

Wednesday 4 September 2019

Dear Parents/Whanau,



Measles...

As you may have seen in the news there is a growing concern about measles. There are nearly 1000 cases of measles now in the country and it is mostly in the South Auckland area. **The most important thing to do in preventing this disease from spreading is to have your child immunized.** If you child has had all their baby shots they are fine. **If your child has not been vaccinated then they are at risk of getting measles and this can make them, very, very sick.**

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

Over the next week Ms Wilson and our Nursing Team will be trying to contact you if our records show that we do not have your child's vaccination/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 family doctor and check and get your child vaccinated if they haven't been already.

Community Consultation: Goal Setting

At our recent goal setting we had a 83% turn out for our triadic meetings which for cold wet winter nights is really appreciated. The research says if the school and the home work together your child's results go up. My congratulations to everyone who attended and supported their child.



Tongan Language Week
Our congratulations to our Tongan famili who are celebrating Tongan Language Week - Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga and the contribution Tongan families have made to the rich fabric of diversity that is NZ. On Monday we held a Collegiate assembly and we had our top Tongan dancers from Rm 6 giving a stunning performance to the whole Collegiate. This was hard, with over 1000 people watching them but they were very brave. Our thanks to Ms Moala & famili who helped prepare them. They looked brilliant. This Thursday, **Mele Fahaivalu Hiko Rm7** and **Tupou Vaitohi Rm8** are taking part in the APPA Tongan speech competitions. We wish them all the best and our thanks to Mrs Uluulu who is preparing them. **Malo!**



Our brilliant young performers from Rm 6

Rugby

Just a heads up that this Friday our tamariki are taking part in the Otaru Zone Rugby tournament which is being held at **Barry Curtis Park**. A letter with full details will be sent home to all those involved. As always please feel free to come along and support your son or daughter.

Florence from Rm18 report:

I really enjoyed when we



went to the **Storylines** trip at Vodafone Event Centre. I like it because we got to read the books on the screen and actually meet the authors who wrote the book and also the illustrators who drew the pictures in the book. I also enjoyed how the illustrators created *pictures and graphics* on the laptop and we could all see it. I loved how we went up on stage to do the activities and quiz.



Breakfast Volunteer: We need

As some of you may know every morning we run a breakfast club in our Orange Pod. Everyone is invited to just turn up and have some toast or cereal and a glass of milk. Currently we are looking for another volunteer who may be able to assist Ms Talapule. So if you are up and about at around 7.30am and would like to help come on in and see me.



Thanks to your generosity last week we managed to raise \$300.00 for Cancer Society. On behalf of cancer sufferers struck down by this disease and their families - Malo aupito, faafetai lava.

Speech Competitions

Next Tuesday at 9.30am, we are running our in-school Year 5 & 6 English Speech Competitions **in the Whare**. The winners from that go on to the Otaru Zone APPA English Speech competitions which are on **Monday 23rd September at 9.00am**.

Not to be out done, our Year 3 & 4 will be holding their speech competitions on **Tuesday**

26th September at 9am. I enjoy watching our young speakers as they gather their courage and make their first attempts at public speaking. It can be very moving to see tamariki conquer their nerves and give it their best. Please feel free to join us at any of these events and support your son or daughter.

New Playground Equipment



Recently we installed some really cool equipment in our playground - the spinners and climbing frame have proven to be an instant success. Our tamariki just love the challenge of spinning or climbing to the top of the frames. They would play on it all day if they could.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from Rm9: Douglas Pati & Christina Aulalavou for huge improvements in their achievements in class and show a great attitude to learning.

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.....

