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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24 May 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

WEEKLY CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Annabel C - for having such a positive attitude toward Cross Country training and the big event
Sophie H - for putting wonderful effort into your learning
Raven - love your positive attitude towards learning
Miss Miller - Congratulations on finishing your placement!

Kyle - for using great expression and strategies while reading
Maverick - for coming into reading with a positive and enthusiastic attitude
Amelia - for editing your writing before you see the teacher
Jimimah - for great place value work and speedy basic facts
James C - for great use of a number line to solve unknown problems
Cooper H - for fantastic writing about circuits
Kade - for excellent explanation writing about how a circuit works
Mia - for outstanding work on the line of symmetry in maths this week
Annie D - for presenting work of a high standard in all curriculum areas
Zac - for being so resilient at Cross Country training even though you had a cold

VALUES AWARD RECIPIENT

Haylee Bullmore

When Room 4 were talking about how to be honest in the playground Haylee said "Sometimes kids tell fibs. Just don't let them tell fibs." I think Haylee is aware that it is good to get people to take ownership. Maybe she knows that telling fibs just leads to the bad habits of telling more fibs. Haylee is open and truthful about all aspects of her life - how she is feeling, her work ethic and what really happens when a conflict arises. That mean that valuable learning and teacher time is not wasted trying to get to the bottom of what really happened.

She is open and polite with her playmates and classmates by honestly expressing her opinion or thoughts even if others do not agree with her.

Haylee is truthful about her learning and when she made a mistake on purpose in writing, she admitted it. Mrs Napier understood how tempted you were to use the green gobbler pen Haylee to fix up your errors.

Haylee because of your honesty, I can really trust you that is a wonderful feeling, as honesty is the value Mrs Napier values most, I think it is the foundation for all other values and it is great to be on the same page as you. Thank you for being such a trustworthy girl who is a very valued member of Room 4 .

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jahmelia
Jayden (absent for photo)
Abigail

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 28 May - National Flag Day
 Wednesday 29 May - Teacher Strike Day (no school)
 Monday 3 June - Queens Birthday holiday (no school)
 Tuesday 4 June - Teacher Only Day (no school)

ASSEMBLY

The Assembly group for next week will be room:
 Reminder assembly commences at 10.00am.
 You are welcome to join the staff for morning
 Tea following assembly.



NATIONAL FLAG DAY

National Flag Day is on next Tuesday 28 May. If your family comes from anywhere else other than New Zealand can you please print off a copy of your Country’s flag along with a greeting and send into school.

TEACHER STRIKE DAY

Next Wednesday the Teachers will be taking action and holding a Strike Day. So there will be no school this day. We will all be attending a March in Gore so if you are down that way and see us give us a toot in support!

SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool is now closed for the season. **Please return your keys** to the school office as soon as possible please. Please let Maree know if you would like to receive your \$10 bond.

WAIMEA CROSS COUNTRY PLACE GETTERS

5 Year Old Boys Raven 1st Riley 2nd	6 Year Old Boys Ollie 4th Sam 6th Fletcher 7th Xavier 8th	7 Year Old Boys Cooper 5th Riley 6th Blake 7th	8 Year Old Boys Zabien 1st Beau 3rd Bede 6th Eli 8th	9 Year Old Boys Jack 2nd Fletcher 5th	10 Year Old Boys Aiden 2nd Blake 4th Connor 5th Jud 8th	11 Year Old Boys Cooper 1st Ollie 2nd Maverick 3rd Jacob 4th
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5 Year Old Girls Maycie 6th	6 Year Old Girls Charlotte 6th	7 Year Old Girls Mia 1st Matilda 2nd Annie 7th	8 Year Old Girls Isabella 1st Maddie 2nd Casey 3rd Hollie 4th Miea 5th	9 Year Old Girls Lavinia 5th Jimimah 6th Claudia 8th	10 Year Old Girls Isla 1st Honor 2nd Carrie 3rd Amelia 5th	11 Year Old Girls Nyah 2nd Grace 4th Riley 5th Carly 8th
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The top 6 place-getters aged 8 and over, MAY qualify for Northern Cross Country. Mrs Leach will send information home for those children who qualify next week.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Yesterday was a fabulous day for cross country. The track was dry, the sun was shining and the races all ran smoothly with no major injuries. I am very proud of all of our children who competed. Many were coughing and a bit unwell but gave it a shot all the same. Congratulations to you all! That hill looks terrifying but poses a great challenge. You all remembered that along with anxiety there is always bravery and many showed great resilience and determination. Talking with the senior class around our fears and wishes one commented that she didn't want to get last. Unfortunately, in every race, it doesn't matter if it is the Olympics or a friendly run at school, someone is always first and someone has to be last. Good on you to all those who placed but those of you who did come last and did it with a smile or (gritted teeth) have my utmost respect.

Thank you to those parents who found the time last week to attend the John Parsons presentation. Those who I have spoken to found it entertaining, enlightening and came away with more knowledge and understanding on keeping our children safe in the scary cyber dimension.

John's key message for staff was that we should no longer be separating digital citizenship from citizenship. We need to be teaching our children the life skills, key competencies and values that demand they be a 'good' citizen in every aspect of their life. The format you use to communicate and stay informed is irrelevant.

He likened staying safe on the internet to staying safe at the local park. You might greet and share pleasantries with a stranger but you would never give them your personal details. John questioned the children about what they would do if a stranger took them by the hand and said 'Come with me'. They all had very clear ideas about kicking and screaming etc. He then pointed out the similarities of following links or instructions from strangers on the internet. This poses the same threats only worse because any offenders have anonymity and could convincingly pose as anyone.

One of the riskiest behaviours for anyone using online communication is that access to your information is available to anyone who cares to find it. It can be altered and manipulated to suit all sorts of purpose. John warned the children about protecting their identity and personal details. He also discussed the fact that predatory individuals will look for vulnerability and advised the children never to post pictures of themselves alone in bedrooms, bathrooms or in pyjamas. John informed the children to always trust their gut instinct. If they ever felt uncomfortable about images, conversations, questions or how much someone knew about them they should immediately shark their device and show an adult they trust. He suggested that as parents or Teachers we should screenshot and keep files of any of this information. This could be an unkind snapchat from a peer or a conversation that made a child feel uncomfortable. Small, seemingly insignificant things can build a bigger picture and raise concerns when we monitor and collect posts.

There was a huge amount of information and some of John's stories had a shock factor that made children and adults sit up and listen. The internet is an amazing asset and if children know the basics of staying safe and use their family values as filters we should all stay safe. John gave us way more information than I can share with you but we do have copies of his book here at school should anyone want to borrow them. I suggest you do.

Nga mihi nui

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards
L Stevenson

Board of Trustees Elections

At the close of Nominations at 12.00 noon today as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

**Lyndon Duff
Richard Williams
Eryn Duffy**

BALFOUR THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS
MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

SHOW DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

14th, 15th, 20th, 21st, 22nd JUNE 2019

Contact Ziggy on 0274448353
For tickets. \$60 per person which includes
Show and a Meal