



## What Has Happened

### Archaeology Day

Last Tuesday L'Archipel welcomed a team of 11 archaeologists from Auckland University, all members of the Auckland Archaeological Association. This day was the result of a very successful partnership between our school and their Association.

On the day, children have been rotating between 3 stations:

- **Excavation and Painting:** children have been discovering how archaeologists work on site, using grids and carefully uncovering their discoveries. Then, they painted in the dark like the first humans did in our "grotto" corridor.
- **Bio Anthropology:** we learnt about the evolution tree with skull reproductions of Gorilla, Homo Erectus and many others up to us Homo Sapiens. They were also introduced to the Nariokotome Boy, a Homo Erectus fossil known to be the most complete early human skeleton ever found. At last, they were taught how to analyse footprint artefacts.
- **Material Culture:** was the name given to our last station. It focussed on the analysis of the artefacts found on site to understand their usage, consumption and creation. It usually happens in a laboratory. In our class, children could sort stones, shells, and learnt how to reconstruct a broken piece of ceramics.

It was a pleasure to watch our children excited and engaged in every activity from the beginning till the end of school with the same energy and enthusiasm. Our team of archaeologists was extremely friendly and quickly managed to get their own fanclub. L'Archipel teachers are very grateful for their amazing dedication.



### Disco night

On Tuesday, after a busy day digging, painting and sorting, our children could spend the little energy they had left with the school disco. Enjoy:



### Puss In Boots Pet Detective

On Wednesday, the whole school watched a play performed by the New Zealand Playhouse troupe. Children helped Puss In Boots uncover the truth about the crime of the century: Bear-boy-band singing sensation Baby Bear's Kidnapping (or Bear Napping if you wish!)



## French speech competition

This year's Auckland Primary Principals' Association (APPA) Champion of Champions French Finals for Y5, Y6, and Y7 students was organised by L'Archipel and held at the school Hall on Thursday the 17th of September. It was attended by 7 finalists from a range of Auckland schools, their teachers and parents/caregivers and all children from L'Archipel.

We had 2 independent judges who looked at the speeches' message, structure, language, length and delivery. Speeches were relevant and inspiring. Their topic originated from all areas: fishing, computers, family, languages, life, food and politics.

Ruma 12 students were Masters of the Ceremony and all musicians entertained the audience beautifully.

**Congratulations to Alana who won the Runner up place for her amazing speech on Overfishing.**

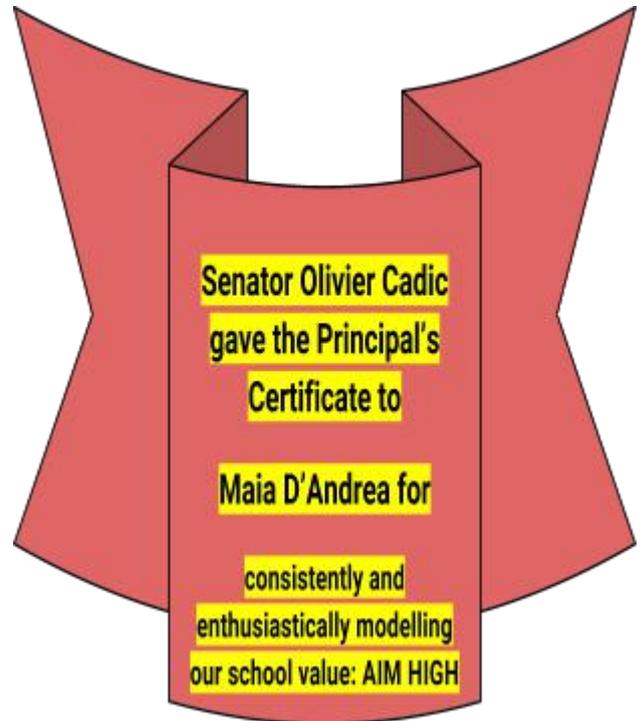


## Visit of Senator Olivier Cadic



On Friday, l'Archipel welcomed French Senator Olivier Cadic, an elected representative of the French nationals living abroad. The senator takes particular interest in the education sector, specifically French teaching abroad. He visited bilingual schools throughout his visit to Australia, before coming to New Zealand and l'Archipel. He is also a translator from French to English of many famous French comic books and has received the order of Merit for his dedicated work to make an important part of French culture available in the English-speaking world. He donated a Lucky Luke comic book (in English) to the school library.

## School Assembly Principal's Award



## Class Certificates

**Vesna's Home Group: Laura for her hard work on improving her maths and for her amazing dance skills.**

**Beatrice's Home Group: Yann for his enthusiasm at everything we do in class and being such a great helper in class.**



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# What Is Happening

## Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences

This week teachers are welcoming students and their parents for the second yearly conferences. Conferences are organised to give children and their families an opportunity to have a discussion about student progress and achievement, as well as to keep parents updated on their child's progress measured against the five New Zealand's Curriculum Key Competencies:

- Thinking.
- Relating to others.
- Using language, symbols, and texts.
- Managing self.
- Participating and Contributing.

and in close connection with the four Principles that underpin Key Competencies, such as:

### Active

- Students are **doing** – applying learning and using learning in meaningful ways.
- Students are **generating** knowledge through their participation in learning.

### Real and Purposeful

- Students interact with others in real, authentic contexts.
- Connections are made between learning areas.

### Relevant

- Learning is relevant to students' lives now and also supports their development as lifelong learners.

### Empowering

- There is attention to developing students' learning dispositions – their desire, inclination, and will to learn.

Thank you for your participation and contribution to these conferences. These connections are an essential element to student learning.

# Events to come

**Week 9** - Inner City Netball - Thursday 21st September

New Caledonia fundraiser - Bake sale

Friday 22nd September 3:00pm outside the hall

**Week 10** - End of Term 3 - Friday 29th September

## Term 4

### Week 2 - Year 5 and 6 Parents

On Wednesday 8th November all Year 5 and 6 students have the opportunity to participate in Positive Puberty Education and Empowerment Programme which is implemented by Nest Consulting. This will be a full day learning event.

There is a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 25th October in the school hall from 6:00pm to 7:15pm.

More information and permission slips will be sent home in Week 1 of Term 4.



Your tweens will be experiencing a fun, positive, engaging, interactive and informative  
Puberty Education and Empowerment Programme



**YEAR 5/6 PARENTS ONLY**  
**PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING**  
25th October 2017  
6:00pm to 7:15pm to in the school hall

Please email [office@richmondroad.school.nz](mailto:office@richmondroad.school.nz) to book your spot now  
(spaces are limited)



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