

Wednesday 14th October 2020



Dear Parents/Whanau,

Community Consultation: Covid-19 Alert Level 1.

As you know we are at **Covid Alert Level 1**. The Ministry of Education has said that it is safe for all children to be back to school and there is no community transmission. Regularly attending school really matters for your child's future. Your child needs to get into their maths, reading and writing and just like exercise makes us physically fit, going to school sharpens our brains and gives us the tools for lifelong learning. It's really important that as we are free of Covid-19 at this time

that your son or daughter is at school every day. Every day counts.

We are still taking all the safety precautions

including maintaining cleaning and disinfecting practices and encouraging good hygiene standards. We will also continue to remind people to stay home if they are unwell and to seek medical advice. So be reassured that the way we are operating is safe as we can be.

Health Survey

We are also at that time again where we ask for your views on our Health and PE programmes. Shortly we will be sending out a survey to find out what you think is important for your child to learn as they grow. We look forward to hearing what you think in helping us plan ahead.



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

(Maori language week)

Towards the end of Term III we celebrated Maori language week and we had a range of activities promoting the use of Te Reo. I thought I would share with you a few photos of our tamariki's great work.



Student made and designed piupiu



Kia Kaha Te Reo! CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who made this week so special.

Health and Well-being

The dental clinic has now begun working at school again for Term IV and are 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.**

Fakaalofa lahi atu CELEBRATING NIUEAN WEEK



Monday 19th Oct – Thursday 22nd Oct. Niue children are most welcome to wear their island outfit to support Niue week.

Community Consultation Health & Well-being: Puberty

It amazes me how time races by. One of the most obvious ways it shows is in seeing your child grow. It can seem like they are little one day, but when you look again they are up to your shoulder and growing taller! This is particularly so as your child turns around ten years old. To help them get ready for the changes that getting older brings this term our senior syndicate will be running a series of lessons on, hygiene, exercise and body changes associated with puberty. A letter with full details will be sent home shortly. There will be a parents' information session on **Thursday 22nd October at 3pm** in the Yellow pod for those who would like to hear about the programme.



Partnership with MIT

Digital technology is now part of our everyday lives. Sometimes it's the apps on our phones or other smart devices that we use in our cars or our homes. To help our pupils understand this technology in Term IV in partnership with MIT we are running a series of lessons where Senior students at MIT will work with our tamariki. Exciting stuff! A letter with full details will be sent



home to those involved.

Teacher Only Day: Friday 23 October

On Friday 23rd October the Junior School will be running a first aid course for all our teaching staff so there will be no school.



Labour Day

A reminder that **Monday 26th October is Labour Day** and a public holiday so there is no school. School will recommence on **Tuesday 27th October at 8.45am**

Junior Award

The hardest working pupil this week are: Johnathan Soma R10 for excellence in reading.

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.

