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## Term 3 Week 7 Newsletter: Friday | Falaite 10 September 2021

Mālō e lelei everyone! 🇳🇵🌸

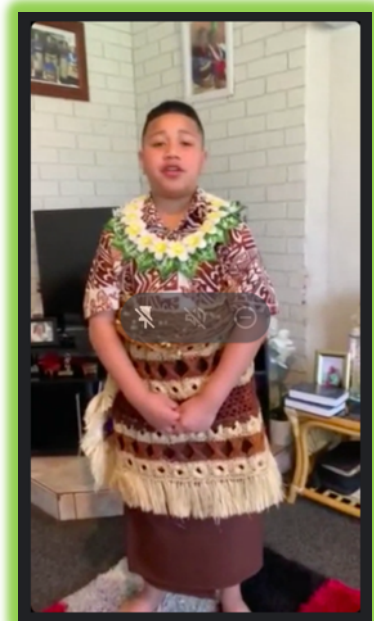
COVID19 Update: Following this afternoon’s Government announcement, it’s encouraging to see the number of cases go down and the number of people recovering, go up! Our warm thoughts to those families. Kia kaha Tāmaki Makaurau. While we remain at Alert Level 4 until at least 11:59 pm Tuesday 14 September, we continue with preparations for when we move to Alert Level 3. The School and playground remain closed for now. HUGE thanks to our staff who’ve continued with Distance Learning and for the team work we’ve shared 🌻

### Let’s celebrate Learning – Tonga Language Week 🇳🇵

While we could not meet for our usual kanohi ki te kanohi assembly, this did not prevent the staff, students, families and I from joining together for a fabulous online celebration of Tonga language and culture!! Today’s event was capably and calmly led by Mrs Tafea, our lead teacher of Talamuka-’a-Tonga.



It was sheer joy to view our students’ items! Absolutely beautiful, beautiful, awesome, awesome sharing. We’re **SO SUPER PROUD** of the many strengths highlighted today: clarity of speech; writing and oratory skills; confidence, poise and grace when performing song and dance; staging co-ordination; bringing younger and older siblings into the learning and such colourful traditional clothing and Kahoa 🌸



Mālō ‘aupito to all tamaiti and to the mums, dads – whole families! ❤️ It is clear to see how you are nurturing your children’s education and growth. **Kaitiakitanga** is one of our TPS Values – to protect and to nurture. It is clear that Kaitiakitanga is very much alive, as we mahi together to protect and nurture Tonga language and culture.



**Mrs Tafea**, you did an outstanding job of leading the tamaiti, engaging with kainga and co-ordinating today's success! Mālō 'aupito to you! 🥰 Such an uplifting and positive experience for us all today, to close our school week ❤️🇳🇵

Some of the photos have been taken during the performance (sorry for the fuzziness). You can also find the students' mahi on the **Talamuka-'a-Tonga Class Site** and **Mrs Tafea's Teacher Blog Site**.

**Celebrations included:**

- Song - Pouliasi, Toka, Mariaola
- Speech - Kitione: the 4 Pillars of Tongan culture and education
- 2021 Tonga Theme - Esile: "having a good education is a blessing, but along with this, one needs to have a great attitude to learning and growth"
- Song - Epalahame Fehoko and family
- Dance - Brothers Lopeti and Pili (R3)
- Bible Dance - George, Saia and Louvina
- Dance - Louvina
- Speech - Opeti: a beautiful legend story connected to his mum's place in Tonga
- Speech - Christine, loved your beautiful traditional dress
- Speech - John Nelson (R3)
- Sun dance - Maria
- Tongan Ngatu - Langiola: how to make ngatu/tapa cloth and their traditional uses
- Umu Speech - Anthony
- 'Alafapeti Faka Tonga – Vaimoana: Tongan alphabet slide deck. Love slide #2
- Closing acknowledgements; prayer



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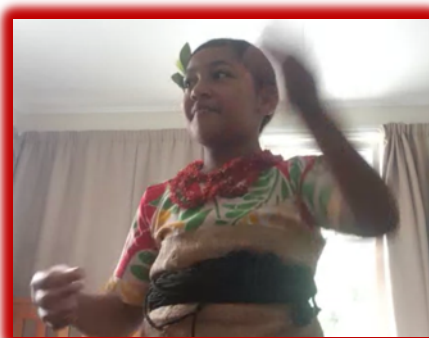
home

- safe
- warm
- family
- love
- nurture

This is my family's beautiful ‘api in Tonga.  
Ko e ‘api eni hoku fāмили.







## School Values Award

Kaitiakitanga, Whanaungatanga and Ako

Proudly awarded to...

Mrs Tafea & Talamuka-'a-Tonga, students and families!

*Mālō 'aupito for the excellent celebration of Tonga language and culture this week*



Dr Johnston

Principal | Tomuaki

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Friday 10 September 2021

Have a  
lovely  
weekend  
with your  
family.

Fa'afetai  
tele lava,  
thank you,  
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Dr  
Johnston

