

NEWSLETTER

We welcome all children and families to our school and hope you have a happy and enjoyable time with us. Nataliah Taiki, Lavona Talo, Jaedyn Taviliniu-Vemoa, Faitasa & Saitofiga Tutagalevao, Herodia Setephano, Martin Chen, Esekielu Eritana, Aimasi Tuifao-Anae and Talivale Wilson.



BOOK FAIR

During the holidays staff from Redoubt North packed and lifted thousands of books that had been donated to our school from the Howick Rotary Club. As part of Upper Explorer's 'Living and Giving' inquiry topic, the year 6 teacher's and children organised a school Book Fair. We worked tirelessly sorting and categorising all the books ready for the Saturday sale. We had a huge turnout of families and locals from our community and beyond. It was a busy day and teachers were kept on their toes selling approximately 4500 books and making \$900. This money is going to be used to buy toys and Christmas gifts which we will donate to the Salvation Army to help spread some Christmas joy. **Thank you for supporting us.**



SCHOLARSHIPS 2016

We are delighted to announce 3 more of our students have gained scholarships in 2016. Head boy, Ali Leiataua will be attending Kings College, Year 6 student Jarius Iosefa will be attending Kings Preparatory School and Janaeyah Thomassen-Kite will be attending Epsom Girls on a Cotter Trust Scholarship to the Kahurangi - Maori Unit at the school. **Congratulations to you all, we are very proud of you.** Top: Ali Leiataua, bottom left Jarius Iosefa and right, Janaeyah Thomassen—Kite.



**29 October
2015**

WELCOME

Book Fair

Scholarships

Parent Conferences

Science Fun club

Football

Squash

The Big Shakeout

Notices

Swimming Lessons

What's On?

**Swimming
Thursday's and
Friday's**

**C@R meeting
5 November**

**12 November
Parent/Teacher
Conferences**

**Preschool visits for
starters 2016
16-19 November**

**Christmas in the
Playground
26 November**



3PM COLLECTION

We are aware more and more children are not being collected at 3pm and are left waiting at the office doors. We have three after school care centres collecting children after school to assist parents. They are:
Chipmunks Childcare 2785568
Sunshine Kids Afterschool 2620064
Otara Leisure Centre 2746917
School staff have after school meetings and are therefore unable to supervise children on a daily basis. It is a parent responsibility to collect their child on time.



**School will close
THURSDAY 12 November
at 2pm**

for PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Please collect your children promptly.

Have you sent your form back yet to request a time?



Have a look at
more photos on
our Facebook
page.....

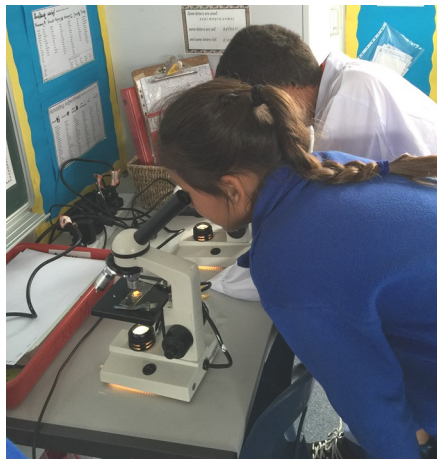
**TERM
DATES**

**2015
Term 4
12 Oct- 10 Dec**

**2016
Term 1
2 Feb- 2 April**

SCIENCE FUN CLUB

Our budding scientists in our science fun club have had a great deal of fun learning about chemical and physical changes of matter. They inquired, investigated and conducted practical hands-on activities. This week we focused on bubbles, UV beads, moulds on food and testing for vitamin C in fruits and pre-packaged fruit juices.



ASB FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Junior School (Apollo, Discovery and Voyager Pods) are all participating in the ASB Football in Schools programme each Tuesday this term. The programme is aligned to the NZ National Player Development Framework, which is designed to ensure young players are provided with more opportunities to engage in football activities and to develop their skills.



PERSONAL ITEMS

We are finding more and more children wearing jewellery and bringing valuable items to school. This puts temptation into children's hands and ultimately ends in tears when items go missing. Children are only allowed to wear watches, earrings (sleepers) and necklaces of cultural origin. Please check this with your child. The school accepts no responsibility for items that are lost or damaged or for any injury caused.

CELLPHONES

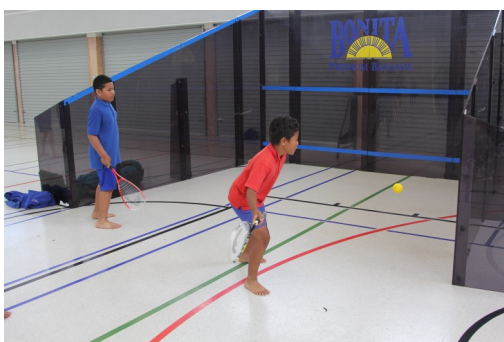
Cell phones are not permitted at school. This is to avoid a breach of an individual's privacy, interruption of school lessons, cyber bullying and theft. Students found with cell phones will have them removed and parents contacted to collect them from school. In the event of an emergency, families can contact the school office on Ph 263 9060.

CHILD SAFETY

A reminder to all parents/caregivers/visitors to report to the office, informing us you are on school grounds between 9am and 3 pm. This is in your child's interest as we wish to keep all students safe. (This also includes the dropping off of lunches.) Thank you for your support in this.

SQUASH LESSONS

Over the last two weeks Endeavour, Explorer and Enterprise students experienced playing squash in school. Students enjoyed playing in a portable Micro Squash Court in our Sports Complex. The court and equipment was provided by Squash Auckland. Students are welcome to attend the FREE OPEN DAY at the Allan Brewster Leisure Centre on Wednesday 4th November from 4pm to 5pm. For more information contact Mike from Squash Auckland. Email: development@squashauckland.org.nz



THE BIG SHAKEOUT

Thursday 15 October was the national Shake Out Earthquake simulation. Classes had been practicing Drop, Cover, Hold in their classrooms, and when the alert went out everybody pretended there really was an earthquake. Even parents and children joined the office staff under the desks !! **Well done everyone**



SWIMMING

Our students from Years 3 to 6 are participating in free swimming lessons this term at the Papatoetoe Centennial Swimming Pool. They will be coached by 3 qualified swimming instructors made possible through funding from "Sir John Walker's Find Your Field of Dreams Foundation". In week 2, the children attended the first of 8 lessons. During the first lesson, the instructors assessed the water confidence and swimming skills of each child. They were then placed in a group appropriate to their ability to improve their performance.



Jane Milner - Principal