

NEWSLETTER

We welcome all children and families to our school and hope you have a happy and enjoyable time with us.
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8 May 2015

WELCOME

ANZAC
Comemorations

New staff

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Rippa Rugby Win!~

What's On?

14 May
Community at
Redoubt meeting
2.30pm in the
staffroom

**Thursday 14 May
Parent Teacher
Conferences
2PM CLOSE!!!**

**22 May
Class Photos**

Redoubt North
School now has its
own Facebook
page Check
here for more
photos!!



**TERM DATES
2015**

**Term 2
20 April—3 July**

**Term 3
20 July—
25 September**

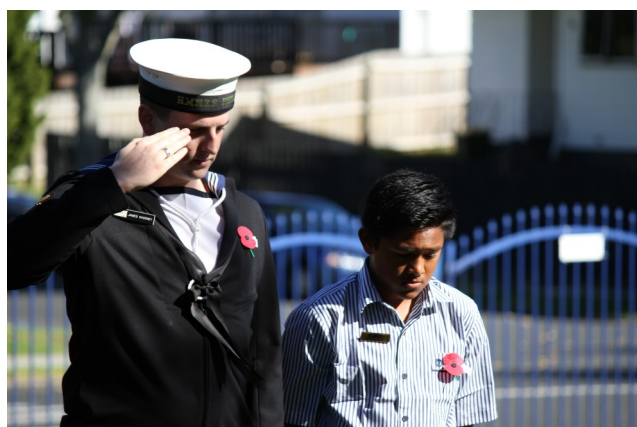
**Term 4
12 Oct—
10 December**

ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS - FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE

On Friday the 24th of April the school commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli in WWI. The front lawn of the school was set out with 30 white crosses bearing the names of soldiers that had lost their lives in WWI. Among the crosses were Victoria Cross heroes, a nurse and the All Blacks captain Dave Gallagher. The children each made a poppy and they were displayed around our crosses. We were privileged to have three members of the Royal New Zealand Navy attend, as well as RSA president Mike Cole, Louisa Wall the MP for Manurewa and Constable Mark Hanson from the NZ police. We laid a wreath at the cross of the Unknown soldier before moving our guests into the Performing arts centre for our whole school assembly. The children showed great respect to the memory of those in the Armed services who had fought and lost their lives. The assembly was very moving to all those who attended.

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome Miss Tamlyn Marsh to our staff who will be teaching in the Junior School. Miss Marsh comes with a wealth of experience and we are delighted she is joining our team.



LOOK WHO'S COMING TO READ?

We are having a surprise story time this week with all staff reading to different levels of the school. The students have a surprise "reader" everyday after lunch with a different staff member reading stories and rhymes.



SCHOOL OPENING TIMES

We are aware that a number of children are arriving at school as early as 7.15am! This is too early on cold mornings and makes a very long day for younger students. School sports coaching begins at 8am for the Y5-8 students only so the younger students and those not participating in morning sports do not need to be at school before 8.30am. This is also a safety requirement as staff are in morning meetings and are not responsible for your child in the event of an accident. We would appreciate your support in this concern.

ASSISTING AT THE ROADSHOW

The Science Road Show offers school children and their teachers an opportunity to explore various science and technology concepts. Our Year 8 students were invited to assist the Science Road show staff as "explainers" for a three day tour at Chapel Downs Primary school.

After receiving rigorous training on day one the students manned a cluster of exhibits that required further explanation to visiting students. This was a unique, informal learning opportunity for our students that nurtured their curiosity and hunger for discovery. It provided memorable real life contextual elements and examples. It was more than just learning; it was an opportunity to build confidence in their ability to communicate with others in a different environment. Well done and a big thank you to our students.



REDOUBT'S RIPPA RUGBY TEAM AUCKLAND CHAMPIONS

Our school Year 6 Rippa team won the Southern Challenge Cup in March which qualified them to represent the Southern Zone at the Challenge Cup Finals Tournament at Eden Park on Saturday 2nd May. At the Challenge Cup Finals our school team representing the



Southern Zone competed against the other winning conference teams from the Eastern, Western and Central Challenge Cup. It was a fantastic day of Rippa Rugby, our team won 12 – 2 against the Western team and 7 – 3 against the Eastern team. Our most challenging game was against the Central team in our round competition which ended with a 2 all draw. This meant that we made it to the Finals and would play Central to compete for the best Rippa team in Auckland. We were so excited to make it to the finals and have the chance to play against the Central team again. It was an exhilarating final, we gave our best, believed in ourselves, supported our team mates and followed the game plan which helped us to become Champions winning the final 6 – 3 against Central. This means our Rippa team is the best Mixed Y6 Rippa Rugby Team in Auckland.

We were presented the Challenge Cup Trophy and Shield on the Eden Park by Blues players just before the start of the Blues game. Our team then stayed to watch the Blues Game and celebrate our success. We will now represent not just our school but also our province Auckland in September at National Rippa Tournament in Wellington.

NZ SCIENCE ROAD SHOW VISIT

On Tuesday, 5th of May our year 5 students experienced an exciting and interactive learning afternoon at the travelling Science Road show based at Otahuhu College.

The show provided our students experience in various science and technology concepts through "touch and feel" learning. Featured were hands on exhibits and two live demonstrations. One of the demonstrations focused on the amazing properties of water and the other demonstration looked at the dynamics of electricity. Students were intrigued and fascinated when a pickled gherkin was used to light up a bulb. They were also amazed when water failed to pour out of a jar when tipped out above the head of Ayushi, our volunteer student.

Each of the exhibits were set up around the hall according to its theme. To help the children, each activity had a context board which included an explanation of how to use it and the science behind it.

After the initial demonstration everyone was given the freedom to interact and explore at will with any of the 70 hands-on exhibits. The rotating chair and Spirograph appeared to be the most popular activities sampled.

At the end of the day the children were given the opportunity to enter a scientific challenge. To gain entry they were required to correctly explain the science behind 3 of the unexplained exhibits. All correct entries were

put in a box and were drawn at the end of the show. Solomon and Zhara both from X2 were the lucky winners of bunnies made on a 3D printer!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the Mums, Dads, and Grandparents who gave up their time and assisted us on the trip.

Jane Milner
Principal

