



Dear Parents and Caregivers - **Ngā mātua aroha, me te Kaitiaki**

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings to you all.

Over the last couple of weeks our children have excelled as they have represented our school in a range of activities and have made us so proud of their talents. In addition on Wednesday we will be taking the whole school to Sylvia Park to watch many of the movies each class has created for our Cluster Film Festival. These will be available online after Wednesday so please do take the time to view and comment on them via the class blogs. In addition to this, we have just finished our formal assessment testing, ready for end of year reporting.

Too Early to School

I have noticed several children being dropped off at school too early in the morning, sometimes before 7.30am. There is no supervision here at this time. I do realise it is difficult when parents need to get to work early, but the safety of the children needs to be considered. In the same way some children are left at school quite late in the afternoons unsupervised, as teachers are often in planning meetings. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. It is also important to park safely in the afternoons as Auckland City Traffic Wardens are often here checking on parents. They will fine the drivers of illegally parked so please be careful. The police also regularly check on booster seats for children under 7 yrs of age.

Community Consultation

We will be sending home two surveys over the next couple of weeks that we need all families to complete and return to school as soon as possible. We are required to consult with our community on our Health and P.E. Programme at least every two years. The first survey will be sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please do your best to return it to school by Friday 13th November.

The second survey will take the place of our usual Parent Consultation evening as we develop our Strategic Plan for the next few years. Although we have had good numbers at these meetings in the past, we have decided to try and get every family to respond to a few simple questions about how you see our school and what your wants are for the future. We have decided to use a survey after the very successful survey earlier in the year about our Decile Rating Appeal.

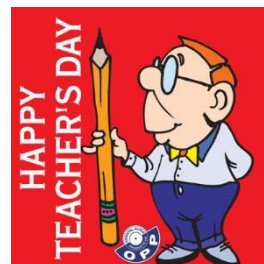
Enrolments for 2016

If you have a child ready to start school next year please complete an enrolment form so we can make sure we have a space for them. As you will be aware our roll numbers are very low at the moment while the housing projects are being completed, however we do have our largest group of new entrants than we have had for many years.

World Teachers Day

Last week we celebrated World Teachers Day. A time to remember and thank all the teachers we have had that have taught us everything we know. As the poster outside our school office said :

“If you can read this, thank a teacher!”



Hats

Please remember that school hats must be worn while outside during breaktimes in Term 4.

Tamaki Cluster Cultural Festival



On Friday evening, thirty of our very talented students performed at Bailey Road School at the first Tamaki Cluster Cultural Festival. Our students told the story of our school's journey from the very beginning when the Holy Faith Sisters arrived from Ireland to teach the Catholic children of Glen Innes. Through a wonderful expression of the various cultures, the children then amazed the crowd showing their great gifts of song and dance that ended with a beautiful liturgical dance bringing all the different cultural groups together under our Special Catholic Character. Special mention must go to Mrs Tui, Mr Slade and Mrs Pulotu and all the teachers and parents who helped train, transport, dress and support these fantastic children. We were all so proud of how they showcased our school.

Education is the Key to Success

Imagine a world without any schools or even colleges! Impossible right? I know how much we hate waking up early for school or studying all night for those tests or exams. We all know that education is very important.

I think that every single one of us in this room should be able to make it into college by the time we finish intermediate because everyone has the potential to be successful, whether it's you, you, or you.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" as quoted by Nelson Mandela. Education helps us to sharpen our skills. Without Education, we would be living on the streets or have no money and we would be a total nobody.

Education gives us knowledge about the world we live in, the universe and beyond. It is important for everyone to have education a part of their life. Without education we wouldn't be where we are now.

Education is more than just reading, writing, spelling, maths and so on. It's also not about being the top student and getting amazing marks. Education is all about having a choice. It is not about being rich and successful, it's about using it to do something you love.

There are many bad stereotypes about Pacific Islanders, like 'we are going to have bad jobs, we are lazy, we will struggle in life or will obviously become criminals.' I believe that these stereotypes about Islanders are all lies. We need to concentrate on education now. Our futures will be positive and these stereotypes will disappear. Take education seriously, work hard, and choose your future.

"Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom", as quoted by George Washington Carver.

Malo Aupito.

Rosrine V Room 6

Te Rangatira Trip to Pah Homestead



Pah Homestead is a mansion at Hillsborough where different kinds of art are displayed. The Te Rangatira students visited last week to discover the difference between the arts and how expensive they can be. I was grateful to have the opportunity of experiencing this remarkable place. We saw many great pieces of art as well as sculptures in the gardens around the house. Thank you to Mrs Kelway and Mrs Logan for taking us.

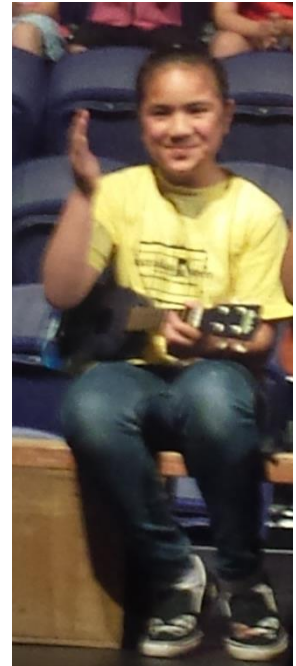
Joshua U'hia



Kids 4 Kids

Once again this year we entered the annual World Vision Kids 4 Kids show at the Vodafone Events Centre. The children had a wonderful time after practising for many weeks under the excellent training of Mrs Middleton and Mrs Marich. This year we had the most children appearing at the evening session, so thank you to all

the parents and friends who helped take them.



As can be seen above the St Pius X 'Stars' had a great time leading different songs during the performance. Anna Lisa sang solo beautifully with Nathan King and Maris Stella was selected to be part of the ukulele choir. Falakiko and Aaliyah also were selected to come to the front and lead the choir. Jackie Clarke also mentined how delighted she was with the efforts of all the children. Well done, again.