



Friends, Learners, Guardians
Whakahoahoa, Akonga, Kaitiaki

March 10th 2017

What's Coming Up – Dates To Remember

Date	Activity	Parent Support
16.03.17	Tuakana/Teina Day	Jnrs/Snrs
17.03.17	Tuakana/Teina Day	Ints/Middles
20.03.17	Dental Van here	Health service to students
22.03.17	Interzone Softball-Boy	Come along and cheer today
22.03.17	Cognition Photography	Promotional material with our SRS learners posing

**Congratulations to our
BOYS' SOFTBALL TEAM**

**First Place In EZ Softball Competition
Now going to the INTERZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS
22nd March**

**Fantastic work team and coaches
Ms Salesa and Mr Fatialofa**

Join The Race – Make The World A Better Place

Over the past few weeks, all of our teams have taken part in the “CLEAN UP THE COAST” event, making our foreshores around Manukau cleaner by collecting a wide range of rubbish and substances. The children have observed how wide and varied the pollution can be – and have been able to strengthen their inquiry skills by asking questions about how best to improve this situation in our country. Thanks to all parents who have taken time to join us on these excursions – we couldn’t do it without you! Malo lava

Cognition Education Consultancy Photo Session

An exciting opportunity has arisen for SRS kids. We have been approached by the Educational Advisory Service – Cognition Education Ltd. They wish to take some professional photos of our students at school and to feature our school on their International Education Website advertising education in New Zealand.

The professional photography team will be in the school for one/two mornings. The pupils in the photos will not be named. The photos can also be put on our own school website.(Selected students)

If you do NOT wish your child/children to be involved if they are selected as part of a group or individual shot, please contact the school office. The shots will be to show good learning in action – IT’S WHAT WE DO and we are very proud to have been asked!

Planning, Assessment and Target Setting

A huge “THANK YOU” to our wonderfully dedicated staff, who work tirelessly for our students, to ensure that the programmes in place are a good fit for the learning levels of our students. Over the past few weeks, there has been a cycle of assessment in place, and teachers have been observing, testing, analyzing and making decisions about children to set targets for ongoing progress and achievement. The analysis of achievement information takes many hours, and our teachers meet after school to ensure that the planning for each student is well in place. We are indeed very fortunate to have a great group of professionals - lead by great Team Leaders and a stunning DP. As a Principal, I appreciate them immensely – and with your support, we can continue to grow our learners in their levels each term!

Maungakiekie Community of Learners (MaCOL)

For our new parents, our school is involved in a cluster initiative funded by the Ministry of Education. The schools involved are Bailey Rd, Sylvia Park, Panmure District, Ellerslie and One Tree Hill College. The MaCOL work programme defines us this year as the Action Plan we are following is setting cluster wide targets in Maths and Writing. We are exploring how well our students do in a new Science trial, and are promoting student agency – that is how our students LEAD THEIR OWN LEARNING. It’s ALL GO ! Our BOT’s all cluster together and meet together too.

ECO EXHIBITION – April 12th – Save The Date

At the end of each Inquiry Learning unit, we invite our parents and whanau to participate in our Action Outcomes Day – where we showcase the children's inquiry outcomes for the term. We would like to hold our ECO-EXHIBITION on April 12th in the last week of term (Wednesday) - be sure to come along and engage in your children's learning for the term.

Year 8 Camp

This year, we are taking our Year 8's to camp in Term One – it is a LEADERSHIP CAMP and by having it in Term One, it allows us to build on the team building and leadership skills the children develop at camp. Can you please help us by making sure all payments are up to date for the camp fees – we realize this is a big ask, but a school camp is often the highlight of a student's school life, and so much work goes in to the preparation of the programme – we would like ALL Year 8's to be participating in this wonderful camp experience. Thank you to all families helping with the fundraising – very much appreciated. We are nearly there – we do have automatic payment options with the school bank account number at the office.

Good News Update

Mr O'Connor and his wife have had their new son born in Scotland – William James O'Connor

Have a great week everyone

Corinne Hansell (Principal)

