

Newsletter August 27 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

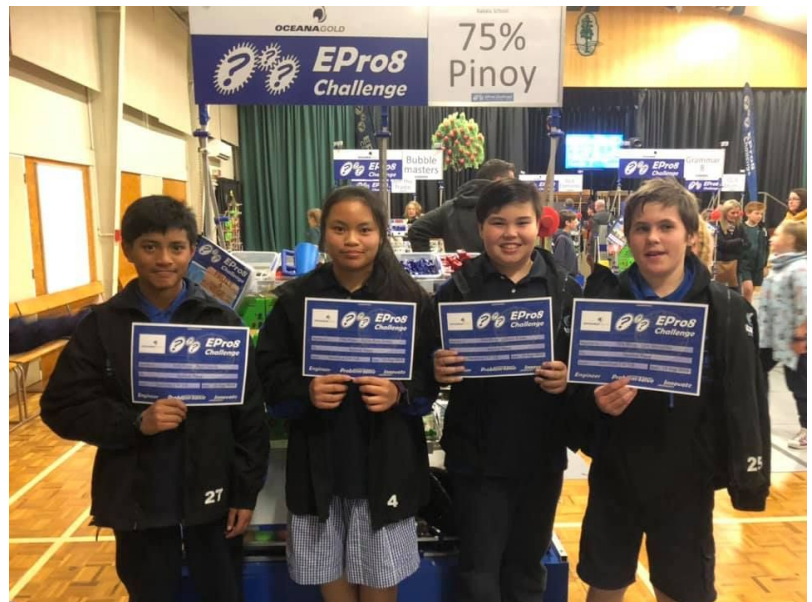
A sad start to the week with the news that Mrs. Doody's husband has passed away and also Mrs. Beevor's father who passed away in England early Monday. I am sure you all join me in sending our thoughts and prayers to Pauline and Mandy and their immediate and extended families.

Again it highlights the importance of grasping life and living it fully. It also sends the message that the small stuff we all sweat about doesn't really matter. For me, it brings back the mantra of making school a place where we all feel attached, connected and listened to. Although we all have challenges from time to time I am sure we can all work through them together.

This week at school we celebrate with a Full School assembly on Friday, August 30. I will be away on leave but Ms. Cogger will take assembly for me and it will be held at 2.15pm in Mahi Tah.

I would like to congratulate our Senior EPRO 8 team. They called themselves 75% Pinoy. They did a fantastic job in this Tech challenge and held their own against some stiff competition from the Christchurch Schools.

"75% Pinoy did a fantastic job against some very competitive Christchurch schools at their EPRO8 semi-final tonight coming in a massive SECOND place! Very excited kids, proud parents, and school. Finals will be in a couple of weeks at the University of Canterbury. Amazing effort to watch!"



They have a final coming up soon and a visit to the engineering department at the University of Canterbury. Good luck team!

Ski Trip 2019 - The school has offered the Ski trip next Monday, **September 2nd**. I am very grateful to Alissa Anderson for her organization. It is a huge undertaking with buses to organize and pay for and then we get people pulling out which raises the price for the bus.

Every year it becomes one of those events that can lift stress levels due to these issues. I am very interested to address this day and see what your thoughts are if we were to cancel it or make some adjustments to the demands on the day. I would be interested in your feedback, suggestions, and comments in relation to the transport and the lesson demand placed on us by the mountain and other logistics.



The BOT is meeting to explore in-depth what we consider as a curriculum and what is seen as extra-curricula. We are lucky enough to qualify for the \$150 payment from the government but in accepting this donation we need to make some firm decisions on what we are offering at school and what will have to be paid for by parents and what is paid by the school.

School Production/ Performance - Thursday, September 26th 2019 - 6.30 pm start

We are working hard towards this performance "Hoodwinked" A twist on the Robin Hood tale. We will be looking for many of our performers to be dressed in a similar fashion to what you can see in the picture below. The wonderful people at Rolleston Costume Hire are prepared to help us out but if you can provide anything like this for your children it would be great. The individual class performances will get a list from the teacher for costumes or accessories as they get ready for the dances and presentations. Many of the children would be cast as peasants and country folk, while some may need to be more specific with their roles in the play.

