

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

Dear Parents/Caregivers

### DSS Speech Competition

The standard of speeches continued to be very high this year and we held our finals at school on Monday.

The results were as follows:

**Yr 5/6 section:** 1st Georgia Edwards, 2nd Olivia Smith

**Yr 7/8 :** 1st Nadia Brunton, 2nd Tama Ngatai-Ruaporo

**Georgia and Nadia will now represent us at the Interschool Competition to be held this Thursday at the Hub at 7pm.**

### KiVa

We are very pleased with the impact that the KiVa programme is having on the well being of our students. Please read the review in this newsletter prepared by the KiVa team of teachers.

However there has been a small group of students where the programme has not been effective. We do all we can to see that students receive all the support required to assist them. We also access appropriate support from other agencies and sometimes this takes time, is costly and may be unavailable. It is unfortunate that we have had to "stand down" students recently because they have not been able to change their behaviour.

We really appreciate the wonderful support we get from parents and whanau when we need to call about an issue. What we see is that in nearly every case where parents and whanau are supportive of what we are trying to achieve, then the student's behaviour improves. Thank you for working with us.

**Stephen Snell**  
Principal

### Speech Competition

In the last month, Team 4 and 3 have been working on writing speeches. All students had to write an informative speech on a topic of their choice. Once the students finished their speech they had to present their speech in front the class. Next the teachers picked two students from each class to go through to the semi-final which is the team competition. In the Team 3 Competition six people competed—Olivia Smith, Georgia Edwards, Dani Simmons, Greer Feck, Dimitri Hales and Ryder Fowler. Next the Team 3 Teachers had to decide on who was going to the next round, the School Competition. Then the same thing happened for Team 4. For Team 4, six people competed, they were Rosa Christini, Aaron Kim, Tama Ngatai-Ruaporo, Hannah Feck, Nadia Brunton and Anson Rothwell. In the School Competition two students from each team had to read out their speech to the whole school. The students from Team 4 were Nadia Brunton and Tama Ngatai-Ruaporo. The Team 3 students were Olivia Smith and Georgia Edwards. The next round is the Inter School Speech Competition. The students going through to represent South School are Nadia Brunton and Georgia Edwards. We would have found it very hard being the Judges at the speech competition because all of the speakers and speeches were all really good.  
By Toby Walker and Connor Anderson

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Thursday 30th	<b>Inter School Speech Competition</b>
Friday 31st	<b>Daffodil Mufti Day</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Wednesday 5th	Team 3 noodle fundraiser
Tuesday 11th	Sausage sizzle—Maori Language Week
Friday 14th	Tamaki Nui A Rua Kapa Haka Festival
Friday 28	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 3</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
Monday 15th	<b>FIRST DAY OF TERM 4</b>
Thursday 18th	<b>NZ Shake Out 9.30 am</b>
Monday 22nd	<b>School closed—LABOUR DAY</b>
Tuesday 30th	Team 4 leave for El Rancho Camp
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
Friday 2nd	Team 4 return from El Rancho Camp
Saturday 10th	<b>SCHOOL GALA</b>
14 November	Dose 2 HPV vaccination
Wed/Thu 21/22	Rooms 4 and 5 trip to Napier
Thu/Fri 22/23	Rooms 6 and 7 trip to Napier

### PET DAY

Although we still intend to have a Pet Day at South School this year, we will only be having a lamb section. Sadly due to the cow disease mycoplasma bovis, we will not be able to host a calf section.

### MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

To help celebrate Maori Language week Ngati Kahungunu ki Tamaki nui-a-Rua will put on a sausage sizzle for all students/staff on Tuesday 11th September. We will all have to ask for our sausage in Te Reo

### FOOTBALL REPS

Congratulations to the following students who have made it into the Football Rep team for 2018:

#### **13th Grade Rep Team:**

Joshua Lane, Aaron Kim and Ryan Jameson

#### **11th grade Team;**

Angus Forsyth, Ayden Rees, Emily Geerston, Alvin Kim and Peyton Reynolds

### BOOK CLUB

The latest book club orders forms were sent home on Monday. They need to be in by Friday 14th September. Please make any cheques payable to South School.

### SCHOOL GALA—Saturday 10th November

The South School gala is our major fundraising event and one which involves the whole school community.

Already this term boxes of toys/groceries are being collected for our gala raffles and later this term each family will be sent home a book of raffles to sell.

Although this event takes a lot of planning by our S.O.S. team, it is also a lot of fun and doesn't have to be a lot of work if everyone gets involved.

#### **How can you help?**

Our next gala meeting is **Tuesday 25th September at 6.30 pm** in the school staffroom. Please come along and join the team.

## DSS NEWSLETTER- 29 August 2018

### REMINDERS

- ⇒ Mufti Day this Friday
- ⇒ ORDERS for SPORTS PHOTOS- Last day this FRIDAY
- ⇒ CALENDAR ORDERS—Last day this Friday
- ⇒ BOOK CLUB orders to office by Friday 14th September. Any chq payable to South School please
- ⇒ Teams 3 and 4—grocery item or money donation towards Gala Raffle
- ⇒ Please keep checking children's hair for headlice
- ⇒ Please keep your child's lunchbox nut free



### KiVa Review

**At the end of Term 2, the KiVa team completed a review of the effect of this programme on our students, teachers and whanau.**

**Here's some interesting information to share: -**

- ⇒ There were 32 cases - 13% of all our students.
- ⇒ The "Bullies" involved were made up of 32 boys and 7 girls.
- ⇒ The children felt strongly that the KiVa team had supported them and it was a fair process.
- ⇒ 50 % of the bullying had stopped completely after discussion with the KiVa team. After further follow up, 98% of the cases had stopped. To date, only 1 case has been sent further to the Principal.
- ⇒ Victims were a group of 19 boys and 8 girls.
- ⇒ Teachers had noticed a positive difference to behaviour in the playground and classroom. Teachers were finding the KiVa programme was definitely helping the children be aware of what bullying is, ways to stop bullying and roles they can play in bullying situations.

#### **Some quotes from our whanau**

- ⇒ "the process was consistent, has a follow up and we are happy with the process."
- ⇒ "Effective, even though it was a bus issue. Now I feel I don't need to step in."

The KiVa team is looking to complete another review at the end of the term. We will look forward to sharing this information with our community.

**If anyone would like more information about the review or our KiVa Programme, please contact Lindy, Caroline, Laura or Julianne.**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Tararua District Library—9th Annual Adult Trivia Quiz

**When:** Wednesday 5th September 2018. 6.30 pm start

**Where:** Your local community library

**Fancy Dress Theme:** Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

**Prizes:** Best fancy dress, district champs, Highest Scoring Town Team and spot prizes!!

Refreshments will be available. BYO: Beer/Wine

**Registration forms available from library and school office**

### DANNEVIRKE SPORTS CLUB-JUNIOR FOOTBALL DISCO

**When:** Saturday 1st September from 6-8 pm

**Where:** Dannevirke Sports Club Clubrooms

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

Open to all primary and kindergarten age children in the Dannevirke area.

Refreshments available. *Adult supervision will be provided however parents are welcome*

### Rural housing wanted:

If anyone is aware of any available rural housing in the Tararua region I would love to hear from you.. Please contact Kim 027 5908355—Co-ordinator for Tararua Abuse Intervention Network

### LITERACY TAMAKI NUI A RUA



Literacy Aotearoa  
Choice Change Freedom

The start of September celebrates adult learning with "The Festival of Adult Learning" (3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September) and International Literacy Day on the 8th of September.

This is a great time to think about how parents and carers can help support their children with homework and other areas of school life. Literacy Tamaki nui a Rua offers free tuition and support to help adults with computer skills, reading and numeracy. Courses are designed around the individuals' needs and ability and we try to accommodate learning at a time that suits other commitments. You can learn as an individual or as part of a group and all our tutors are fully qualified as well as being friendly and understanding.

If you want to make enquiries about courses you can visit us at The Tararua Learning Centre (The Old Railway Station on Hall Street) or call us on 06 374 6717 Mob. 020 4051 9916 : Email ltnar@xtra.co.nz



The programme divides participants into age appropriate groups and explores some of the common responses to loss and change, over 9 one-hour long sessions.

Children are supported by trained **Seasons for Growth** Companions and are encouraged to discuss their experience and develop their coping skills through a range of interactive, evidence-based activities. If you think that a young person you know may benefit from this peer-based programme, please contact us today for more information.

**Laura Baker—Counsellor, Tararua Family Services,**  
**374 5029 or laurab@acw.org.nz**

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are currently looking for volunteers to become Programme Companions, to assist us in working with small groups of children coping with grief, loss and change. This is an extremely rewarding experience for both the volunteers and the children and is a wonderful opportunity for you to give back to your community.

If you are interested or want to learn more about the Growing Through Grief programme and the training involved, please contact Marian at Tararua Family services, Phone 374 5029 or email [office.tfs@acw.org.nz](mailto:office.tfs@acw.org.nz)