



# NEWSLETTER

**Welcome to all new students and families - we hope you settle into your new class and make many new friends, welcome to:** Tirama Heke, Mohamed Al Hussin Al Rammo, Mason Vong, Anita Thai, Aeisha Dayal, Annah Sisiketu, Areeb Siddiqui, Katarina Ball, Audi Casunuran, Jairus Iakapo, Jemima Hunt, Suelenda Etuale Pesa, Pursayis, Leonydis, Danelius and Andreius Takiho Vaatapu Tautogia, Te Ariki Thay, Lelea Moala, Lily Chen and Orlando Tasi Moon.

## FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES

Our school has been given the opportunity to join the Governments Free School Lunch Scheme. This will come into operation during 2021 and will entitle every child to have a free lunch everyday. All children are offered the lunch to avoid the stigma of some with and some without the free lunch.

We have so far signed up for the scheme and are waiting for the Ministry of Education to decide on the contractors who will provide the service and the logistics of delivery etc.

We will advise parents of how the scheme will be implemented once the school has more information. We hope to have the scheme up and running for the commencement of Term 1 .

## NO SCHOOL DONATIONS

The Board of Trustees has again opted into the Ministry of Educations 'No Donation' scheme for schools. This means parents/caregivers will not need to pay a school donation for the 2021 school year. As always the school is keen to support families/whanau as much as possible.

## SCHOOL CLOSED 20 NOVEMBER

The school will be closed on **Friday 20 November for a Teacher Only Day** This is to enable staff to complete organization and planning for 2021 and is part of their Employment contract. School will open again on Monday 23 November at 8.20am

## ENDEAVOUR POD DEVELOPMENT

We are still negotiating with the Ministry of Education regarding the replacement of Endeavour Pod and its location. We are hoping to have a decision shortly so building can commence of the new Pod and Amphitheatre.

## ENTERPRISE STARDOME AND OBSERVATORY

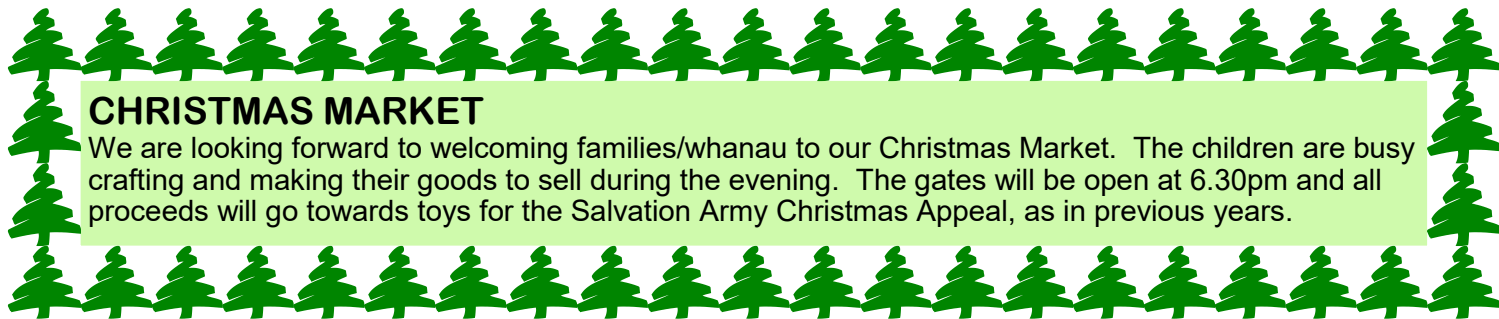
On Thursday the 29th of October, Enterprise Pod Auckland's Stardome and Observatory. We had three Stardome sessions booked and two classes went in at a time. While other classes were waiting, students competed in a treasure hunt photo challenge around the park. The Stardome Sessions were broken up into three sections. First, students were taken into a theatre style classroom where we learned more about our Solar System. In the second part, students



were given iPads and had to complete a trivia questionnaire using fun activities set up in the foyer. Finally it was time to head into the 360 degree theatre. Sitting on reclining chairs, students viewed an engaging film about the wild weather found on different planets in the our Solar System. Students and Teachers enjoyed the trip and came away with new found knowledge. Thanks to the team at The Stardome and Observatory for hosting us and special thanks to all our Whanau who accompanied us.



<b>5 November 2020</b>
Free lunch scheme
No Donation scheme
<b>Teacher Only Day 20 November SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED</b>
Endeavour Pod development
Christmas Market
Swimming
Kiwi Kapers Concert
Stardome
Volleyball
<b>Whats On?</b>
16 November Road Patrols to Rainbows End
<b>19 November Christmas Twilight Fair</b>
<b>20 November TEACHER ONLY DAY School closed</b>
<b>9 December LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2PM CLOSING</b>
<b>2 FEBRUARY FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2021</b>
<b>8 FEBRUARY WAITANGI DAY School closed</b>



## CHRISTMAS MARKET

We are looking forward to welcoming families/whanau to our Christmas Market. The children are busy crafting and making their goods to sell during the evening. The gates will be open at 6.30pm and all proceeds will go towards toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal, as in previous years.

## VOLLEYBALL SEZ TOURNAMENT

The Volleyball Girls won the South Eastern Zone Tournament for the second year in a row. The girls will now represent the SEZ at the Auckland Champs next Wednesday 11th November at North Shore Event Centre.

The boys team also did our school proud with their incredible effort and sportsmanship.

## BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

Our Intermediate Basketball teams enjoyed their tournament day at Bruce Pulman at the beginning of the term. Thank you Coach George and Coach Dan for your expert basketball knowledge.



## KIWI CAPERS—NEW ZEALAND PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA



On Thursday 29 October, 90 Year 6 students attended the Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra's (APO) Kiwi Kaper's concert. The students enjoyed performances from the Massive Theatre Company telling the stories of three remarkable Kiwi Women - Nancy Wake, Jean Batten and Ruia Morrison. This was complimented by orchestral pieces such as *The Five Million* (written for the APO to celebrate the sacrifices and achievements of all New Zealanders during the COVID-19 pandemic) and Shore's Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring.

The students were particularly impressed by the pianist and many felt inspired to learn musical instruments themselves. We are very grateful to the APO for providing us with so many free tickets and such an incredible experience.

## SWIMMING

Term 4 swimming is well underway and students from Year 3 to Year 6 have been taking part in the "Sir John Walker Find your Field of Dreams" sponsored lessons. They are being coached by three qualified swimming instructors from SwimGym New Zealand.

Students from each class are organized into three ability groups and a great deal of learning is delivered into each half hour lesson.

They are being taught essential skills that enhance their enjoyment, safety and confidence in and around water. A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who offered to help us with supervision.



**Term Four 2020**  
12 Oct—9 December

**Term One 2021**  
2 February - 16 April

*Jane Milner, Principal*