

Sonrise Christian School NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

Tena Koutou Katoa

A 'Million-word gap' for children who aren't read to at home by Jeff Grabmeier.

"Young children whose parents read them five books a day enter kindergarten having heard about 1.4 million more words than kids who were never read to, a new study found.

This 'million-word gap' could be one key in explaining differences in vocabulary and reading development, said Jessica Logan, lead author of the study and assistant professor of educational studies at Ohio State University. Even kids who are read only one book per day will hear about 290,000 more words by age 5 than those who don't regularly read books with a parent or caregiver.

Kids who hear more vocabulary words are going to be better prepared to see those words in print when they enter school. They are likely to pick up reading skills more quickly and easily.

This isn't about everyday communication. The words kids hear in books are going to be much more complex, difficult words than they hear just talking to their parents and others in the home. For instance, a children's book may be about penguins in Antarctica - introducing words and concepts that are unlikely to come up in everyday conversation. The words kids hear from books may have special importance in learning to read. Parents will often talk about the book they're reading with their children or add elements if they have read the story many times.

This extra-textual talk will reinforce new vocabulary words that kids are hearing and may introduce even more words.

The results of this study highlights the importance of reading to children. Exposure of vocabulary is good for all kids".

An interesting article. We have noticed over time that our students who are avid readers have great vocabulary and writing skills. Keep on encouraging your child to read.

E te Atua e manaaki ki a koutou katoa (God bless)

Wendy Gabriel

Principal



What's On?

BOT Meeting

Thurs 16th May
5:30pm – 7:30pm

School Trustees Elections

Fri 7th June
12noon – poll closes
<https://parents.education.govt.nz/pri-mary-school/getting-involved-in-your-childs-school/your-school-board-of-trustees/>

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful.
He will establish you
and guard you
against the evil one.

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Celebrate Good Times Come On...



WHERO 215
KAHURANGI 268
KAKARIKI 302
KOWHAI 352

Principals Award

Jessica Rance

For her wonderful personality, and academic abilities in all curriculum areas.



Room 1

Certificates will be awarded next week..

Room 2

Caleb McIntyre: Bike riding skills.

Satriani-Blayze Sadlier-Ratahi: Knowing his letter sounds.

Room 3

Te Aroha Harrison: Great Maths work and creative ideas in Topic Studies.

Room 4

Ewald Coetzer: Always giving 100%, working hard in class.

Salem-Mahia Randall: Excellent work habits, improving the quality of your work.

Room 5

Kirena Haerewa: For positive thinking.

Te Ratu Walker: For effort and focus.



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