



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

Last week we were joined by reviewers from the Education Review Office (ERO) who spent four days meeting mostly with our Senior Leadership Team, discussing how well we are accelerating achievement levels for our children. They also met with the Board of Trustees and took the chance to talk to teachers and students as well as visiting classrooms. The review went very well. We will next receive a draft report for the BOT to check before the Final Report is confirmed. The reviewers were very impressed with the children, especially those who were involved in the special welcome liturgy on Monday, when they arrived at school. The Board have asked me to especially thank the staff who jointly spent a considerable amount of time preparing all the documentation required prior to the visit.

Whiz Kids Science



Just some of our Year 5 and 6 children enjoying a special 5 week **Whizkids Science** after school programme. Is being run by senior students from **Baradene** and **McLean's Colleges** and is designed to motivate and excite students about science before they go to high school. Thanks to **Mrs Middleton** for helping organise the group. It was an excellent first session last night.

Technology Comes to Room 3



The students from Room 3 have been using technology to help their learning for a long time but this term they have moved to a one-to-one device situation where every child has their own IPAD to complete most of their learning. They have been particularly learning about the **Kawa of Care** that goes with the responsibility of managing these digital devices. They have been learning how to take photos and record their learning. **Mrs Grant** from the **Manaia Kalani Trust** has been coming into Room 3 each week to support the learning and each Friday this term **Mr Gaffney** joins with other 1:1 class teachers from across our cluster learn the best way to use the devices.



Room 3 Dictionaries

For many years now the **Rotary Club of St John's** has given each of our Room 3 children their very own Dictionary. For the last few years **Mrs Michele Mann** has come into the class to personally present each dictionary. The catchphrase used was "We are going to be the best readers in the Universe"

In the picture you can see **Mrs Mann** and the children proudly holding up their new dictionaries. They will stay in the classroom during the year and then go home when the children move to the next classroom.

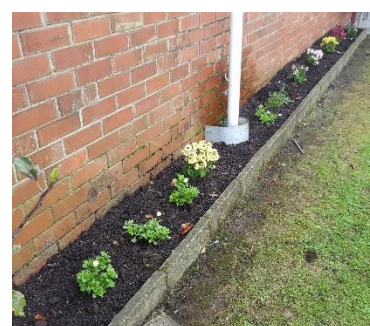
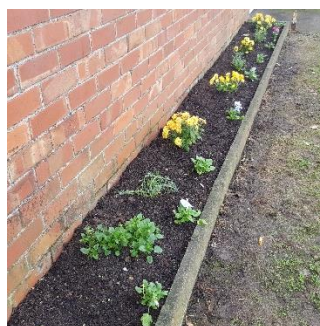
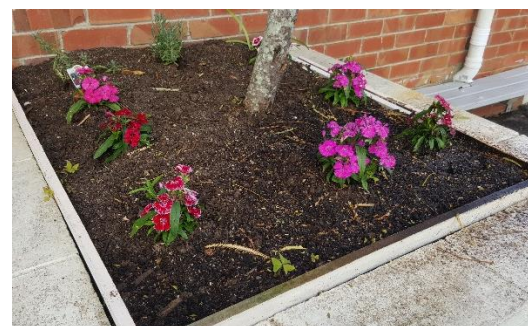
Room 4 are enjoying their **Taekwondo** Kiwisport with instructor **Kevin**.



Both of our Junior classes will be learning the skills of Taekwondo over the next few weeks. I think Mrs Pulotu and Mrs Williams are enjoying the way the children have learned to shout out together **"Yes Sir"**.

We are Guardians of our Planet – ‘The Earth is our Common Home’ Pope Francis Laudato Si






Here are a couple of our **‘senior workmen’** taking a well-earned break during a class working bee last Saturday. These two, along with several other students spent the afternoon transforming the gardens along the front of the school. We were very fortunate to have the support of the **Rotary Club of St John’s** to sponsor the project. There are several other green space projects Rotary are also supporting coming up shortly. I will keep everybody informed.



Netball Results

We have now just finished our third week of Netball. Both teams have improved heaps and are training hard. Special thanks to the team of coaches who have been helping **Mrs Middleton** with practises and team management. It makes it so much easier when everybody helps. Both teams have now had a couple of wins each as we go through these Grading Round games. Well done!!!

Term 2 2017

May 2017				
22 Week 4 R.E. Focus Jesus Strand	23 Netball	24 Whizkids Y5/6	25	26 Mass for Soul Friend classes SPX Nu'u and Room 3
29 Week 5 R.E. Focus Pentecost Samoan Language 	30 Netball Week 	31 Whizkids Y5/6 Samoan Language 		
June				
			1 Samoan Language 	2 Samoan Language Week celebration. Testing completed 4/6 Pentecost Week 
5 Week 6 Queen's Birthday Holiday	6 R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Netball	7 Whizkids Y5/6	8	9
12 Week 7 R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Class Photos BOT Meeting 7pm	13 Netball	14 Whizkids Y5/6	15 6.00pm Parent meeting Year 4-8 Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) Programme	16
19 Week 8 R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) begins	20 Netball	21 Mr Coakley at NZCPPA Conference Wellington 21-23 rd Whizkids Y5/6	22 Year 8 Retreat (Postponed until Term 3)	23 Feast of Sacred Heart Learning Celebration Rm 5
26 Week 9 R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) (cont.)	27 Netball	28	29	30
July				
3 Week 10 R.E. Focus Imaginative Prayer	4 Last Day of Netball for term	5	6 12.30pm finish for school 3 Way Conferences	7 Last Day of Term 2 Normal finish time

Please Note these important dates:

- 15 June 6.00pm Parent meeting for Years 4-8 **Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)** Police Programme.
- 6 July **3-Way Conferences** School finishes at 12.30pm for Parent/Student/Teacher interviews.
- The **Year 8 Retreat** has been postponed as **the Friary** in Hillsborough is being renovated. New date for later in the year will be confirmed shortly.
- 29 May – **Samoan Language Week**