



## From Trudi

Term 3 is flying past and we have had some pretty cold weather so it is great to see students coming to school wrapped up warm. We had a major power cut at our St Andrews Road site earlier this term, meaning no heating, lights or power. In an event like this there are a number of variables determining if and when we close a site. We take advice from Vector in terms of time frames and while we feel we can manage short periods of time without electricity, there is a health and safety risk to students if it is unresolved for longer periods.

The following procedures are in place:

- 1) If we are notified early enough, parents will receive a text message from school asking them to keep your child at home.
- 2) If we are notified after school starts, we will phone parent individually and request you pick up your child.

Thank you to all parents who responded so quickly!

A huge congratulations to Susan Gauci and our senior team for their winning submission to the 'Focus on Ability' competition with - The CASS Bunch. The competition is open internationally and asks film makers to 'Focus on the Ability' of people with a disability and tell a story on film for the world to view. The CASS Bunch tells the story about how Carlson and Sunnyside Schools merged and new friendships made between students. I am incredibly proud of both our staff and students and am looking forward to seeing how they choose to spend their well deserved prize money. If you haven't seen the short film yet [Follow this link](#)

**Term 4 Mahi Tahi Meetings** We are going to be holding these meetings middle of Term 4 and will again use *School Interviews* so that you can book times that suit you. The purpose of these meetings will be to share student progress with you and students will be encouraged to attend and share some of their learning with you. More information will be given closer to the time.

**We welcome the following new staff to CASS:**

Cynthia Garcia - Teacher Aide

## Other News

### Events this term:

Health & Sexuality Parent consultation Thursday 29th August - 10.30am or 5pm  
 Steptember & Snow Day(whole school event) 19th September  
 BOT Meeting 19th September 6.30pm  
 CASS Annual Quiz night 5th September(Parent/Staff event)  
 Last day of term: Friday 27th September. Early Finish 1.30pm for taxis

### Measles update:

Measles Outbreak - You may be aware that there have been more confirmed cases of measles in Auckland. While we have not had any at CASS the Ministry of Health have asked us to help raise awareness with our community



Measles symptoms include a high fever, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes. A few days later a rash starts on the face and neck, and then spreads to the rest of the body. You can have measles and spread it to others before you feel sick or show any symptoms.

[Click on this link](#) to read a quick guide about Measles and if you are at all concerned call Healthline on 0800 611 116 or see your GP.

## Measles in Auckland schools

**The only way to protect your family is to make sure they are vaccinated or immune.**

**Please see your doctor now to catch up on missed vaccinations. They are FREE at your GP.**

**If your children are vaccinated, they won't need to stay at home if there is measles at your school.**

**Keep your child at home if they are sick and watch out for symptoms:**

Cough



Runny nose



Sore red eyes



Rash



**If you or your children show symptoms please stay at home and call your doctor or Healthline (0800 611 116) for advice.**

**Measles Info at: [aphs.health.nz/measles](https://aphs.health.nz/measles)**



## Your child's portfolio: Seesaw

Dear Parents and Whanau,

We encourage to check into your child's portfolio regularly and share their learning journey. Talk to your child about their learning posts, look at photos together and celebrate their achievements at home. You can also use Seesaw to comment and communicate with the class teacher about your child's learning progress.

Keeping up that communication supports us to support your child at school and get their learning right. Let us know what progress is happening at home, what exciting events have taken place etc, so that we can share and celebrate what happens at home too.

## School Transport

There are very strict rules regarding the transport of students to and from school and we have recently been asked to remind parents of these by the ministry.

- Parents must be visible and present when students are handed over in the mornings and when dropped off in the afternoon. Students will be returned to school in the afternoon if a parent or carer is not sighted.
- Parents must fasten all seatbelts, including those for students that are travelling in wheelchairs. Taxi drivers know that they must NOT do this for health and safety purposes.
- Harnesses and angel clips to be secured by parents.
- For students travelling in wheelchairs, the driver secures the straps for the chair. The brakes must be on, on the wheelchair during transport.
- If your child is sick and not attending school, please contact the driver with advance notice and alert the class teacher/school office.

If you are changing address, alert Salma in the school office ASAP as new transport forms need to be completed. The processing of these takes between 3-4 weeks, so planning in advance where able is preferable and keeps transport for students flowing.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school transport please call alma or Sonya via the school office.

## SYNDICATE NEWS

### Te Ropu Manuka

Our topic inquiry about Weather, is being well supported with all sorts of wild weather around Auckland, at present! Some classes have been creating a sensory experience, ahead of our Snow Day, by making 'snow' from a mixture of baking soda, shaving



foam/conditioner. Such experiences provide rich opportunities for communication, choosing and vocabulary development. Other students have been writing letters, making alphabet books and enjoying reading books. Yet another class has been exploring the effects of wind, by making wind chimes and blowing paint, water and paper to create art works. Classes in the Manuka team are also exploring areas of interest to students, as they arise. One class has been exploring books, such as *Dear Zoo* and *I like the Rain*. Students are using switches to turn the page and enjoy animal noises on different pages. Exploring letters of the alphabet, and linking them to real objects, helps to create more meaning for students. This led to students turning apples into apple sauce. All manner of learning was associated with this, such as counting, vocabulary and communication. There is so much to explore and learn about! During the course of each day, students also have time to engage in unstructured play, where they are able to explore whatever interests them. At the moment staff are observing closely to discover what each student's urges/schema are. Schemas are patterns of repeated behaviour which allow children to explore and express developing ideas and thoughts through their play and exploration. The repetitive actions of schematic play allow children to construct meaning in what they are doing.

Belinda Rowe and the Manuka Team (Carol Purdon, Jessica Roberts, Samantha Albuquerque, Polly Tarsoloo, Therese Lay.)



## Te Ropu Kowhai

Kia Ora Tatou,

Our Te Ropu Kowhai Tamariki have been having a great Term learning about all sorts of things.

Our teachers have been set the challenge of making learning opportunities "irresistible" for their students and they have certainly risen to the challenge. We have had visiting musicians, Zumba classes, Jump Jam with our mainstream peers, cooking sessions, Sensory experiences, forays into the community and much more.

Research tells us that student engagement is one of the greatest indicators of learning, which is why it is so important that we provide learning opportunities that inspire and motivate our students whilst they are at school. Teachers are constantly learning from your children and looking at ways that their teaching can be creative and engaging.

Communication between home and school also contributes to better teaching and learning for your children and using seesaw is an easy way to keep up to date.

Take a look at some of the great things that have been happening across our syndicate so far this term.





## Te Ropu Nikau

Kia Ora, Term three is almost half- way through and students at all of the sites are taking up opportunities to work with their mainstream peers and the community. Waikowhai Intermediate students braved the cold ( but thankfully not wet) to Take part in the cross country. Students were accompanied round the course by their friends and there was even a welcoming committee that hi fived each student as they finished! Practical sessions in the mainstream environment and the community allow our students to work with or along-side their peers and learn from them. Students anticipate going to these sessions and develop friendships and learning partners while engaging in a range of different opportunities – ie Hard materials and Food technology, Art and PE. I am looking forward to seeing some of you at the quiz night on the 5th September at Base School. Organize your childcare in plenty of time and come along for a relaxed and fun evening with some prizes thrown in!

Nga Mihi Nui , Helen



## Te Ropu Kauri



Kauri Syndicate have continued to be out and about in the community, gym skills sessions and attending 'The Focus on Ability Film Awards' at the Rydges Hotel in Auckland. This group of tertiary aged students are making the most of the opportunities, activities, and programmes designed by their teaching team. Exciting news is that 'The Cass Bunch' movie produced by Community Students and Staff recently won the Nova Employment Choice Award, we are very proud of them

Some Community students attended a recent Basketball Skills session held at Edgewater College, this was a skills based session where the students practiced and displayed a whole range of skills to make them better basketball players. A fun time had by all.

Recently, Dan one of our Community Teachers started a new initiative, organising a Zumba instructor to come into school on a Friday morning and running a Zumba session for a range of students. Lots of movement and exercise and even developing some leadership skills with some students being on stage and modelling the moves to their peers. Well done.



## Parent Notices

### ***Spare clothes for your child***

Please could parents / carers make sure that students always have a spare set of clothes in their bag plus a plastic or waterproof bag to send wet clothes home in.

### ***If you are bringing your child to school instead of the taxi...***

Please let the taxi company know so they know to arrange for the driver that a pick up your child from school to bring them home. Thank you

### ***Student Absence from school***

If your child is going to absent from school can you please let the school know 8.30am. You can ring or email the classroom teacher or contact the school office on 620 7680.

### ***Taxi Numbers***

Just a reminder of the taxis numbers:

Cross Country 0800 467 3782 or 027 252 4154

South Auckland Taxis 279 2500 or 278 5678

## Health and Sexuality Curriculum Consultation

Health and Sexuality education is part of the New Zealand curriculum and is taught in all schools, across all ages.

Within the Health and Sexuality Curriculum Children and young people learn about themselves and how to develop positive and healthy friendships and relationships with others.

As a new School CASS is developing the Health and Sexuality curriculum. This includes the content and its delivery.



This is your chance to learn about, ask questions, share your ideas and express your views about what you would like to see happen in this part of the curriculum.

**When: Thursday 29th August @ 10.30 and 5.30**

**Where: CASS, 48 Smallfield Avenue, Mt Roskill**



# transition expo

**03 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**TIME:** 9am – 2pm  
**VENUE:** Auckland Netball Centre,  
 7 Allison Ferguson Drive,  
 St Johns

**For more information visit our website**  
[disabilityconnect.org.nz](http://disabilityconnect.org.nz)

**Explore what is available**

**Interactive Activities:**

- Opportunities and advice from Transition, Vocational, Recreation and Information providers
- Transition Seminar (10:30 am) covering post school options, ORS, Work and Income, Supported Living, Individualised Funding, needs assessments
- Drumming, Dancing, Mixed Ability Sports, Pet Therapy
- Competition with Prizes
- Café on Site


**Additional Information:**

- Free Parking
- Wheelchair accessible
- All students with a disability and those involved in the disability sector will enjoy this day.

**Contact Details:**  
 website: [disabilityconnect.org.nz](http://disabilityconnect.org.nz)  
 email: [admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz](mailto:admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz)  
 phone: 09 6360351  
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Parents/staff family and friends are invited to.....

## The Annual CASS Quiz

**Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm – 9.00pm.**

**48 Smallfield Ave, 3 Kings.**

Get your thinking caps on and come along for a fun evening of testing your general knowledge skills in teams of up to 6.  
(Form your own team, or we can form one for you.)



**BYO Drinks, some light refreshments provided.**

Register your attendance to [stephend@cass.school.nz](mailto:stephend@cass.school.nz) or texting 0276259345



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