

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

### Community Consultation: Goal Setting



Just a heads up that goal setting is on (today) Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that on the Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March School will close at 1pm for afternoon goal setting meetings. As I have said before it is only in partnership that we can get the best learning outcomes for your child. Powerful learning occurs when the home, school and child are all focused on the learning goals. Hope to see you all

### 2020 School Targets

Each year our Junior School sets targets to try and accelerate progress and achievement for our tamariki. This year we have a particular focus on maths throughout the Junior and Middle Schools. A sub group of that big school wide **Maths push is our Year 3 and 4** pupils. Selected pupils who need support will be given extra help to accelerate their learning. You can help too. Here are a few tips on how you can help your child's learning in maths.

- preparing and sharing out food – "two for me and two for you". Ask, "How many for each of us?"
- talking about time – "lunchtime", "storytime", "bedtime"

- using words in everyday play like "under", "over", "between", "around", "behind", "up", "down", "heavy", "light", "round", "circle", "yesterday", "tomorrow". You can get library books with these words and ideas in them too
- asking questions like "How many apples do we need for lunches? What do you think the weather is going to be like today/tomorrow? What are we going to do next?"
- find numbers around your home and neighbourhood – clocks, letterboxes, speed signs
- count forwards and backwards (clocks, fingers and toes, letterboxes, action rhymes, signs)
- make patterns when counting "clap 1, stamp 2, clap 3, stamp 4, clap 5..."
- do sums using objects such as stones or marbles eg  $2 + 3$ ,  $4 + 1$ ,  $5 + 4$
- make up number stories – "you have 2 brothers and 2 sisters. There are 4 of them"
- And for older pupils, basic addition and multiplication tables are still key building blocks that they need

Use lots of mathematics words as your child is playing to develop their understanding of early mathematics (eg "over", "under", "first, second, third", "round", "through", "before", "after"). Use the language that works best for you and your child.

Another of our **targets is writing**. Writing is a complex task where pupils need to put the ideas in their head into order and express them on paper in a way for others to understand and enjoy. That's challenging and even harder if your first language isn't English. Many of our tamariki can do this really well but selected pupils in **Year 5 & 6** who need help will be given

additional support in structuring and formulating their writing for success. You can help with this too by getting your child into reading where they are exposed to books and stories and seeing examples of what they need to learn to write themselves. Read bed time stories to your child and take them to the library, it all helps.

### Life Education Caravan

Over the last two week we have had the Life Education caravan at school and we have had programmes promoting healthy living. It has been a lot of fun learning and our tamariki have loved working with Harold the giraffe (Puppet). This programme has been free to whanau as part of our Junior School's commitment to no donations and fees **free** scheme. As the year progresses we will continue to roll out more educational learning experiences for your child and thanks to the Donation Free Scheme they will all be at **no charge to you**.



### FREE CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Would you like to help your child with homework?

Do you have the internet at home? If you answered **YES** then this is **YOU**.

**What:** SEHC Stepsweb Homework  
**Who:** Parents of Year 5 - Year 10  
**Where:** Learning Support Centre  
**When:** Monday to Thursday  
**Time:** 3pm - 4pm  
**Cost:** **FREE**



**For more information:** Helen Espie  
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### Walking School Bus

The Junior School is starting two walking school bus routes to school starting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.



SEHC Junior School has a team of Travelwise leaders. You will see us out on the roads some mornings promoting road safety! Beep or wave if you support us.

### Junior Awards

The hardest working pupils this week are:

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.....