

9 April 2013

In a Christian way we learn today for tomorrow

“Don’t compare your situation to others, you have no idea what their journey is about.”

Dear Parents, Pupils and Parishioners,

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Kya, Quelin, Acacia and their extended whanau as they pray for their baby cousins who passed away last week. May they rest in peace.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS – TOMORROW

Join us for a morning of racing and excitement **THIS WEDNESDAY** from **11 – 12.30** at school. Lots of races, effort and **BIG SMILES!** We look forward to seeing you.

COOL AT SCHOOL

We congratulate **Acacia Tamihana-Joe**, a Year 3 pupil who has impressed us with her kindness, consideration for others and her beautiful smile. A fantastic class member.



Middle School Ahuriri Trip

Last Friday the Middle Syndicate went on a trip based on their Inquiry Topic, Community.

Everyone’s excitement levels were above extreme! We arrived at the Custom House, split into 3 groups and went off to do 3 different activities in turns. The activities were: exploring the Waka Te Matua O Maui, fishing off the wharf with our hand-made lines and then learning about whalers in the early 1900’s at the Custom House.

Exploring the Waka...

We arrived at the dock where the Waka, te Matua O Maui was anchored. We all sat and listened to Rai – the man who looks after the Waka when it is not sailing around the world. We saw a massive Waka with kitchens and everything, it was like a floating house on water. We split our group in 2, half of us went exploring on the Waka while the others sketched.

Fishing off the Wharf...

We also went fishing off the wharf with our hand-made lines. Very few fish were caught, others caught shrimps and crabs. The fish that were caught were all different shapes and sizes (long, short, fat and thin). We let them go!

Custom House...

At the Custom House we were told a lot about whales and whalers by a lady called Gaynor. We also did a quiz worksheet. Interesting fact – whale backbones were used as stools to sit on, back in the 19th century.

Fish & Chips....

At the end of the morning we all met at Spriggs Park and had a serving of fish & chips for lunch and play on the playground.

Overall we think that it was a great time and we are sure that everyone else in the Middle Syndicate would have enjoyed the outstanding day that Mrs Smith, Miss Jobbins, Mrs O’Hagen, Ms Sutton and Mr Nick had planned for us!

By Amy Macdonald & Emily Wakely



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION – WE NEED YOU!

Nominations close **noon on the 17th April** – you were sent a nomination form.

P.T.A MEETING (TOMORROW NIGHT) – BE THERE FOR THE A.G.M

7pm in school library – DRINKS & NIBBLES supplied as we discuss the year ahead and the many plans we have for **YOUR SCHOOL**. Come and meet new people and support **YOUR CHILDREN**.

OUR CHILDREN - OUR RESPONSIBILITY

You are invited to a public forum where the Children’s Commissioner, Dr Russell Wills will speak on child poverty in New Zealand. **Wednesday 10th April 7pm**, Municipal Theatre.

MARAE VISIT

Next Wednesday (17th) the school visit Pukemokimoki Marae. We will be accompanied and supported by Joe Broughton, one of our kaumatua as well as you, our parents who are **invited to join and support us**.

We plan to bus to the Marae in Riverbend Rd at 10am. We are also being supported by Piri Ormsby, the Resource Teacher of Maori, who has already spoken to staff in regards to Marae protocol and will next week, visit each class to prepare them for this visit. We hope to establish closer ties with this local Marae as we recognise our bi-cultural heritage.



LAST CHANCE – STATIONERY ACCOUNTS

4 CIRCUS TICKETS (19 – 22 April) to give away to a family who have either paid their 2013 account or have an A.P set up (**YOU ARE IN THE DRAW!**) Lucky draw will be announced in assembly on Friday. **THANK YOU** to all the many people who have paid or are on A.P. If you haven’t, please do so as we need to pay our bills too.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THROUGHOUT OUR SCHOOL

At present our R.E topic is the **“HOLY SPIRIT”** and coverage across the school follows these themes:-

YEAR 1 – God the Holy Spirit

YEAR 2 – The Holy Spirit in People’s Lives

YEAR 3 – Fruits of the Spirit

YEAR 4-6 – Baptism and the Holy Spirit

YEAR 7/8 – The Holy Spirit in Scripture

SUNHATS HOME

Children will need to take their sunhats home by the end of this week. Please name them (twink) in readiness for the **4th term** and **SUMMER!**

PLACES AVAILABLE AT OUR AFTERSCHOOL CARE

Immediate starts are available at our on-site Morning Care and Afterschool Care. Morning Care is from 7.20am – 8.20am and Afterschool Care is from 3pm - 5.30pm every school day. As we are OSCAR approved, subsidies are available to those who qualify. For further information and enrolment forms please phone Betty Cull on 843.6045 or 021.0525.233 (before 9pm).

LAST WEEK’S QUIZ

3 men in a boat

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Regards & Blessings

Jurek Wypych
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