **Senior School**

Mrs Debbie Tepora Tupua Kelsall Mr Vaeagi Su'a

I'm sure you join with me in congratulating our new trustees on their success and we also need to say thank you to all retiring trustees for their service. It takes a whole village to raise a child or run a Collegiate.

### Matariki



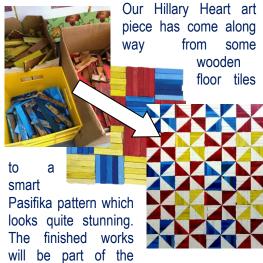


As part of our Matariki activities Junior and Middle School pupils are involved in some



pretty cool tuakana/teina activities this week.

## **Collegiate and Hillary House Art work**



Hillary House and Sir Ed's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

# Learning through play

Our tamariki can learn a lot by playing. Some of the benefits that research has shown are:

Problem solving and learning cause and effect.

Learning how to play with others through compromise, conflict resolution and sharing.

Development of fine and gross motor skills.

Nurturing their creativity and imagination. Discovering their independence and positive self-esteem.

In the Junior School we have a number of initiatives which are play based.

# Junior school chess club- your move!



Developmental equipment in Year 1 classrooms









Playground activities - Stilts! This is hard. Structured play at lunch times





# **Walking School buses**

At the moment the Junior School is hoping to set up and trial a Walking School bus next term. The details are still being worked on but the plan is that we will set up a couple of routes around Otara and if you are happy, your



child can join in. The Walking School bus will have two adults supervising and who will help our tamariki cross roads and walk safely to school. A permission letter with more information will be sent out later.

#### **Junior Award**

The hardest working pupils this week are from Rm3: Derell Christopher for amazing behavior and putting 100% effort into all his class work.

Crystal Tonga for lovely manners and working extremely hard every day.

Our congratulations to both these hard working pupils.

## **End of term dates**

Time goes so fast and I can hardly believe it but the end of Term 2 is drawing close. School will finish for the pupil's break on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2.45pm.

We will recommence for Term 3 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at our usual time of 8.45am.

I hope you are able to take time out during the break and enjoy your child. Spend time with your kids they are only little once and grow so fast.

Yours truly,

John Shearer Principal