

Week Three Term Four Friday 28 October 2016

"Live the Life of Your Dreams

When you start living the life of your dreams, there will always be obstacles, doubters, mistakes and setbacks along the way. But with hard work, perseverance and self-belief there is no limit to what you can achieve."

- Roy T. Bennett

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week our students from Year 3-8 have been busy with their final assessments. The theme for this week and next is self-belief- we know that if children believe in their own abilities and we as adults reinforce their belief in themselves they are most certainly well on the way to being successful. We also know that the assessments are a reflection of a moment in time and sometimes that may not reflect the full picture of skill and knowledge. Once all of the assessments have been completed teachers then review both the outcome of the assessment as well as the in-class work and make a judgement call the Overall Teacher Judgement (OTJ). This is the result that will appear on their end of year report. This is based on a National Standard – at the learning conversations you were given a leaflet which explained the standard to you and suggested ways you were able to help at home. It is good to have another look at this so that when the report comes and suggests next steps you will be able to help your child in a range of ways.

In years 1-2 the assessment system is a little different and you will all be aware of the role of Ms Soane in terms of sharing the assessment results with you along with resources that you and your child are able to use at home to practise the skills identified. At the end of the year your child will also receive a report and this will have their latest data and a reflection of their work in not only Literacy and Maths but also their connected learning, RE, The Arts and PE. This report is a summary of the year and will give you some clear ideas about how your child has adjusted to school in the first two years.

We also look forward to sharing the overall school results with you once the achievement report has been presented to the Board of Trustees. The schoolwide report shares how well the school has met the targets set at the beginning of the year and looks at how groups of children are achieving across the school. This end of year data gives us great information about what we may need to focus on for 2017. It is a great tool for our planning and curriculum development.

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream. Not only plan but also believe." **Anatole France**

Have a wonderful weekend

Sue Jury Principal

Enrolments:

Thank you

As we being to plan for next year we are aware there are a number of 4yr old siblings who are yet to be enrolled. On Tuesday we sent out 32 enrolment forms to families and as of today we have received 7 back. It is REALLY important that these forms are returned to school so we are able to add them to our pre-enrol list. This list affects our staffing for 2017 so please make sure they are returned to the school office as soon as possible.

Student Council

Over the last term we have been very busy implementing our plans... You may have noticed a new area at the end of the driveway- This is our buddy area. It is a special place – We have shared the purpose of this place with our fellow students:

The Buddy Bench is used for those who don't have someone to play with or who are feeling a little lonely. If you see someone sitting on the buddy bench please go up to them and offer them some friendship and ask if they would like to join you in your game.

Guidelines:

- Only sit on the bench if you are looking for someone to play with,
- It is not a seat to sit on if you are just tired and looking for a seat.
- If you see someone on the bench please go up to them and offer them some kind words of support and ask them if they would like to join in on your game!



St Claudine Buddy Bench Area

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNTS

We still have a considerable amount outstanding on our Year 8 student accounts. This needs to be addressed URGENTLY.

Thank you to the families who have set up automatic payments. This is very much appreciated. All other student accounts need to be cleared by Friday 25th November. If you have any concerns about your account please contact Leeanne Neville by phoning the school 9399189 or by email: leeannen@stclaudine.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Golf Coaching at Wainuiomata Golf Course

Hello my name is Shirley Hay and I am the convenor for the Wainuiomata Golf Club's Junior Coaching Programme. Can you please let your students and their parents know about our junior golf coaching programme which starts from Tuesday 11 October 2016.

- Coaching takes place every Tuesday between 5 and 6pm at the Wainuiomata Golf Course which is on the Coast Road.
- 2. The first session will be on Tuesday 11 October 2016.
- 3. The age range is for children from 6 years to 13 years.
- 4. The coaching is done by qualified volunteers and we also have assistance from a professional golf coach (Dean Kingsbeer).
- 5. **It is free** and all equipment is provided.

The coaching is structured to introduce golf to beginners in an environment which is fun and safe.

- 1. For beginners we use plastic clubs and tennis balls.
- 2. For the more advanced and for juniors who have had previous coaching we use real golf clubs and balls.

If any of you and your siblings are interested in learning to play golf please contact Shirley Hay at (04)977 8304 or call the Wainuiomata Golf Club manager at (04) 564 7746.

H20 XTREAM

H2O Xtream has Aqua Beatz coming up on Friday 28 October 2016. It is a youth night for all ages with, games competitions and prizes. H2 O Xtream, Corner Blenheim & Brown Streets Upper Hutt For more information tel: 04 527 2113 or visit: www.h2oxtream.com

WAINUIOMATA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Learn to swim every Monday & Wednesday 6-7pm ages 5 and up. Registration days 7th & 9th November at the Wainuiomata swimming pool, bring your togs & towel. \$80 per term per person, or \$150 for the season (Term one 14th November to 14 December & Term two 8th February until pool shuts).

Halloween - Weta Cave

Attention all ghouls, ghosties, and creepy crawlies: celebrate Halloween in style with the crew of Weta Workshop! 29 Oct 2016 | The Weta Cave, 1 Weka St, Miramar, Wellington. Wetaworkshop.com

The Big Halloween 2016

This Halloween enjoy steampunk-inspired family fun on Queens Wharf. 29 Oct 2016 | Wellington Museum, 3 Jervois Quay, Queens Wharf, Wellington. Museumswellington.org.nz

Food for a Healthy Heart

Weds 30 Nov, 5.15-7.00pm, Johnsonville Community Centre

The Heart Foundation are running a friendly and informal FREE session to about nutrition and healthy food choices, for people living with heart disease and their whanau. To register call 04 472 2780 or cathl@heartfoundation.org.nz

GOOD CHILDREN to GREAT CHILDREN via NUTRITION.

NZ Kids Food are a new locally owned and operated company offering an easy and convenient service for parents and caregivers to order their child's school lunches via an online service. Lunches are a low cost alternative to some conventional methods of ordering lunches for your children. Our rates start at \$4.50 per lunch (if you are a Community Services Card holder). Lunches are delivered fresh daily to the school by 10am, and incorporate food based on the Ministry of Health food and nutritional guidelines. For every lunch ordered through NZ Kids Food, 10c will be donated back to our School, as contribution and support towards the school. This is a great way to give back to the school and local community. For more information about our service, visit www.nzkidsfood.co.nz or 0800543736

COMMUNICATION 2016

Communication is a very important part of our relationship with you. Below are the three forms of communication we use...

- Email if you wish to receive communication via email please ensure the office have your correct email address. We are able to send all newsletters and notices via email
- Website www.stclaudine.school.nz this is in the process of being updated for the 2016 school year.
- Our school App this is downloadable from the app store if you already have the app you will need to update this for 2016 as there are some things which have been updated for ease of use.



We post updates and messages on our school Facebook page along with celebrating special events our students and staff are involved in.

