

Greetings Everyone,

It is great to be back at Morningside following my sabbatical last term. During my time away, I spent a considerable amount of time visiting schools in Northland, Auckland, Waikato and Coromandel regions. While the focus of these visits was to discuss implementation of interactive whiteboards and teacher training in their use, I had many valuable conversations with school principals around current education trends and changes. The sabbatical time was a very positive opportunity for me and one which I am very grateful to have received.

The news of Mrs Skudder's retirement from teaching at the end of last term came as a great surprise and I would like to take this opportunity to belatedly thank her for the excellent job that she did at Morningside School during the last twelve years. She is going to be a hard person to replace. As we work through the appointment of our new Deputy Principal, we have engaged Bobbi Mines to teach in Room 3 for the term. Welcome to Morningside Bobbi.

Influenza A / Swine Flu

You will be aware that there is widespread concern at the moment regarding the spread of Influenza A / Swine Flu. This is a good time to remind our children about basic personal hygiene practices that will help prevent the spread of this problem and assist in keeping us all healthy in general.

- Thoroughly wash and dry hands before eating, after using the toilet and after coughing or sneezing.
- Cover up and turn away from others when coughing or sneezing.
- Visit your doctor if you suspect flu symptoms in any family member.
- Keep children away from school when they are genuinely sick or unwell.

Principal's Award

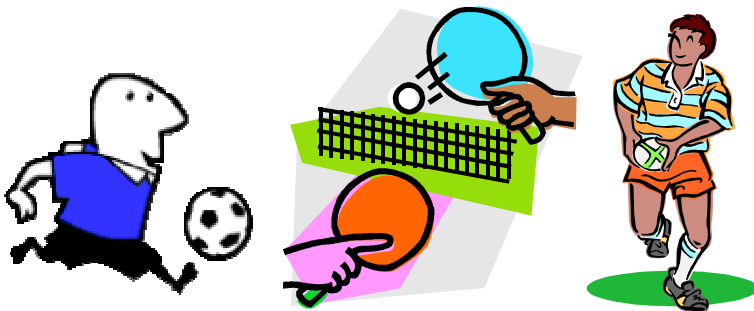
Congratulations to Makayla Withers from Room 2 and Shanaye Moselyn from Room 12, who were both presented with Principals Award Certificates at this week's assembly. Well done both of you.

Coming up this Term

May 18	Board of Trustees meeting
May 26	Class and individual photos. (Order forms will be sent home closer to this date)
June 1	Queens Birthday Holiday
June 16	Winter Sports Day

June 18 Student Yearbooks sent home
Parents Evening with John Rutherford (details later)
June 19 – 20 Teacher Only Day (Friday and Saturday)
June 22 Board of Trustees meeting
June 24 Parent – Teacher Interviews
July 3 Last day of Term 2
July 20 First day of Term 3

Kind regards
David Prchal



Community Notices

Marist Manaia Rugby League

Muster Day this Saturday 9th May 12:30pm at the Marist Clubrooms
Kensington Park, for under 6yrs to under 15yrs.

Enquiries to Ken 027 454 9881 or
Jodie 027 328 2435

United Soccer – Football Fives

Come and have a go at a new Soccer initiative called Football Fives.
A great way to learn and improve soccer skills.

Every Monday 4.30 – 5.30pm from May 11th. Please see leaflet
accompanying this newsletter or phone Cheryl Baker 4377 294.

Table Tennis Northland

Table Tennis for Primary and Intermediate students runs on
Tuesdays from 4 – 5.30pm. Annual sub is \$50.00 or \$4.00 per session.
Enquiries to Brent Davies ph. 09 402 7695.