

20 May 2021

Dear Parents & Caregivers

NEWS FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Whanau

Another busy week with lots happening! Unfortunately, the rain put a real dampener on Monday night netball in Palmerston North with games having to be cancelled at the last moment. The following day the 'Rippa Rugby Tournament' in Foxton was also cancelled due to extreme highly winds and torrential rain the night before. Luckily the 'Kind Hearts Day' in Palmerston North was indoors as was the 'Star Dome' in our school hall.

Both events going off without a hitch - unlike the 'National Young Leaders Day' last week where there was a power cut and everyone had to evacuate the building just as the last speaker was about to make an appearance. By all accounts the celebrity had quite a fun informal time outside the venue interacting with the young school leaders chatting, singing and playing the guitar - probably better than just listening to him speak. It is fortunate that we are able to use our REACH Value of 'Acceptance' to see the funny side and move forward positively.

Basketball and Netball are well underway with grading games taking place, draws being formulated and practice times being finalised. A huge thank you to all of our students, staff and whanau who make these sporting endeavours possible. It was a bit disappointing to receive an email from a sport coordinator explaining that there were people on the sidelines who were not very positive and that some umpires and coaches were given a hard time. Specific schools were not mentioned but I would hope that no one from North Street School, students, staff or whanau would be in this category. It would be a shame to have to ask people to not return to venues due to poor behaviour. From experience, the time and effort put into coaching is a mammoth task that requires patience, strength and compassion. My challenge to those who make comments that are not positive (and from the comfort of the sideline), is to put up their hands and take on the responsibility of being in charge. I also know from experience of watching us lose the 'Rugby World Cup' that the respective coaches should have done this and they should have chosen this person for that position, not that position - in my opinion I would have made an excellent All Black coach and would have won every World Cup from 1987 onwards. It is important to note that our children are not playing in professional sporting leagues (YET) and that we must all remember our REACH Values; Respect, Excellence, Acceptance and Honesty. Ko tenei te wero!

With the weather becoming colder it has been more noticeable that our students are wearing scarves, gloves and beanies. As these are not catered for in our uniform, and the weather being so cold, this is a great idea to keep warm. We only ask that the students wear dark blue items. We understand that there are occasions where students have to wear something alternate to the uniform when small emergencies arise. Please send a note or email explaining the reason for your child being out of uniform. It would be very helpful if the items replaced are of a dark blue colour. Thank you for your support and keeping our children looking awesome.

A reminder that tomorrow is Pink Shirt Day, please remember your gold coin donation. If you choose not to wear pink, school uniform is required.

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GENERAL

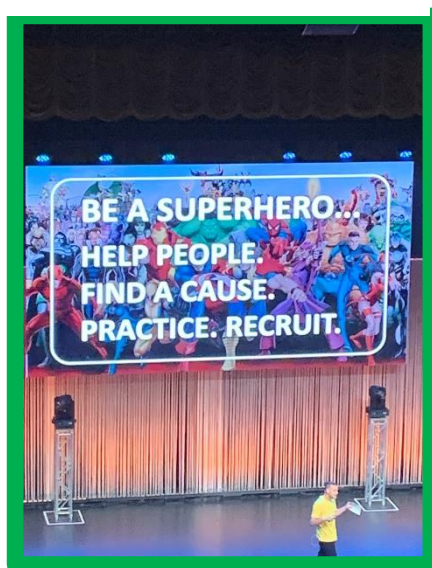
Congratulations to Maraenui Te Oka, Mrs Bennett, Asha Crews, Sienna-Faye Kotuhi, Chris Kerr and Samuel Penn who were last week's recipient of the Reach award for Respect.



Skool Loop App - If you haven't done so already, please download the Skool Loop app, this is a great way of staying connected, with sports notices, newsletters and general notices from the classroom teachers all being posted onto the app. Also you can report your child absence as well.

STUDENT NEWS

National Young Leaders Day - On Thursday 13th of May a few leaders were fortunate enough to get the opportunity to go to National Young Leaders Day at the Regent theatre in Palmerston North. A few of the speakers were Cam, Brook, Shay, Orpée and Benny. They were all very inspiring and taught us very valuable lessons about how we are all stronger together as a team. Great experience and a great day had by all, Arnya Burema



REMINDERS

Friday 21st May - Pink Shirt Day – Mufti Day / Bully-Free Blue Light Disco
Friday 28 May – Whole School Assembly 2.20 pm – Host by Te Ara Mangopare
Friday 4th June - Teachers only day
Monday 7th June – Queens Birthday weekend

Bully- Free Bluelight Disco will be held after school on Friday 21 May, Feilding High School hall. \$2 entry. Year 1 - 4 - 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Year 5 – 8 - 7.30 – 9pm. There will be free face painting, along with hot food/drinks and treats for sale. Spot prizes for best dressed in pink. For the first time, we'll also be having a DJ spinning the tunes for the kids. **All children will require a signed permission form which can be collected from Feilding Police Station or sign at the door on the night.**

