



CASS Newsletter

CENTRAL AUCKLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Tāmaki Makaurau Te Kura Motuhake

Inspiring Engagement, Realising Potential

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From The Principal

Dear families and whanau



As always term three has started with a bang and classes have been making the most of the good weather to get out and about. Our theme for the term is Historical Places and it's been great to see how classes are exploring the learning in this theme with visits to the museum, MOTAT and one class has even developed an in-class 'toy museum' for students to explore. In the last newsletter we shared our new vision statement for CASS - ***Inspiring engagement - Realising Potential***. As we plan and prepare topics and planning for a unit, teachers are thinking about what will engage each and every student, using interests and building on previous learning experiences so we can help student reach their potential.

The Education Review Office has been working with the school since the beginning of the year, completing the first step of a process for a new school. This week we had our last meeting in the first step of this process and it was exciting to share all the work we have been doing so far. ERO will come back in 2019 to complete an Assurance Review after which our first public report will be written.

IEP reviews - This term our Board and staff are beginning to review the IEP processes for CASS. We will be looking at what research says, what our own experiences are, what our students and their families want from the documents and the meetings. Our guiding question is "What makes the biggest difference for our students learning".

Math App - CASS senior students and some of the staff are working with University of Auckland and AR Games to create an Augmented Reality Maths App designed for working with our students. This is still in development phase, but a prototype will soon be being used in classrooms to enhance learning.

Nga mihi

Trudi

School News

Welcome: to the Abdullah, Kaumavae, Mataoria, Kumar, Mataoria and Pritchard families. We look forward to sharing your child's educational journey with you.

Farewells: Sadly we have to say farewell during August to two fabulous staff who are heading back to their UK shores. Katie Dooley (Teacher @ Dominion Rd) and Amelia King (Teacher Aide @ StAR 3 then Base 2). We wish to thank for their valuable contributions during their time with us and wish them well as they head back home.

Teachers Strike: Thank you for your understanding around the school's closure on the Teachers Strike Day. Our Teachers represented our school well. Photos are over the page.

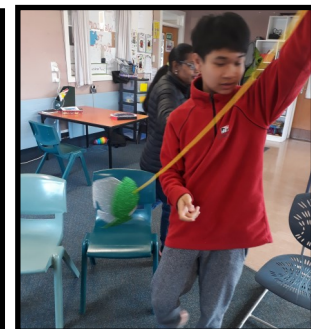
School Donations: Thank you for the school donations (voluntary contributions) we have received so far this year. Your donation is not compulsory, however it is an important factor in providing extra resources for learning. We ensure donations are used to add value to your child's learning experiences at CASS. The suggested amount per year is \$100.00 per (\$25 per term). You can pay all, none or some of this amount. This can be paid at the school office or online. Bank account number: 12—3021—0014683—00 *Please put your child's name as the reference.* A receipt will be issued to use for tax claim purposes.

Inspiring Engagement; Realising Potential**Senior Syndicate**

Recently Community 1 attended the Transition Expo held at the Auckland Netball Centre in St Johns. There they caught up with Circability. They're a fantastic organization that we connect with to get our students to go to as they transition out of school. They teach a wide variety of circus and acting skills. We had a great time plate spinning, juggling and ribbon twirling at the expo and they told us that they are now offering to come into schools to do sessions with the pupils! We hope we can forge good links with this company, they're fantastic people and engage our pupils so well!

**Middle Syndicate**

At Balmoral, we have been really enjoying our weekly drama sessions with Mapura- we have been focusing on the story 'Kahakura'. We have really tried hard at our fishing and rope work!

**Junior Syndicate**

We have been having a balloonastic time for our friend Matteo's birthday. We put balloonatrix' twisting skills to the test, as we used our PODD to share our ideas for balloon sculptures; there were penguins, octopuses, motorbikes and even a pink bus with children on it!

The balloon sculptures proved to be POP-ular as we showed off our sunshine smiles. Almost as popular as the yummy chocolate birthday cake .Mmmmm! Happy Birthday Matteo

**Welcome to ..**

We welcome the following new staff: Polly(Teacher), Soujanya, Karen, Anjum, Ranjita, Eva (Teacher Aides)

**Teachers Strike Day**