

Wednesday 19 February 2020



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Community Consultation: Goal Setting

Just a heads up that goal setting this term will be on Wednesday 4th and 5th March. Please note that on the **Thursday 5th 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

This week I would like to share with you some of our 2019 results in Literacy and Maths.

Writing Targets: Writing Yr5-6

Māori 86 % At & Above expected levels

Pasifica 97% At & Above expected levels

Maths Targets: Yr3-4

Māori 100% At & Above expected levels

Pasifica 100% At & Above expected levels

Overall (All pupils) Writing 70% of pupils at and above expected levels

Overall (All pupils) Reading 78% of pupils at and above expected levels

Overall (All pupils) Maths 74% At and Above expected levels

These are commendable results and are a result of the three-way partnership we have with pupils, parents and teachers all going hard to get the best of learning.

Collegiate Refurbishment



This year the Collegiate is having a series of building upgrades. This will mean some rooms will have to shift out while the builders move in but we will try and keep disruption to a minimum and we

are looking forward to all the smart new buildings. I will keep you posted as the work progresses.

New beginnings...



Health and Safety

So far this term has been one of the driest, I can remember. All the sun has kept the summer heat hotter than ever. I'm sure that if I dropped an egg on the playground at times it would have fried. At this stage of the year and probably until at least the end of March, can I suggest that you leave your child's polar fleece at home. There are some really hot to boiling little ones running around playing

games at the breaks and they don't need their jumpers. While I'm mentioning this can I also ask your help with putting your child's name on anything they own. This makes it so much easier to identify who own what and already we have piles of lost clothing. If your child has lost something please come in and check.

End of the school day 2.45pm

Can I ask that you talk to your child about their home time arrangements? Normally your **child/children should be going straight home**, so you know they are safe. **Younger pupils either need to be picked up by you or walk home in the care of an older brother or sister.** It is important that if you are picking up your child that you are here a little before the bell at 2.45pm. If you are late, little ones aren't good at waiting and they may wander off home by themselves or go home with a friend and before you know it you can't find them and you are worried!

Fizzy drink, chips and cheezels

Just a reminder that fizzy drink, chips and cheezels are not the sort of food that your child needs, in fact these foods can stop your child concentrating and learning. So please when you are making morning tea and lunch for your child limit the chips and cheezels to a small packet of chips once a week. As to fizzy drinks, I do not recommend them at all. A few sandwiches and a piece of fruit are all your child needs and it's cheaper too!



Walking School Bus

The Junior School is starting two walking school bus routes to school starting on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February. The plan is that your child can be supervised by a trusted adult to walk safely to school two days of the week. At this stage on Thursdays and Fridays. (See flier for route details and permission slips). The advantages of walking is that it is better for your child to be active, can be with friends and it can save you money by not using the car. Check out the routes and see if this suits you and your family.



Student contact update details

If you have changed address or phone number, please complete the student contact sheet that is attached to this newsletter. It's so important that we are able to contact you should your child get sick and needs to go home. And of course we will keep your details strictly confidential.

Junior Awards

The hardest working pupils this week are: Ruby Murray and Anahera Lewis Room 1 for improving on their reading and settling in well into their new school. Ka pai!

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.....

