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## NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 5: Friday | Rāmere 4 June 2021

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

Talofa lava – we've had a lovely Samoa Language week! 😊

### Samoa Language Week Sunday 30 May - Saturday 5 June

This year's theme for *Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa* is *Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale* which means 'strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive'.

*"When you're building a foundation for a fale (house) it can't have a weak foundation or posts. This is the same for the foundations of our families and schools that play an important role in strengthening Gagana Samoa (the Samoan Language). Language is important for the foundations of our overall wellbeing."*



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### Fa'afetai tele lava

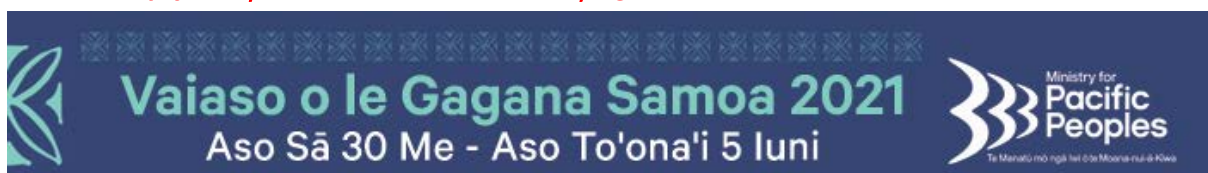
This week we celebrated using Samoan phrases, learning Samoan siva and the Samoan National Anthem. Mike, our Caretaker ensured the Samoan flag was flying this week 😊 Fa'afetai tele lava to our teacher Mrs Emmy Grady and our awesome Samoan parents/aiga – Mrs Viola Hala, Mrs Faileilei

and Mrs Tumema Seuiavatele who have supported the students and us in our joyful cultural activities! Fa'afetai tele lava for your generosity also providing beautiful Samoan food for the staff and aiga to enjoy!

### School Assembly – Celebrating Samoa

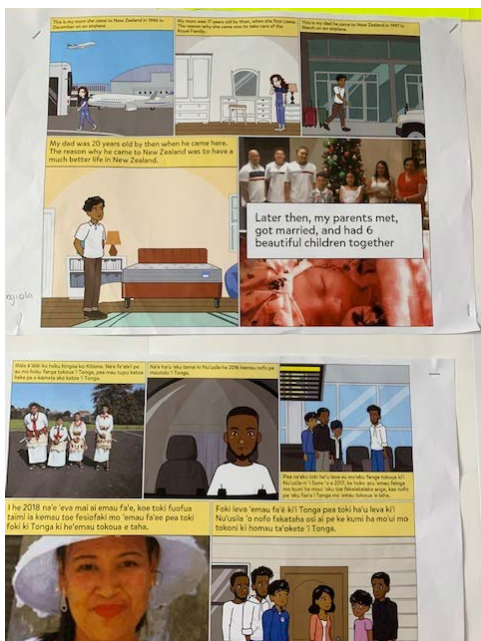
What a treat to see our students shine - celebrating the Samoan culture, sharing items this afternoon! Thank you aiga and teachers for supporting the students with their practises this week. Our students have such awesome skills and talents! Thank you parents for supporting your child to wear and celebrate their cultural dress worn today. Staff also enjoyed wearing cultural dress today too! 😊

**\*\*Please enjoy the photos on our Facebook page.**



## Ko wai au? Who am I?

This term's student inquiry focus continues to give prominence to all our students learning about their cultural background, their strengths and their parents'/whānau stories. Migration is a key theme and how histories have shaped our present day lives. Our school wide inquiry focus supports the language, identity, culture, and wellbeing of all our students 😊



Fabulous mahi Room 7, Mr Kelly's Y5/6s have been applying their visual language skills in their Google Drawings.

Way to go Room 8, Miss Ashley's Y7/8s - I loved being a part of your special audience this week to view very informative, thought-provoking migration stories and to celebrate your video-making/narration skills 😊

Awesome mahi Talamuka-'a-Tonga – super happy with your learning about and application of the language features of continuous texts! Your migration stories, family histories and growing use of Tongan language is such a joy to hear and see flourish!

## Y5/6 Ngaruawahia Camp

As shared previously, and on behalf of the Board, a big congrats to Mrs Sharma, Miss Langton, Mrs Tafea, Whaea Lee, Mr Kelly and fabulous



parents – Mr Sepuloni Fatai, Mrs Myline Bisong, Mrs Rhoda Bitoon and Mr Kamaka Tarawa for their awesome mahi 😊!!





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## The 'Power of 3: School-Student-Whānau'

### Whānau Conferences

Fa'afetai tele lava parents/aiga for joining your child's class teacher last week. We loved that we could hui with you to hear your questions and celebrate your child's progress and support with learning goals 😊

### Junior School Parents'/Whānau/aiga fono

Miss Gormly, Junior teachers, Whaea Lee, Anahera and Te Puna Wairua teina class were delighted that you could join us on Wednesday to celebrate the Kaupapa of the junior school and upcoming learning initiatives. Our tamariki were amazing in their performances – we know you'll agree!

### **Travelwise – Zebra crossing promotion**

Super proud of our student Bike Crew, Road Patrollers and Mrs Jalili for leading our 'Slow down near School', safe walking, safe pedestrian crossing promotions. Thank you for



your toots and hoots and ongoing support with our before/after school safety procedures 😊

**Congratulations** to our teacher Matua Stefan on his graduation this week with his Bachelor of Education (BEd). Super proud and we're SO fortunate to have you on our staff 😊



### **Next week**

1. Welcome back Mr Isikeli Tafea!
2. Planting Day - Tuesday
3. Bike Ambassador Training - Tuesday
4. Volleyball Tournament - Wednesday

**Manuia le aso and enjoy your long weekend, take care!**

**Dr Deanna Johnston**

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