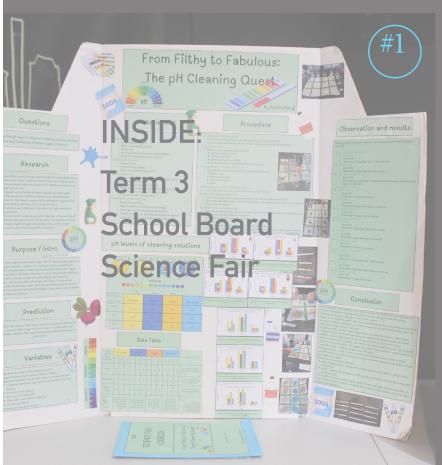
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First Place: Sophie Rm 2

'From Filthy to Fabulous'

Second Place: Jamin Rm 8

'To MSG or Not to MSG'

Third Place: Zakee Rm 7

'What solution dissolves the colour coating of Skittles the fastest? '



### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope you had a wonderful break, enjoyed some of the opportunities provided by the little bit of sunshine and are all geared and ready for this term.

Term 3 is vital in the school year. I always think of it as the engine room of the academic year. While every term offers different opportunities, Term 3 is where children can make significant learning progress. It has the fewest interruptions; classes are focused on the present, rather than heading towards end-of-year events, and students and teachers know each other, allowing for high expectations of one another.

Every day is vital. Missing even one day per fortnight puts the brakes on learning. One missed day per fortnight means a 10% drop in academic opportunity and a loss of learning momentum. Even at 10%, the loss of learning compounds, and it becomes increasingly difficult for students to keep pace with their peers.

We need every student, every day.

#### The School Board

There are only 10 days left to get nominations for the Board. We have some good candidates already, but we need more. I will send out some more information next week. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please call me to learn



more. I can also put you in touch with a current Board member to hear about their experiences, if you are interested.

Welcome, Ms Saeki, to Room 14 this term. Ms Saeki joins us after teaching in Japan and will look after our students who are learning English as an additional language. Welcome to Pakuranga Intermediate, Ms Saeki. I am sure you will love it here.

This is a fantastic term of learning. Ask your children lots of questions, encourage them to discuss their learning with you, and challenge their thinking so they have to explain their ideas. As always, challenge them to step forward into new challenges and opportunities this term.

Ngā manaakitanga



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### CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT



Last week certificates were awarded to:

Sunny Rm 9 Nancy Rm 14 Kuki Rm 3 Valencia Rm 9 Kayleigh Rm 2 Zakee Rm 7 Ansh Rm 8 Xena Rm 11 Eleazar Rm 11 Te Ariki Rm 3



This week certificates were awarded to:

Nadia Rm 4 Shyloh Rm 15 Yashi Rm 14 Isileli Rm 14 Ofa Rm 15 Max Rm 8 Erwin Rm 2 Pricilla Rm 10 Shaan Rm 11 Temprezt Rm 3 Pahulu Rm 10 Kehan Rm 3 Chad Rm 4 Lebron Rm 10 Hongwei Rm 2





## ACHIEVEMENT BADGES



Last week badges were awarded to: Hudson: Academic Red Badge Enzo: Academic Red Badge Kehan: Academic Silver Badge Wylie: Academic Blue Badge Naomi: Academic Red Badge Mika: Academic Silver Badge Deyana: Sports Red Badge Manaia: Academic Red Badge Manaia: Sports Red Badge



This week badges were awarded to:

Leon: Academic Red Badge Isileli: Academic Red Badge Aarush: Academic Blue Badge Sports Blue Badge Kayleigh: Academic Blue Badge Sophie: Academic Red Badge

Welcome! New Teacher Juri Saeki at Room 14

## School Calendar

31 July : Pakuranga Dance Festival 6:30

1 Aug: Netball SEZ

5 Aug: Y8 Edgewater College Talk