Term 4 Week 6

Monday 20 November 2017

"Te Ako i te Ora" - "Learning through Living"

From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week was very busy for a number of children who were part of performances at the Onepoto Cultural Festival and also at the APPA (Auckland Primary Principal's Association) Music Festival.

APPA Music Festival

At the APPA Music Festival held on Tuesday night at the Auckland Town Hall, the children were very well behaved and showcased our school, and apart from their excellent singing, the percussion orchestra were also taking part and performed outstandingly. Their efforts were the culmination of three terms of dedication and hard work in learning the songs and the variations of them. Well done to you all and to Miss Kim for all her extra work in preparing the students for their performance. Congratulations on your performance and I look forward to hearing you perform at the International Food Festival on 1 December.

Onepoto Festival

Some of the same children also performed at the Onepoto Cultural Festival on Friday as part of our Kapa Haka under the guidance and continued support of Mrs Matkin. Our children once again, performed their hearts out and their performance was well received by all who attended. Congratulations on your dedication and hard work, and I look forward to seeing you perform at the International Food Festival.

Emergency Evacuation

Last week saw the school undergo an emergency evacuation outside of our normal scheduled ones. The children responded fantastically whilst the alarm system kept broadcasting to evacuate. Eventually we were able to reset the alarm system and give the 'all clear'. During this time, the children assembled on the field waiting for the next instruction. Well done to you all.

Kindy Visit

On Thursday of last week, we had the local kindy visit us for the morning. They visited the youngest classes and all had an enjoyable, but hectic morning. These visits provide an opportunity for the youngest children in our school to share their leadership qualities and to help even the younger kindy children appreciate what happens in school. The Year 1 children acted as buddies and supporters during this time.

International Food Fair

It is getting closer! It's happening on Friday 1 December, from 5:00pm until 8:00pm.

This week the items that are needed from the diary include: **bottles of soft drink, sauces, wine, etc, tinned or packaged food.**

(Bring these to the school office and place in the large box beside the reception desk.

Swimming Pool

The pool is now open!!

It is sparkling and clean, and ready for use. Mr Coates even had a 'test swim' in it at lunchtime today!

Tomorrow (Tuesday) the following classes will be swimming:

- Rooms 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 14 and 15
- Please ensure ALL togs and towels are clearly named, and in a swim bag.



Thursday 30 November

Years 3/4 Athletics

Friday 1 December International Food Fair

Tuesday 5 December
Year 3/4 Visit to
Marlborough Park

Year 5/6 Athletics

5:30—6:30pm Year 2 Parents/Pupils Chromebook Information evening

Thursday 7 December Yr 5/6 Cluster Athletics

Friday 8 December

Juniors Prizegiving 9:15am

Middles Prizegiving 11:00am

Monday 11 December

Year 5 Prizegiving and Year 6 Graduation 6:30pm

Tuesday 12 December

Yr 6 Disco 2018 Class Visits 10:00am

Thursday 14 December

Year 0/1/2 Athletics

Friday 15 December

12:30pm School finishes for the holidays

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Term Dates

Term 1

Wednesday 31 January to Friday 13 April Library Stocktake

As of Week 7 (next Monday) our school library will be closed for stocktaking. Please return all library books and readers as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sunhats etc

Please make sure ALL items of your child' school uniform is named.



Weekly Merit Certificates

| Room 1 | Stephanie T., Ethan M,. | Room 2 | Mason D., Sylvie P. |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|---|
| Room 3 | Myra K., William H. | Room 4 | Jake W., Gevreon M. |
| Room 5 | Khyzzl P., Annie T. | Room 6 | Adam L., Peter J. |
| Room 7 | Storm N-P., Amelia S. | Room 8 | Isabelle A., Julia O. |
| Room 10 | Sophia Z., Harrison B. | Room 11 | - |
| Room 12 | Christina F., Grace J. | Room 13 | Sasha H., Nazeeha F. |
| Room 14 | Ashley T., William T-L., | Room 15 | Lincoln G,., Stephan S., Quintin K., Ollie M. |
| | Jayden W., | | • |

Chromebook Information Evening - Tuesday 5th December from 5.30-6.30pm

This evening will be a drop-in session for **current Yr 2 pupils and parents** to see how Chromebooks are being used in our school, and an opportunity for parents to find out how they can purchase a device for their child for next year.



Have a great week everyone Sue Buckley

'Learning is at the heart of our journey together'

Reminders:

- Sushi orders to the office by 12noon tomorrow
- Sunhats
- Named togs and towels on swimming days
- Return slips/\$2 for the Year3/4 Marlborough Park visit