

Nau mai haere mai Reese, Bree, Luca and welcome back to Ben & Ava.

There are currently measles outbreaks happening across the world, including here in New Zealand (Canterbury). We have had eighteen cases this year in Auckland. Measles is a serious disease and symptoms include a high fever, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes, followed by a rash starting behind the ears and spreading to the body a few days later. One in 10 people with measles need hospital treatment and the most serious cases can result in deafness or swelling of the brain. If you are concerned that your child may be showing signs of this serious illness, please keep them home from school and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116. It's important to call first because measles is highly infectious and could infect others in the waiting room. For more information about measles, what to look for and how to protect your child and/or yourself, please visit:

[www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-and-illness/measles/](http://www.arphs.health.nz/public-health-topics/disease-and-illness/measles/) or [www.arphs.health.nz/news/measles-faqs/](http://www.arphs.health.nz/news/measles-faqs/) or [www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles](http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/measles)

Remember that BOT elections are coming up soon. If you wish to stand for the BOT then please see Dianne Rayner at the office.

We are running Breakfast Club every morning from 8:30am and we are serving a hot breakfast on Wednesdays. Currently staff are running this. We would love it if some whānau could help us out. Please contact Alana McKenzie if you are able to help us - one morning a week would be fabulous.

Congratulations to Sienna Todd who has had outstanding results in Auckland Athletics meets this year. In the 8 year old girls Sienna is ranked first in Auckland for the 100 metres, 200 metres, discus and shotput. She is also ranked second in long jump. This year Sienna set a new Auckland Athletics Championship discus record, throwing the discus 32.87 metres. To list all of her achievements this season would require a separate newsletter - such is her talent. Amazing Sienna - ka rawe to mahi!



It was great to see our netball teams in action on Saturday. Thanks so much to all of the whānau who are such an excellent support on the sidelines. Good luck to our junior teams in action this Thursday.

We have lots of fundraising chocolate bars left from our camp fundraiser. For the next few Fridays these will be for sale at school for students to purchase before school and at interval. They are \$2 each and will be sold outside the staffroom.

Ngā mihi mahana

Donna Soljan

Last weeks Proud Pupil Prize was Rishabh Rai who was brave enough to speak on behalf of the manuhiri at our pōwhiri last Friday. We thought he was fabulous and we are very happy to have him as part of our GEPS whānau.



### Dates for your Calendar 2019

Friday 17 May	2:15pm Assembly R16
Friday 22 May	Kiwi Team - Eco Matters Trip
Friday 24 May	2:15pm Assembly R10
Monday 27 May	Samoan Language Week 6:30pm BOT Meeting in staffroom
<b>Wednesday 29 May</b>	<b>NZEI Teachers' Strike</b>
Friday 31 May	2:15pm Assembly R1
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	<b>Queen's Birthday - School Closed</b>
Thursday 6 June	Rugby League Zone Day @ KBHS
Friday 7 June	2:15pm Assembly R9
Monday 10 June	Matariki Week
Friday 14 June	2:15pm Assembly R11
Wednesday 19 June	6:30pm BOT Meeting in staffroom
Friday 21 June	Tui - Mid Winter Break the Ice Swim
Monday 24 June	6:30pm BOT Meeting in staffroom
Friday 5 July	End of Term 2
Monday 22 July	Start of Term 3