



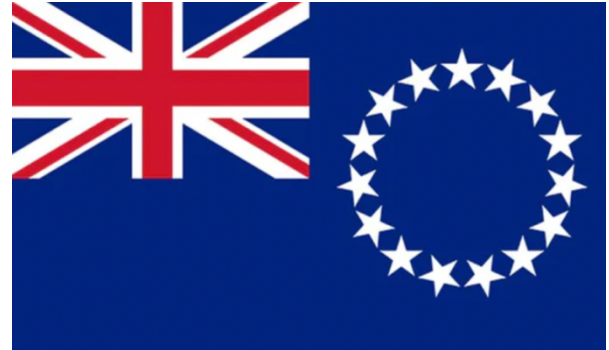
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Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter: Friday | Varaire 5 August 2022

Kia orana!

Happy Cook Islands Language celebration week!

The theme this year has been 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna - "Connect me to the soils of my ancestors". It's been a fun-filled week of learning some Cook Islands language, history and culture. Meitaki to our enthusiastic LA Mariana for sharing so much of and about her family taonga. The students enjoyed attending Mariana's workshops throughout the week. Meitaki to our teachers and LAs for supporting the learning and helping tamariki to make connections with their own family histories as well as those of the Cook Islands. Meitaki to Matua Stefan (R3 Kaiako) for organising members of his whānau visit and teach the Junior boys their Cook Islands dance! Meitaki ma'ata Mariana for gifting such beautiful Ei Katu for the staff to wear on Varaire! See our FB page for more photos.



Cook Islands Special School Assembly

Meitaki ma'ata parents and whānau, awesome that so many joined us to celebrate the tamariki present their Cook Islands language and culture items. We sang the Cook Islands National Anthem; Junior School girls and boys performed dances; Talamuka-'a-Tonga performed a Hiva; R8 tested our memories with a fun fact quiz; R9 shared songs; Te Puna Wairua shared their toi ataata mahi for te vaevae and thank you Matua Stefan and LA Mariana for helping the School to learn the beautiful closing song, "15 Stars".

TPS Values Certificate recipients: Manaakitanga – Kaitiakitanga – Rangatiratanga

Congrats to our recipients! Super proud of your learning-full achievements! Aaliyah TPW Tuakana; Tamati TPW Teina; Marilyn, Ngere R9; CJ, Mark R8; Azariah, Ezekiel R6; Florence, Sofele Talamuka-'a-Tonga; Acacia, Ani R4; Trevor, Sofya, Uasi R3; Bella, Teu, Bailey R2; Verna, Tyton, LJ R1 ❤️

Nau mai, haere mai to the TPS whānau, new students: Akosita – Talamuka-'a-Tonga; Hezekiah, Tamati, Mele, Verna R1 and Mihi R2. We know you're going to enjoy your learning journey!

Motat Trip: Meitaki ma'ata to our awesome parent volunteers who supported Miss Gormly and the Junior School on their MOTAT trip to enhance their student inquiry learning and writing! See our FB page for pictures.

Kapa Haka: Whaea Lee, te Pou Matua o Te Puna Wairua is updating us on our Kapa Haka in week 3 woohoo!

Strategic/Annual Goals

In the term break, we enjoyed reading/pānui and formative assessment PLD with Dr Davis and Doreen. This is valuable externally provided PLD that continues to support our own 'in-house' PLD as part of our annual focus on raising enjoyment, engagement and achievement in Pānui. We continue with mathematics/pāngarau PLD with Matua Bruce. We look forward to further collaborative practice PLD with Diana (from Evaluation Associates) later this term.

Student attendance – every minute counts

It's great that School wide attendance is improving - we're still only a few % points from our School goal! Classes are reaching top attendance rates for the start of the term. **Remember**, if your child is going to be away, call the Office to leave a message, or on the website 'Contact' page. If your child is going to be away for a period of time, call the Principal and/or DP. Ngā mihi parents/whānau for calling the Office and/or letting your child's teacher know. **Lateness** - please remember that School begins at 9 am.

Board | Poari elections

Nominations have been received and we should hear from CES (the Board's election organiser) of the results by Wednesday 10 August.

Teacher Only Day Monday 22 August – thank you for your understanding

On Monday 22 August, there will be a Teacher Only Day so that teachers can attend their digital learning/cyber safety PLD.

Mauri ora e te whānau. Keep safe from those nasty bugs. Take care 🌞 Fa'afetai tele lava.

Dr Deanna Johnston

Principal | Tumuaki

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PLEASE REMEMBER ☺

- Students arrive at School between 8:30 & 8:55 am
- Tripoli Rd only for any drop off/pick up; students use the crossing, teachers on duty 8:30-8:55 am and 3:00-3:15 pm
- No parking through the Alamein Rd gate and on Sommerville School driveway/grass verge
- Correct School uniform each day. Waterbottle (water only at School); no sweets, no fizzy or juice
- We provide free lunches & fresh fruit each day. Free Breakfast in the Hall 8:15 am with Miss Sharon
- We have free black shoes, black socks and blue uniform winter jackets
- We accept School Internet banking or eftpos (no cash onsite) please see/call Sharon in the Office

What do I do if my child is sick/away from School?

- For safety reasons, please ensure you call the Office to leave the reason of absence
- or leave a phone message or enter your child's absence on our School website 'Contact' page

Who can I call if I need school information or to speak with the teacher, DP or Principal?

- First call/email your child's teacher, or call the Office or email admin@tamakiprimary.school.nz
- Here's our website: <https://www.tamakiprimary.school.nz/> and we also have an official School Facebook page

Term 3: Monday | Rāhina 25 July to Friday | Rāmere 30 September

Board | Poari Meeting: Wednesday | Rāapa 24 August @ 8 am and 14 September

