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Newsletter

Term 3 No.12

Principal's voice:

Kia Ora, Bonjour, Talofa, greetings to all,

Great News

I thought it would be encouraging to start with some excellent news! We applied for a grant to help us get up to speed with ICT within our school and I am delighted to announce that we have been granted \$60,930! This means that we will be able to get devices into classes for our tamariki and make sure they are secured in locked units. It will allow us some extra money to buy some resources so that we can start doing some more advanced coding and there is also funding to cover some more professional development for our teachers. This is fantastic news. A big big thank you to the Lion Foundation for their generous donation and their support. Yeah!

Our community garden

As you may be aware we have been working alongside a group of students from Marist alternative education centre to develop the area at the back of the swimming pool. The students have been coming in on Monday mornings and clearing the area so that we will have a potting shed and the deck will have garden boxes (donated by Bunnings) to plant into. This will be a community garden and as we progress we would love to involve all of our community and invite them to feel free to take some vegetables for themselves. We would also very much like help with maintenance and perhaps the donation of seedlings or plants. On Wednesday 25th September, we will have a Planting Day where you are invited to come and see how the garden is moving along. At the same time we will have some mental health professionals in the school to talk to our children about the advantages of activities like gardening, which have a positive approach to our well being. We will celebrate by having a sausage sizzle on the day for our tamariki, our visitors and community. I can't wait to be tasting some of those BNS grown vegetables!



Email Confidentially

I would like to advise you that our emailing system is now secure when sending group emails out to our community. All group emails will be sent through our school management system, which will ensure that privacy and confidentiality are maintained.

Congratulations to our BNS french speaking Speech finalists!

Toutes nos félicitations to the winners of the school French Speeches:

- Year 4: Margaux
- Year 5: Alexia
- Year 6: Matthew

Matthew and Alexia will be representing BNS at the Interschool French Competition next Thursday at Richmond Road School (9:30 - 11:30). Good luck for next week.



Speeches can be a hard and, for many children, a challenging experience! I would like to personally thank every single student in our school as they are all in the process of writing and rehearsing their speeches. Every child will find their area of comfort and then challenge themselves to that next step.

Our School speech semi finals and finals

As mentioned above all our children are doing speeches at the moment. Here are the dates of our semi finals and finals:

Semi Finals		
year	date	time
Years 3 and 4	Fri 20th Sept	9:00 - 11:00
Year 1 and 2	Fri 20th Sept	11:30 - 12:30
Years 5 and 6	Wed 11th Sept	11:30 - 1:00
Finals		
Years 1 and 2 followed by 3 and 4	Tues 24th Sept	9:00 - 11:00
Years 5 and 6	Wed 18th Sept	9:00 - 11:00

The inter school speech finals are in week 10 Thursday 26th September at Kauri Park Primary, where the year 5 and 6 winner will take part.

Rippa Rugby and cross country

Next Wednesday, 4th September we will be holding our school cross country. It will start at 1:20 with the years 1 and 2, followed by years 3 and 4 and then finishing with our years 5 and 6. Please come along and cheer you children on.

Our next Rippa Rugby inter school tournament is on Thursday 12th September. All children will be bused from the school. Please ensure your children are at school on time.

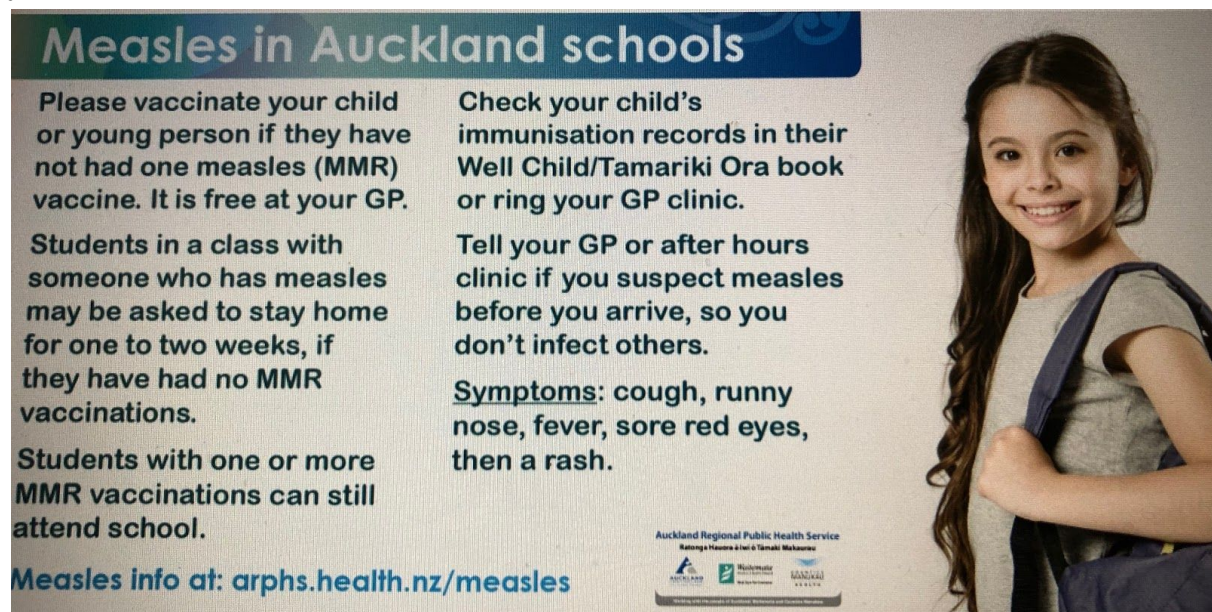
The Little Yellow Digger show

We have been given 100 free tickets to go to The Little Yellow Digger at The Pumphouse in Takapuna on Thursday the 26th September at 1pm. As there is not enough for the whole school we looked at the best options and have decided that we will take our years 2,3 and 4 children to the show.

Please look out for more information in the next week regarding the show. We will need some parent help, but this will be limited so please do not be offended if we turn you down. We will also need to order buses, which means a contribution towards the cost of travel will be requested.

Measles

I was watching the news last night and the measles situation is getting worse in South Auckland. If your child show any signs of measles, then please take them immediately to your doctor or health provider.



Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles

Auckland Regional Public Health Service
Kaitiaki Heaumea & Tei o Tāmaki Makaurau

Logos for Auckland Council, Auckland Regional Public Health Service, and Auckland Regional Public Health Service are visible at the bottom.

A photograph of a smiling young girl with long dark hair, wearing a grey shirt and a blue backpack, is on the right side of the poster.

Green Certificate winners

Well done to all our learners for the past two weeks.



Congratulations to our Gold certificate winners.



Have a safe and hopefully sunny weekend with your children

Nga mihi nui,
Jan.

Upcoming Events

Term Dates 2019:

Term 3 22 July - 27 September
Term 4 14 October - 13 December

Public Holidays:

28 October Labour Day

Whats on:

4 September	School Cross Country
5 September	French Speech Finals
5 September	Maths information afternoon 3.30pm - 5.30pm
9 - 15 September	Maori Language week
12 September	Rippa Tournament 3 of 3
26 September	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
27 September	Term 3 ends - last day Term 3 3.00pm finish.
24 October	Board of Trustees monthly meeting
28 October	Labour Day - school closed
27 November	End of year whole school production
28 November	Board of Trustees monthly meeting 6.30pm to 8.30pm
5 December	Board of Trustees meeting in staff room 6.30pm to 8.30pm
6 December	Year 6 leaving function and graduation 5pm to 7 pm
11 December	End of year Assembly and Prizegiving 11.30am to 1pm
12 December	School family fun day and picnic 10am to 3pm
13 December	Last day of Term 4

Junior Assembly every Friday Term time 11.30am

Senior Assembly every Friday Term time 12.15pm

Whole School Student Administration Assembly every Monday Term Time 9.00am to 9.30am

Public Health Nurses are available on 09 486 8996. Alternatively call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or visit www.health.govt.nz. The Public Health Nurses are able to help with providing things like nit treatment, action plans for students that have medical conditions and other general health queries.

School Dental service contact phone: 09 444 6160.

Hearing & Vision, a message from the Technician who was at BNS on Wednesday this week:

If you have genuine concerns for your child's Vision or Hearing or want to rule it out as a contributor to behaviour and performance in school you can make an appointment at one of the WDHB clinics. Please click on the link below for further information.

<http://www.waitematahnb.govt.nz/hospitals-clinics/clinics-services/child-and-family-services/>

Alternatively the technician is scheduled to be back at BNS in 3 months, November/ December 2019.

If you are unsure that your child has been tested, all children have been seen either at school or as a B4 SCH check when they were 4 years.

The vision screening is for distance only so if you have concerns for Vision you could see an optometrist, they will do a full eye check- Specsavers do free checks for children under 16 years.

The Walking School bus is up and running this term again. There are two WSB routes, one meets at the bottom of Tiri Tiri Road and the other meets at Lancaster Road shops. If you have any queries or need further information, please contact Mrs Singh.

Birkdale North School

Today we raised \$153.00 for Cancer

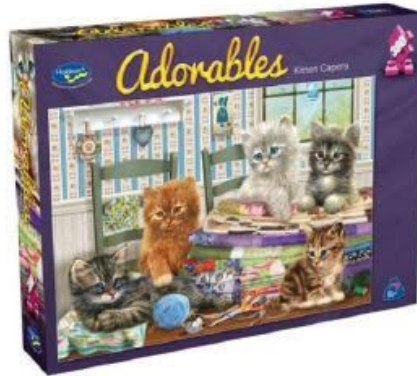
Society New Zealand

***Thank you to all our families for your
contribution***



New Caledonia Trip Fundraiser Puzzles for sale - \$15 each

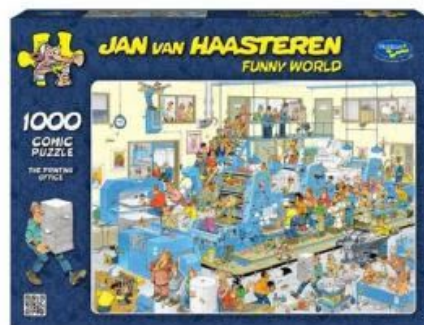
Stock up on your Christmas or birthday gifts or buy one for yourself! We are selling brand new, never opened before puzzles for \$15 each. Contact Mona-Lynn at kotuku33@gmail.com



300 pieces



500 pieces



1000 pieces