



CASS Newsletter

CENTRAL AUCKLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Tāmaki Makaurau Te Kura Motuhake

13 September 2018

From The Principal

Dear families and whanau

You may have heard the news recently that the Prime Minister has announced the budget for a significant building project at Onehunga High School. The exciting news for us is that this rebuild includes our 2 satellite classes which are included in stage 1 of the project and are intended to be in the heart of the school. Deidre (OHS Principal) emailed over the weekend and said "We are looking forward to developing fabulous spaces for teaching and learning in the heart of our school for your students and staff, in the not too distant future!"

2019 will be a busy year for us as our Balmoral satellite classes will be being rebuilt, which along with planned projects at Dominion road and our own new base school will mean we are pretty property focused. What a great opportunity for our school to design learning spaces for our students ! The Board of Trustees is continuing to work with the Ministry on our own base school project and we remain hopeful we will have news to share in the near future.

Nga mihi

Trudi



Last day of Term
The last day of this term is Friday 28th September.
School will be closing at 1.30pm.
Parents can pick their children up from 12.30; All taxis will be picking students up at 1.30pm

School News

School Hours Change reminder: reminder our school hours are aligning from the beginning and we will start at 9.00am and finish at 2.30pm

May Road update: the building team at May Road are working tirelessly to make sure our refurbished satellite classrooms are ready for our students for the start of Term 4. We will be establishing an additional class at May Rd and would like to introduce Samantha Albuquerque as our new teacher on site.

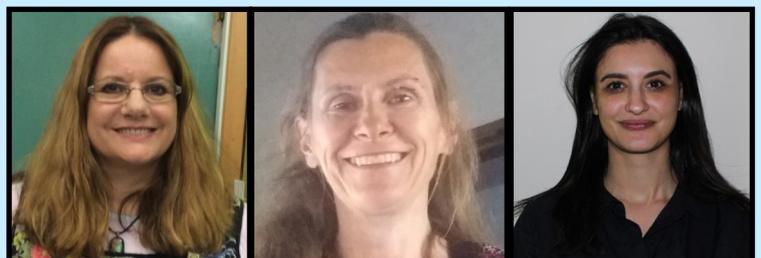


Farewells

We will be saying farewell to some fabulous staff leaving us at the end of this term: James Ryan (Teacher OHS), Coral Bennett (Admin) and Deb McGoram (Student Health Co-ordinator). We wish to thank them for their contribution to CASS and wish them well in their next adventures.

Welcome

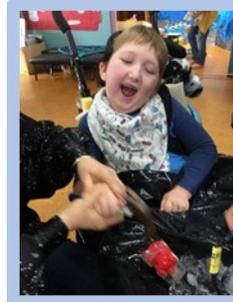
Alongside Samantha joining us in May Road 3 we wish to introduce and give a CASS welcome to Rema Gravatt to Dominion Rd 1 and Penny Dawber to Base 2. We welcome back to Susan Gauci, returning to us from maternity leave.



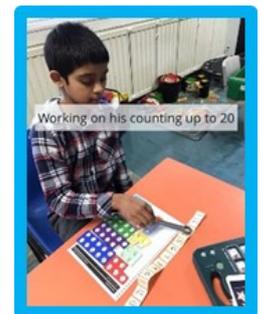
Syndicate News

Junior Syndicate September 2018

This term many of the classes have been exploring Historic Places around Auckland/A sense of History. We have aimed to make it as relevant as possible for our students, by giving students the opportunity to think about concepts such as past and present, and the passing of time. Teachers have displayed such ingenuity in trying to address this! Baby photos have been matched to current photos – with amazing accuracy by the students!



We have been involved in visiting historic places, creating a whole world around being Lost in a Toy Museum, exploring the age of Dinosaurs, looking at fashion from yesteryear. Some classes visited the Volcano experience at the Auckland Museum. Alongside and encompassing all this excitement, the regular focus on engagement, sensory learning, developing appropriate social skills, developing communication skills and supporting the development of literacy and mathematic skills, is a strong focus. We have been fortunate to have wonderful additional enriching programmes, including art, music and drama, from Mapura Studios, and our Arts teachers.

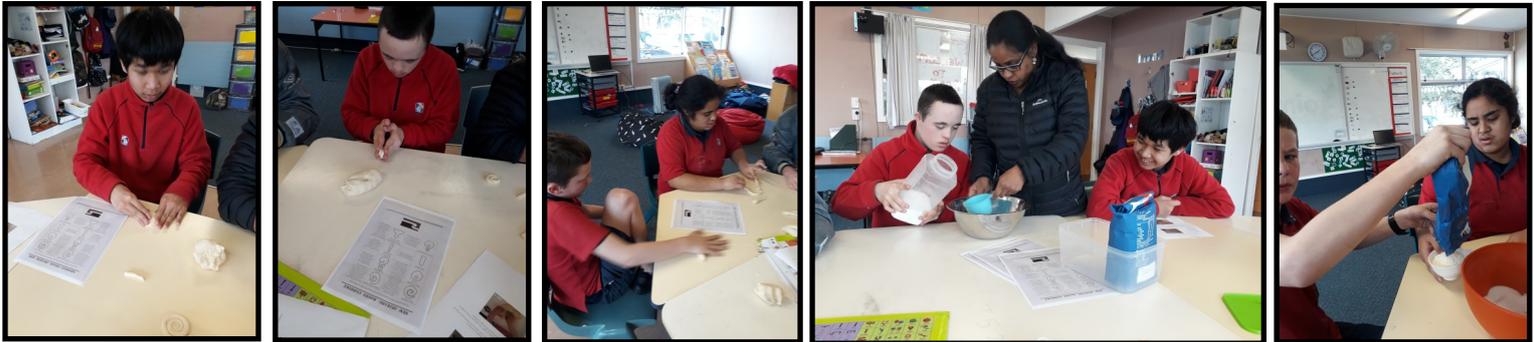


We are delighted with the progress we see with the students, as staff work to capture their engagement through their interests and inspire their motivation, to help them make the most of each learning opportunity. *Belinda Rowe*

Syndicate News

Middle Syndicate September 2018

This week we celebrated Maori language week by making Maori symbols out of salt dough!



Senior Syndicate September 2018

Senior Syndicate classes have been out and about visiting places of historical significance around Auckland along with their continued participation in Zumba and X-fit. Places visited so far have been Harbour Bridge, Sky Tower, Motat, Highwic and Monte Cecilia House to name a few. These visits have formed the basis for a learning context and lots of discussion around them and integrating the experiences into different curriculum areas. We've also had one of our classes working with AR Games to help design and create a maths app.



September



Making every step count

CASS are once again supporting STEPTEMBER, the Cerebral Palsy Society fundraiser to push awareness and raise funds. Classes have registered as teams and are counting their steps each day. On the Thursday the 20th September 10am-12pm, CASS will celebrate, with a whole school event held at our StAR site 261 St Andrews Road. This will involve classes having a range of activities to flow around with the aim to increase step count, have fun and celebrate learning. Families and friends are all welcome to attend this.

CASS Quiz Night

We have organised a fun Quiz night for parents and friends of students at school. This is with the aim of getting parents together and building networks, but most of all to have some fun, with the added bonus of being crowned the inaugural CASS Quiz mastermind. Each term we are going to organise a parent get together and welcome peoples ideas as to some fun ways of doing this. Contact Stephen Doel stephenhend@cass.school.nz at CASS with those ideas.

COME HAVE FUN WITH US!

Community News



Disability Connect runs 3 Parent Support Groups: - Parent Support Group - everyone is welcome, Chinese Autism Support Group and Indian Families Social Group. Check their website for a list of 2018 dates. Please RSVP admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz or 09 636 0351

Management Strategies

Thursday 20th September 2018 - 5.30-8pm
Mt Richmond School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu. Mt Richmond Special School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu. Free entry and free carparking Complimentary light supper included

Chinese Families Autism Support Group Meeting - 18th September - Maths made easy - Numicon

Tuesday 18th September 2018 - 9:30am till 1:00pm
Social Room, Te Tuhi, 13 Reeves Road, Pakuranga, Auckland. Free entry and free carparking

Indian Families Social Group - 2nd September

Monday 8th October 2018 - 6pm till 8pm
Otahuhu Town Hall Community Centre, 10-16 High Street, Otahuhu. Free entry and ample car parking Complimentary light supper included

Planning for Adulthood - The Legal Framework around Disability and Disability Rights Seminar

West Auckland

Wednesday 12th September 6.30-9.30pm
Hub west, 27 Corban Avenue, Henderson

South Auckland

Wednesday 17th October 6.30-9.30pm
Mt Richmond Special School, 30 Albion Road, Otahuhu

North Auckland

Tuesday 6th November 6.30-9.30pm
Yes Disability Resource Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany

The Executive for the SEPA NZ Special Education Principals Association NZ) met recently and have shared with us some recent research about the prevalence of autism - some findings from this report

- About 1 in 59 children has been identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) according to estimates from CDC's Autism and Developmental Disabilities Monitoring (ADDM) Network.
- ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socio-economic groups.
- ASD is about 4 times more common among boys than among girls.
- Studies in Asia, Europe, and North America have identified individuals with ASD with an average prevalence of between 1% and 2%.
- About 1 in 6 children in the United States had a developmental disability in 2006-2008, ranging from mild disabilities such as speech and language impairments to serious developmental disabilities, such as intellectual disabilities, cerebral palsy, and autism.
- Studies have shown that among identical twins, if one child has ASD, then the other will be affected about 36-95% of the time. In non-identical twins, if one child has ASD, then the other is affected about 0-31% of the time.
- Parents who have a child with ASD have a 2%-18% chance of having a second child who is also affected.
- ASD tends to occur more often in people who have certain genetic or chromosomal conditions. About 10% of children with autism are also identified as having Down syndrome, fragile X syndrome, tuberous sclerosis, or other genetic and chromosomal disorders.
- Almost half (44%) of children identified with ASD has average to above average intellectual ability.
- Children born to older parents are at a higher risk for having ASD.
- A small percentage of children who are born prematurely or with low birth weight are at greater risk for having ASD

<p>The Wilson Home Trust For Children with Physical Disabilities www.wilsonhometrust.org.nz</p>	
<p>It's Spring! Join us this October for SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN</p>	
<p>NORTH SHORE What a line up! An introduction to athletics adapted to all abilities. Drumming in the class, Halloween themed cake decorating, creative arts and crafts, fun entertainment and a taste of music therapy.</p> <p>LOCATION: 1 St Leonards Rd, Belmont, North Shore WEEK 1: Thurs 4 October TIME: 10.00am - 2.30pm ACTIVITIES: Drumming, Entertainment & Athletics WEEK 2: Thurs 11 October TIME: 10.00am - 2.30pm ACTIVITIES: Music Therapy, Cooking & Art</p>	<p>SOUTH AUCKLAND Fun, fun, fun! Entertainment with Buzzy the Clown, adapted athletics with Ruffled, Group music sessions with Ruffled Music Therapy Centre and creative art with the Macura Art Studio.</p> <p>LOCATION: Manukau City Baptist, 9 Lambie Drive, Manukau WEEK 1: Weds 3 October TIME: 10.30am - 2.30pm ACTIVITIES: Entertainment & Athletics WEEK 2: Weds 10 October TIME: 10.30am - 2.30pm ACTIVITIES: Music Therapy & Art</p>
<p>WEST AUCKLAND We are excited to now offer a day in our new location, Henderson. A morning of music with a variety of instruments from the Hukukuku Music Therapy Centre, followed by the very popular Buzzy the Clown.</p> <p>LOCATION: Sungate West Community House, 68 Summerland Drive, Henderson WEEK 2 ONLY: Tues 9 October TIME: 10.30am - 2.30pm ACTIVITIES: Music Therapy & Entertainment</p>	<p>WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE venues, experienced providers for ALL ABILITIES!</p> <p>BRING some LUNCH & make it a DAY!</p>
<p>REGISTRATION FANTASTIC line up of fun in store for the children/youth we support along with their siblings parents & caregivers!</p> <p>AGE: 5 - 12 yrs (age guideline only) REGISTRATION FEE APPLIES: \$5 per child for the day! REGISTER NOW: Email: info@wilsonhometrust.org.nz or phone us on 0800 948 787</p>	

Families / parents / whanau are welcome to come along to a discussion meeting—we want to hear, share, learn how to work better together

Our vision is to create connections, awareness and understanding amongst the community of the Disability Sector in West Auckland. There is a whole disability sector out there with experience and expertise that can help your families.

You are invited to attend a discussion meeting on Tuesday 30th October 2018 (9.30am - 12pm) at Hubwest, 27 Corban Ave, Henderson.

A minimum of 15 people for this event to be viable