

Wednesday 21st September 2022

Raapa 21 o Mahuru 2022



Dear Parents/Whanau,

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

(Maori language week)

Last week we celebrated Māori language week with some amazing displays, activities and games. We also set up this amazing display promoting Te reo. Our tamariki look great in their korowai cloaks. Tino Kino Te Pai!



Queen Elizabeth II passing



At the start of her public life Queen Elizabeth said that she would serve the public all her life. No matter how long or short that might be. In the end she served over 70 years. That's an incredible commitment to duty and in all that time she tried to do the right thing-always. Through her seventy-year reign she gave a sense of stability and continuity in a changing world. She also showed kindness

and care. I think that too will be her legacy. I know people will have different views on the monarchy or if New Zealand should become a republic, but I think most of us will think that she lived a life well lived.



The Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has announced New Zealand will mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II with a State Memorial Service and one-off public holiday on Monday 26 September. So, there will be no school on Monday 26th September. School will recommence on Tuesday 27th September at 8.45am.

Speech Competitions

This Friday we will be holding the Junior Syndicate speeches and poetry recital in Rm11 at 11.30am. We wish our youngest tamariki the very best as they take their first tentative steps in public speaking. And our Year 3 & 4 tamariki will be holding their speech competitions on Tuesday 27th September at 9.30am in Rm10 Please feel free to join us at any of these events and support your son or daughter.

Life Education Caravan and Harold

At the moment we are lucky to have Harold the Giraffe and the Life



Education caravan at school exploring a range of health topics. There is something in a child's imagination about puppets and it does put that extra zing into learning. As one young student said to me with absolute certainty, "Harold's real Mr Shearer and you can't say the 'P word'. I said what's the 'P word?' The youngster came in close and whispered, you can't call him a puppet. Harold knows a lot about healthy things. You got to do exercise and eat healthy food all the time and you get energy."

Pretty smart Giraffe, and that's a very switched-on kid getting great messages.

Getting the best start for your child



My congratulations to all the parents who attended the first best start meeting focussed on getting our littlest tamariki off on the right foot in their learning journey. Parents who came along were given tips and resources to help their child switch onto learning. This makes such a powerful difference to all of life learning.



Attendance

There is an expression that goes 'Being there counts' If you have

every been at tangi/funeral for a loved one or the birth of a baby or saying goodbye to someone who is going overseas you know what it means. Being there counts, it connects you to the person, the family, the moment and new learning. One of the greatest regrets we can have in life is to say, 'Oh I wish I had been there.' It's the same with school. Research states that if you aren't at school its likely you are not going to have a successful life. Your job opportunities shrink if you haven't got NCEA level II. Again, research says you get these qualifications by being at school at least 90% of the time or nearly every day. Whanau for your child to be set up for success your child need to be here.



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are Safrina for improving on Maths and Kerrie for presenting an excellent speech from Room 4. Our congratulations to both these hard working pupils.

End of Term III

Term 3 will finish on Friday 30th September at 2.45pm. Term 4 will start on Monday 17th October at 8.45am. And as the Warehouse advert goes, better than all the money you can spend on your child is time to be with them. Enjoy them, they grow so fast.

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.....

