



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Several weeks ago we were very saddened to hear of the passing of Mr Eliesa Lehauli, father of Solomone (Rm 5) and David (Rm 3). Our prayers are very much with his wife Lionaki and the rest of his family at this time. Earlier this week we were saddened once more with the passing of Luneta Ekeroma, mother of Room 7 student Zahara and past students Agnes and Sepa, after a long illness. Luneta was also a previous member of our Board of Trustees. Please keep these families in your prayers over the coming weeks and into the future.

Bishop Pat 25th Jubilee

Congratulations to our wonderful Bishop Pat who celebrated his 25th Jubilee as Bishop of Auckland recently. We have been asked to share a Youtube clip that can be clicked on through our newsletter link, available on our school website.

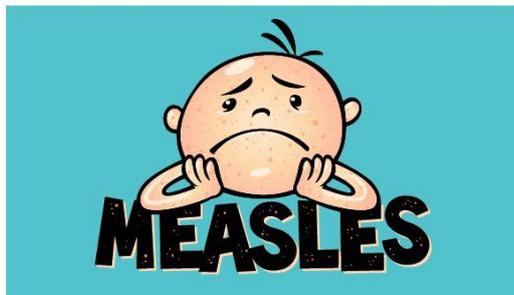
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Measles watch

As many parents will be aware there is presently a serious outbreak of Measles in the Auckland area, as well as in other parts of the country. This is a highly infectious disease. As far as I am aware, nobody from our community is affected, however if anybody at this school does get measles the Ministry of Education has advised us they must stay at home. They have also informed us that any unvaccinated students or staff must also stay away. If you think your child or somebody in your family may have contracted measles please ring your doctor before going, as they will have procedures so that others at the doctors won't also become infected. Vaccination is free from your doctor or Health



Centre. If you have not done so already, please send verification of immunisation to our school office. You would have received a letter from the school last week if we did not have information about your child on file.

Music Assembly Next Week - Monday 2nd September at 1.45pm in Hall

All parents and caregivers are invited to our showcase Music Assembly on Monday. Each class will perform what they have been practising with Mrs Carter during the term.



Tongan Language Week

Next week is Tongan Language week. Students are invited to prepare a speech in Tongan to present at an assembly on Friday next week. Details have been given to the children in class. 2 to 2 ½ minutes long on the following topics. Mrs Tui and Mrs Pulotu are happy to help students.

Year 3 & 4 : 'Oku ou fiefia 'i hoku Tonga

'I am proud/happy being a Tongan'

Year 5 & 6 : Ko hoku Tonga ko e fakakoloa ki ho tau apiako.

'Being Tongan is a gift/blessing/great thing for my school.'

Year 7 & 8 : Ko hoku Tonga ko e fakakoloa ki ho tau apiako.

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Room 5 Writing

by Tupua

Yesterday, a Neuroscientist named Brigid, came to my classroom. Before she set us off with different activities, we said a karakia to show respect for the human and animals whose brains we were going to hold.

The three activities we did were; looking at and touching brains, buttoning shirts with one hand and tracing without looking at your hand, but looking at a mirror.

What I did first was touching and looking at different kinds of brains. There were three animal brains and one human brain. All of these brains were preserved and had been plastinated, so they were firm. The first brains we looked at were the animal brains. First was a monkey brain, which was kind of huge due to scientists saying they are our ancestors. The second brain we looked at, was a cat's brain which was smaller and was really confusing since cats are actually kind of smart. The third brain, was a mouse brain in a jar and it's really understandable, since all mice have small heads and not a big head like me.

The next station was the shirt station. What we had to do was to try to button up a shirt using only one hand. We were doing this to see if our left hand or right hand was our dominant hand. We got timed to use each of our hands, at which I came second for using my right hand. Then we used our left hand. This activity was frustrating and difficult, but I managed to do it properly and button the shirt up more easily with my left hand as I am left handed. My time for using my right hand was close to the time I took for my left hand, so I could be ambidextrous. This means that you can use your left and right hand equally for doing something.

The last station was tracing around a star on a piece of paper, without looking at our hands but at a mirror. The only description I could say was that it was easy and that I was able to stay on the lines. I did feel a little weird when I was doing this activity, because I also felt like I was upside down.

What I enjoyed the most was that I could finally see a true brain and feel one. Before I held any brains, I felt scared and I thought I might feel a little sick. I literally thought it was going to be squishy but instead, it felt like I was holding a toy. Afterwards, I was surprised that I felt okay with handling the brains.

It was a good experience because we finally got to hold and look at different brains. We also had time to ask Brigid questions and we learnt more about how our brains function.

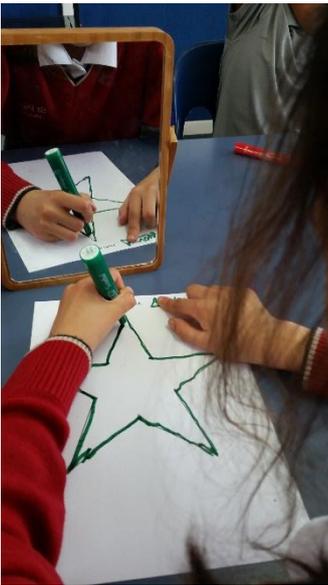


Visit by the Neuroscientist By Angeline

In the afternoon, we got prepared for Brigid, a neuroscientist, who was coming to Room5 at St Pius X Catholic School. The reason for the visit is that we are learning about the brain.

At the beginning, we said a karakia (prayer) as a way of showing respect because we were going to hold a preserved human brain.

There were three areas where we did three different activities. The first activity we did was testing if both of our hands could do something that we never have done or thought to do before. We had to try to button up a shirt with one hand. Then we had to try and button it up using our other hand to see which hand was stronger. If you could do it easily with both hands, it's called being ambidextrous.



The next activity we did was looking in the mirror and tracing a star that was on a piece of paper. But you couldn't look at the star, you could only look at it in the mirror. This activity was hard because you can't look at the star when you are supposed to look at the mirror. It was difficult for me but for some people it wasn't hard for them, because they were looking at the piece of paper. They were not supposed to do this.

The last activity was holding and feeling different brains, one at a time. The brains were from a cat, a monkey and a human. There was a mouse brain but it was in liquid in a small jar. This was my favourite activity. When I felt the brain, I felt awesome because it was my first time touching a real brain! Some of my group were scared to touch the brain because it was real and dead.

After going to all of the fun activities that we did, we asked questions if we had one. I learnt some new facts about the brain. The brain is one of the largest and most important organs in the human body. It is made up of more than 100 billion nerves that communicate in trillions of connections called synapses. Our brains keep growing until the age of 23. The brain makes up about 2 percent of a human's body weight. There are about 100 billion neurons in our brains!

After we finished asking all of our questions, I had learnt more about the brain.

Room 4 Kiwisport Gymnastics



Room 4 students loving their gymnastics lessons !!!

Term 3 2019

August				
Week 6 R.E. – Sacrament	26	27	28	29
				30 Room 7 attend Mass
September				
Week 7 R.E. – Sacrament Tongan Language Week Learning Celebration Assembly – 1.45pm	2	3 Cans for Xmas collection on Friday	4	5 Manaiakalani Boards' Forum 6.30pm Pt England School
				6 Room 1 Class Mass
Week 8 R.E. – Sacrament Social Justice Week Maori Language Week	9	10 Rugby Field Day	11	12
				13 Grandparents Mass Rm 5 to lead
Week 9 R.E. – Sacrament BOT Meeting 7.00pm	16	17	18	19
				20 Room 4 attend Mass Learning Celebration Assembly – 10.00am Movies
Week 10 R.E. – Revision	23	24	25	26 Marae Visit
				27 Whole school attend Mass Last Day of Term

Certificates Presented at our Last Learning Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following students

Fiapo M, George V and Aaliyah T	from Room 7
Tupua L, Kalisi M and Savior A	from Room 5
Pauliasi F, Jasma K and Preston N	from Room 4
David L, Melenaite M and Briana V	from Room 3
Sofia G-A, Uelingatoni T and Meki F	from Room 1

Social Justice Week

Next week we will be asking families to support the Cans 4 Xmas Collection which is part of an appeal through all the Catholic schools in Auckland. Please bring a can of food, if possible and give to the class teacher. Our school contribution will be collected on Monday 9th September and distributed through food parcels before Christmas this year to needy families.

