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NEWSLETTER TERM 1 WEEK 9: Friday | Rāmere 9 April 2021

Kia Ora, mālō e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, kamusta, salam, mingabala

School & Whānau Day ... 😊

It was such a treat today to see our tamariki smiling, laughing and enjoying themselves during our House fun activities! In honour of former Principal, Mrs Rhonda Kelly, a 1 minute silence was observed, to recall the many happy times of her and of those who are special to us. While the rain just came in at the end, typically, we would gather together again to affirm and close the event. I enjoyed taking some photos, please see more on our Facebook page. WHANAUNGATANGA is one of our school values and we look forward to more events next term. Thank you parents/whānau, it was really awesome that you could be with us and next time, feel free to join in the fun activities!

Dedication Day for Mrs Rhonda Kelly next term...

We know you share in our deep sadness at the recent passing of much loved, long-serving staff member and former Principal, Mrs Rhonda Kelly. The funeral service on Easter Tuesday was a beautiful and moving one, with endearing stories of Rhonda. She has had immense positive impact on so many staff, students and whānau over the past 25+ years. The staff and I are super happy to confirm that we have planned a Dedication Day | Rā Maumaharatanga - Term 2 Week 2 Tuesday 11 May @ Sommerville Special School Hall, in memory of Rhonda. We hope that our whānau, friends and family of Rhonda can join us and enjoy the students' special items!

Learning bling...

Swimming - super proud of our students increasing their confidence and



application of skills over the past two weeks! AKO in action!

One of our Annual Plan focus areas is increasing achievement and engagement in **literacy** (reading, writing and oral language). Teachers continue to focus on effective deliberate acts of teaching in reading and writing.

Super proud of students striving to better use their visual and language features and subject specific vocabulary in their diagrams, charts and explanations!



School essentials...

Reminder - School Closed Friday 16 April so that staff can attend their Professional Development workshops.

Safety, Safety, Safety

For your child's and everyone's safety, thank you for working with us as we improve before and after school safety.

Tripoli Rd Crossing

Students and whānau please use the crossing. We have extended our patrol timings and staff on duty.

After School exit and pick-ups

Please ask your child's teacher about our after school exit walking routes and pick up routines (see previous notice sent out & also on website).

Year 5 & 6 Camp to CYC Ngaruawahia

Thank you for returning your notice slips and contributions. Mrs Sharma and the Y5/6 classes are delighted that our Camp is to go ahead next term in week three: 19, 20 & 21 May. Please return all permission slips/medical info.

Parent Camp Hui Dates: There are two options to meet depending on your availability: Please choose either - Tues 5 May @ 10:00 - 11:00 am in the Boardroom OR Tues 5 May @ 4:30 - 5:30 pm in the Boardroom



All additional information about the camp will be provided at these meetings.

End of term one...

The first term, my first term as your Principal, has gone very fast. I have seen so many strengths put to use across the School from a wonderful staff. I have seen such positive student-focussed team work across the School. I have really enjoyed getting to know our students and seeing their academic, relational and cultural strengths at play too.

I thank our teachers for their mahi to push ahead with our AKO annual focus areas. Thank you parents/whānau of Te Puna Wairua and TALAMUKA-'A-TONGA for supporting our teachers. Thank you to our Learning Assistants (LAs), admin and grounds Support Staff who contribute to student AKO and many day-to-day operations.

Thank you to our Kapa Haka Tutor Matua Andre who continues to capably lead to a high standard, our Te Mura o Tāmaki students. Thank you to the Kapa Haka

whānau for your ongoing support and the many hours invested in the needlework of the beautiful bodices/pari.

I have enjoyed meeting parents/whānau over the term, and I look forward, as time goes on, getting to know many more, too. Thank you parents/whānau for supporting our wonderful staff with your connection-making and encouraging your children on their AKO journey. We appreciate that you can WHANAUNGATANGA with your children's teachers and any of us, at Tāmaki Primary School!

Remember, the last day of term one is next Thursday 15 April. Term two starts Monday 3 May.

Thank you whānau! We hope you can have a restful break with your loved ones. Ngā manaakitanga.

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