



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

What an incredibly busy couple of weeks we have had at school and I have had the privilege of seeing our wonderful students excelling and making their school so proud. Firstly one of our senior leaders, **Lusia**, represented our school at the annual **Maniakalani Hui** as our student ambassador. In front of over one hundred principals and educational leaders from Auckland and around New Zealand, **Lusia** spoke about her learning using our **Learn Create Share** teaching and learning method. Everybody was very impressed at her wonderful style as she showed just how much she loves learning. She gave the speech again to our Australian visitors last week who were equally impressed. Link to [Lusia's Speech](#)



Last week our guitar group was invited to perform at the **Rotary Club of St John's** function as part of the dinner entertainment for visitors from around the world. Rotary have been supporting our group for about a year now and have provided guitars for the students. The girls and boys from the group, along with their teachers **Andrew** and **Agnes**, displayed wonderful playing and singing that showcased their talent and once again made their school very proud.

Silia, Fonuamotu, Fiapo, Akesa, Fanoalii and Macky preparing to go on stage for their performance.

Netball Champions

2017 has been a fantastic year for our school netball teams with both our senior and junior teams winning their respective competitions. Last week at the ASB Netball Centre, the girls were rewarded with their winning certificates. The girls want to especially thank Mrs Middleton and their coaches for the tremendous effort throughout the season. Also thanks to our wonderful old girl and great umpire, Deja.



Maori Language Week 11-15th September



Visitors From Cairns, Queensland, Australia

This week we were privileged to host a group of Catholic Principals from the **Diocese of Cairns** in **Queensland**. They were part of a bigger group who had come to visit the Manaiakalani Community of Learning as they had heard all about the great work we are doing to lift student achievement using technology. As part of their trip, they also visited other Catholic schools across Auckland, both primary and secondary. As is our way, the children put on a wonderful welcome liturgy using many of the languages from our community. Being **Tongan Language Week**, we even sang the New Zealand National Anthem in Tongan. After the welcome they spent the morning visiting each of our learning spaces and talking to the students about their learning. They remarked how confident our students were and how well they could explain what they were learning. This was far better than most of their own schools and in many of the other Auckland schools they had visited earlier in the week. We received a couple of lovely Australian children's books as a token of their thanks. They all promised to go home to their school and encourage their children to connect with ours through their blogs.



Our Australian Visitors



Ana-Lei giving the Maori Welcome



Tupua



Ana-Lei



Melie



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Cook Island Dance performed by some of our junior girls.



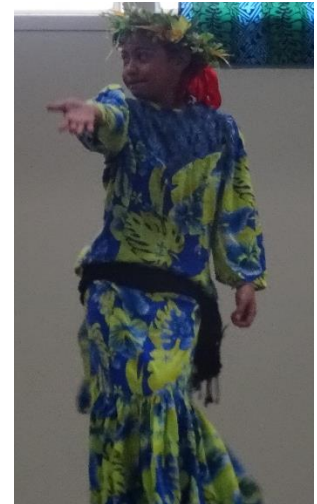
Pauline



Lyka



Melie



Silia

Some of the senior boys then performed a traditional Samoan dance.



Macky and Fanoalii



Motu and Macky



Ewan



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Financial Literacy

Room 5 have been learning all about money and how to look after it. They were lucky to have two experts, **Tom Hooper** and **Abhisek Mahanty** from **Price-Waterhouse** visit the class every day for a week to look at a whole range of Financial Literacy matters. They were fantastic teachers and made a real impression on the class. A week or so later the **ASB Bank** sent their **Getwise** experts to work with all our classes on understanding about how money works.



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Africa Comes to Room 5

As part of their Inquiry this year in Room 5 on Endangered Animals the class was extremely lucky to have Mrs Hoggins a special Guest Expert last week. Mrs Hoggins brought in some artefacts that used to belong to her grandfather. Some were over 100 years old. They came from a time when people's attitudes towards hunting exotic animals was very different from that of today. The class members had a chance to see and feel real snake skin, an alligator pelt, various hooves from buffalo, horns, a cheetah head and probably the most impressive was a full sized tiger skin.



Mrs Hoggins can be seen sharing with the students. Akesa does not seem too impressed with what looks like an elephant tusk.

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September				
11 Week 8 R.E. Focus Social Justice Week Maori Language Week	12	13 HPV Vaccinations Yr 8	14	15
18 Week 9 R.E. Focus Revision HPV Catch-ups BOT Meeting 7pm	19	20	21 Rescheduled Zoo Trip	22 Whole School Grandparents Mass
25 Week 10 R.E. Focus Duffy Role Model Assembly 1.30pm	26	27 Inter school Cross Country at Baily Road School	28 Sharing Assembly Class Movies	29 Last Day of Term

