



CASS Newsletter

CENTRAL AUCKLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL

Tāmaki Makaurau Te Kura Motuhake

9 May 2018

From The Principal

Welcome back to Term 2!

It has been a busy start to the term and all our classes are enjoying getting back into the school routine. I would like to thank those families who kept their children home during the power cuts that were at some sites at the end of term. Without power we were unable to use hoists, charge pumps, light bathrooms and heat classes, we really appreciated your flexibility in response to this unforeseen event.



Football WORLD CUP
2018

This term we are looking at the Football World Cup, with classes backing a team, learning about the country they come from and we will be hosting an interclass competition later in the term. Keep an eye on Seesaw to see what your child's class has been up to.

Welcome to the Rayamoohan family and the Kolo family. We look forward to sharing Rajaram and Anneveronica's educational journey with you.

We have been working on developing a vision statement for Central Auckland Specialist School, building on the parent survey responses and Board discussions from last year. We have drafted some options and would like your feedback on the form attached with this newsletter.

We have also asked about what you would like to see CASS being able to offer in our new school building. While we don't have any news to share about the new school building at this stage, we are beginning our thinking about what we would like - we would love your input. **All survey returns go into the draw to win a \$60 Pak n Save voucher**

Nga mihi

Trudi

School News

Thank you: To the following charities for their generous grants:

Trusts Community Foundation for \$5000 towards student programmes

Sargood Bequest for \$1750 for teaching resources



Student Attendance:

Teachers are required to mark the online attendance register by 9.30am every morning. If a student is not present and we haven't heard from you then a text message will be sent out to let you know and ask for contact from you. We will start this system in the next week or so, you can reply to the text or give the office a call.

Ministry initiative—please participate:

Join the conversation - The NZ education system is undergoing a review and there is an opportunity for us all to have our say. Special Education is a small community and the perspectives of our families are important - so if you have a few moments please take the time and complete the online survey.

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz>

Check out the rest of the terms action...

Adaptive Sports

Last term our junior school participated in the Adaptive Sports at Mt Roskill Primary School. Lots of fun for everyone.



A Big Thank you to Variety Club

The Variety club have very generously loaned CASS a wheelchair swing. It will be located at StAR site where it will definitely get a great deal of use from our students. We thank the Variety Club for the

Creative Arts at CASS



At CASS we provide inhouse Creative Arts Therapy. The Creative Arts Therapy team at CASS consists of clinically trained therapists who work in both group sessions and one to one with students. They use a range of arts modalities including visual art, drama, dance and movement to foster confidence and self-esteem.



Sessions provide opportunities to be involved in activities that help to integrate the body, mind and emotions, enabling students to develop new ways of expressing themselves and interacting with others. The arts engage the senses and incorporate a sense of play.



Big Hoot update



Our owl has come home to roost. There are a couple more dates on the Big Hoot calendar for this event though.

25-27 May - Farewell Weekend (last time for the public to see the big owls in one location) Aotea Centre

29 May - Auction of the beautiful owls to raise money for Child Cancer Foundation

CASS School Transition and Community Organisation Expo Wednesday the 30th May 6-9pm Venue to be confirmed

All welcome for our annual Expo designed for parents to gain information of what organisations are out in the community to support and include our students. Transition information and providers on hand to discuss the transition process for students entering the adult phase of their life.

This is a chance to gather knowledge to enable families to make informed choices with their child as to next steps as they move through life. More detailed information to follow soon.

Vision Statement Options

Options	Rating 1 – 5 in order of preference (1- most preferred)
Connected – Confident – Capable	
Building Connections, pathways and realising potential	
Empower – Enable - Engage	
Creating Connection – Realising Potential	
Creating connections and possibilities	

Belief Statements

At Central Auckland Specialist School

We believe:

	Yes -	No
Our staff and students are life-long learners		
Our students are empowered, active and as independent as possible in their learning		
Our students belong to a community of learners and connect, engage and learn within their community		
The partnerships between school, students and family/whanau are at the heart of our work		
Our school is part of a wider educational community where we learn, share, connect with, through and from each other		

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Our community values

The CASS community value deeply	For students this means	Yes	No
School as a safe learning environment which nurtures the physical, cognitive and emotional needs of young people	I am safe		
That every student has a place here – they belong, and are part of a community	I belong		
The contribution of each student and uniqueness of their learning journey	I learn		
Quality relationships	I communicate		
The passion, commitment and specialist knowledge of our staff	I am engaged		
Comments / Suggestions / Ideas that you would like to add			