



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

It has been a fantastic learning term for so many of our children. I have had a chance to read all the Anniversary Reports for our younger students and most are extremely positive with great progress happening. Last Friday we held our latest Learning Celebration Assembly where each class had the chance to show the rest of the school what they had been learning during the term. It was fantastic to see our newest students singing and marching around the hall. Some of these learners have only been with us for a few weeks. It seems we have more new entrants for this time of the year than we have had for many, many years. Other classes showcased their RE, Maori, Art and language. It was great to see a large number of parents also sharing this time with us.

During the assembly we had a special visitor, Mrs Sonali Carter, who is the local HIPPY Coordinator. As many of you will know HIPPY (Home Interaction Programme for Parents and Youngsters) is a wonderful preschool programme for parents to work with their 3 and 4 years olds getting them ready for school. Mrs Carter awarded one of our students, Aria



and her mother Krystal with special graduation certificates for successfully completing the programme.

We have information at school if you are interested in getting involved for your younger children even if some are already at school.

### **‘Virtues Certificates’**

**The following children received Virtues Certificates at our last Learning Celebration Assembly.**

Alan S	Room 5	- Responsibility	Aaliyah T	Room 5	- Respect
Fonuamotu	Room 7	- Responsibility	Olga B	Room 7	- Respect
Savior A	Room 4	- Respect	Angeline H	Room 4	- Responsibility
Rachel L	Room 1	- Responsibility	Zion T	Room 1	- Responsibility
Akesa S	Room 3	- Responsibility	Silia P	Room 3	- Helpfulness

### **Awards**

#### **‘Caught Being Good’**

**The following received books for being selected at our lucky draw at our last Virtues Assembly for practising their virtues at school.**

Akesa S	Room 3	- Caring	Francis V	Room 4	- Respect
Xavier N	Room 1	- Responsibility	Xavier N	Room 1	- Caring
Etuale T	Room 5	- Self-Control	Diego H	Room 3	- Caring
Opeti S	Room 3	- Caring	Sateki M	Room 3	- Helping
Dianne F	Room 3	- Self-Control	Charis A	Room 4	- Caring

## Duffy Role Model Assembly



Last week we were very lucky to have **Mr Myron Simpson**, our latest Duffy Role Model, come to our assembly to give out our Duffy books. Myron has represented New Zealand at Cycling since he was about five years old. Originally it was at BMX but then as a Road and Track Cyclist. He has been very successful and won at least one medal at a Junior World Championship. **Taniela** had the chance to have a sit on his bike, which he said was worth about \$15,000. To help fund his riding, Myron even created his own Muesli. He spoke about how you have to work hard at whatever you may want to achieve. He told the children that it was so important for kids to read as much as possible as it would help them so much in later life.

We also had representatives from the Rotary Club of Parnell, who are our school sponsors, attend to help give out the books. **Mrs Amanda Morrison, Mrs Jane De Groen and Mr Peter Don** have supported our school for a very long time and hopefully will continue to do so, long into the future.



## Ako Fakataha – Learning Together

Thank you to the parents who continue to support this Home Learning Programme each week. Remember it is only by consistent effort that progress will happen.

## Sacramental Programme

Please remember the Parish Sacramental Programme starts next week so please get the forms back to the Parish office or school as soon as possible so the children don't miss out for this year.



## Uniforms

We have been having one or two issues with our school uniform supplies and so we have had to come up with a solution to get us through for this year. The Board of Trustees has a special committee looking into the school uniform in relation to cost, suitability and supply. We have had to make a few minor changes to the shirts available for this year for our smallest children. We are unable to get exactly the same shirts for the boys so the Board has agreed to make a small change. So, from next term there will be an alternative polo style shirt supplied for boys when we don't have stock for the traditional style. This is cheaper but only available when we don't have the correct size for the normal shirts. This will also eventually happen for the girl's blouses as stock runs out although the alternative is a blouse, not polo shirt.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Please remember all students should be wearing **black school shoes** at the start of Term 2.



## Board of Trustee Elections

Early next term we will be having our Triannual BOT elections. The present Board must step down and then put themselves up for election again. Tremendous thanks to all those who have served so diligently for the last three years and hopefully some will stand again. We need five Parent Representatives and four Bishop's Representatives. Please think about putting yourself forward as a candidate as it is a great way to support your child or the school. There is work involved but it is a great way to meet other people and have your say in the direction of the school, particularly during the exciting redevelopment stage over the next couple of years. Please have a chat with a present member or myself if you are interested.

## Athletics

This Friday we have our annual Athletics Sports. The children have started their training and are looking forward to challenging for the House Cup. The event starts at 12.30pm and all parents and friends are welcome to join us. Please make yourself available to help with the organisation on the day, perhaps as a judge or other helper. It is a great way to finish the term, particularly as the summer has been so good this year.



## Netball starts

Interschool netball starts after the holidays for our Year 6-8 students. Information will go home at the beginning of next term.



## **Sore THROAT over the holidays ! ! !**

If your child develops a sore throat over the school holiday break please take them to one of the free clinics listed in my last newsletter. Don't wait until they return to school. Early treatment is the best way to help your child.

Please call our nurse if you have any concerns.

**Bren Lawrey - Public Health Nurse - CCHDS - Child and Youth Team**

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**Some Excellent Student Writing – Please check out the student blogs.**

***Patches of grey clouds painted along the sky, our scarfs flying from side to side, like trapped birds.***

***The Galileans and I, paddled as fast as we could to reach the Wall of Prayers. We were planning to go there several times, and never had the opportunity to do it. THUD! THUD! We all panicked as the waves were getting bigger and our boat was rocking from side to side. A storm was heading our way. "Paddle faster", I yelled, as if we were having a race with the waves.***

***"Are we near?", a man spoke. "Not even close", an unknown man exclaimed. I gave that unknown man a vexatious face, and carried on paddling. While we were struggling to move the boat, a blinding light shone onto our faces, like we in a football game. "What is that?", I asked, while putting on a frightened face. "I am here to help you", the bright light spoke.***

***The bright light, was fading and we could finally see his face. Hair long enough to touch it's shoulders, yellow scarf. We couldn't believe our eyes. "It's Jesus!", we shouted. Mouths dripping with amazement. "Be calm, it is I," said Jesus. "I will take you, to the Wall of Prayers". Jesus ordered the wind and the sea was calm.***

***An hour passed, and we finally reached our destination "Thank You, Jesus", we all spoke at once.***

***Rosrine V Room 7***

***One evening at the Tamaki River, some men went out fishing. The water was not calm but they thought they might have a good catch.***

***Not long, the wind started to get stronger and water was becoming rough. They were scared and yelled at each other to go back. The motor stopped. John who was steering the boat did not know what was happening.***

***Suddenly they noticed a figure on the water. "It's a ghost", they shouted. They started to paddle with their hands. The figure came closer to them and they noticed that it was Jesus.***

***"It's Jesus", John shouted. He was excited and jumped to run to Him. He forgot that he can't walk on water.***

***"Help", he screamed. "Help me, Jesus".***

***Jesus came and grabbed his hand and took him to the boat.***

***The sea was calm and wind died down. Our motor worked and we let out our nets and got a lot of fish.***

***Thank you, Jesus.***

***Fale'aka Room 7***