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*Greetings, Tena Koutou e hoa ma, hello parents and friends of the school, talofa lava, malo e lelei, fakalofa lahi atu.....*

### Our focus of study for Term 2 is.....

# IMAGINING

As usual it was great to see our students return from term break well-behaved and ready to learn. During week one of this term I saw many examples of behaviour charts being completed, along with all kinds of excellent work, from visual art to mathematics and writing. Of special interest to me has been some excellent writing from Year 5 and 6 students.

Many of our students are fortunate enough to have parents or caregivers who put great energy into offering their children many extra learning experiences, including sports. Some of our students scooped the prize pool at Te Atatu Athletics Club end of season prizegiving.

James Ogilvie retained his position as club champion of his age group, a position he has held since 2004. An outstanding effort.

Mollie Harvey was champion of 8 year old girls. Sam Brooking was champion of 8 year old boys. Eliana Brooking was champion of 6 year old girls. Bridget Sabich was an outstanding performer at the local pony club, winning too many awards to list here.



The students featured completed the Weetbix Ironman event and deserve recognition for the effort and energy they put in.

Kaila Ru continues on her winning ways. She has won many athletic awards, representing the Avondale Athletic Club, so many that the Western leader placed her photo in a recent issue.

Classes are immediately preparing to make the most of study about ~~imagining~~ and I note some excellent classroom environments which will motivate students to keep learning and doing their best at all tasks. Thanks to teachers for all the preparation over term break.

Curriculum studies are always our most important focus and immersion activities for term two focus of study are:

Year 1 & 2 - Reading imaginary stories % I could beō ō q.stories imagining what mystery objects are.

Year 3 & 4 - Imaginary stories and poems, brainstorming, visualizations.

Year 5 & 6 . Using guided imagining to trigger imaginative responses.

Students, and their parents and teachers, are already at work preparing for this years ~~Flash to Fashion~~ Other students are preparing for International University tests. Connor Tunnicliffe, for example, has been working his way through a computer studies revision book.

Currently our best swimmers are competing for places in our team for the cluster competition on 12 May, at West Wave Swimming Complex. Our soccer players are preparing for the cluster field day to be held at Neil Avenue Park on 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> May. All students involved in the above events will have letters sent home with full details.

*Return slip*

*I have received and read Newsletter No. 1 Childs Name.....Room.....*

*Signed .....Parent/Guardian*

several parents have contacted teachers for further guidance, and I encourage any parent with concerns of any nature to contact us immediately. Our aim is to meet the needs of students to the best of our ability.

### **MATHS OPEN DAY 10 JUNE.....**

As part of our drive to keep parents well informed about student learning, Gail Ledger, Maths Facilitator with Team Solutions, is available on 10 June to discuss maths learning with any interested parents. Classrooms are open to parents so they can sit in on a lesson, and following this talk to Gail about any issue arising.

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.**

### **SCHOOL SNACKSHACK.....**

Carol Haddock, who ran the lunchroom for our previous contractors, will now provide this service with herself as the boss. The food offered will be healthy and nutritious. Carol has qualifications in food handling, and great motivation to assist our students. The lunchroom starts providing food today, and every day after that. Term 2 is a trial term, so if this service is wanted, please support it. A menu is available from the Snack Shack.

### **LEARNING SUPPORT KIP MCGRATH EDUCATION CENTRE....**

The centre begin classes, in our Learning Centre on Monday for enrolled students.

### **A.S.B. SCHOOL BANKINGõ õ**

Lots of students have joined the A.S.B. School Banking and have been given their complimentary starter pack from the A.S.B. When children wish to do their banking they just need to pop their envelope provided in the A.S.B. deposit box in the office.

### **SWIMSATION SWIM SCHOOLõ .**

Flanshaw Primary School is coming to our school for swimming instruction commencing this term.

### **Community Notices.....**

Blue Turtle After School Art Classes begins term 2, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> May for 8 weeks. Tuesdays . Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30 . 5.00pm. Te Atatu Intermediate School. Mosaic plaques . collage . fabric painting. For more information phone Rowena 834 5297.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER.....**

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| May 11    | Friends of School Meeting      |
| May 12    | Swimming Zone Day              |
| May 14    | Junior group to Lopdell House  |
| May 14    | Trash Fashion group to Corbans |
| May 14    | Board of Trustees Meeting      |
| May 18-22 | Bookfair                       |
| May 25-29 | Bookweek                       |
| May 26    | Storylines Rev it upq          |
| May 26    | Soccer Field Day               |
| May 27    | Saving Day Soccer              |

### **HOUSE LEADERS TRIP TO PONUI ISLAND.....**

Thursday / Friday 7 and 8 Mayõ .

Our board of trustees chairperson is living on Ponui island for six months. His children, as part of correspondence studies invited house leaders to travel to the island to test their key competencies, like self-management. Weather permitting, our house leaders and deputies will travel to Ponui Island and spend time overcoming various challenges. This short notice addition to our learning calendar has been made possible by the generous offers of supervision from parents. Thank you.

### **TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN GWENDOLYN AVEõ**

I have had reports of dangerous driving in Gwendolyn Ave. If you must drive down this street to drop off a student, you must understand yellow broken lines cannot be stopped on at all times. Footpaths are for foot traffic, not for cars to travel on. Traffic Wardens will give a ticket and police will prosecute drivers who use the footpath like a road.

### **Congratulations to Athletics Prizewinners**

