



Whāia te ara tika | Follow the right path

Term 3 Week 4 Newsletter | Pānui: Friday | Rāmere 19 August 2022

*Kia Ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orāna, Kamusta*

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY next Monday 22 August**

A reminder, that next Monday is *Teacher Only Day*. Thank you for your understanding as our staff attend their digital learning/cyber safety PLD which is part of our Strategic/Annual LEARN goals. We continue to review and identify current risks, challenges and opportunities our young people face as they engage in online spaces and use digital devices for learning and living.

### **Trees 4 Survival – Education for Sustainability (E4S)**

Super proud of our Green Team, who along with Miss Gormly and our Rotary Reading volunteers planted the saplings tamariki have nurtured this year. Making history so that people can enjoy the regenerated forests!



### **Ngā mahi ā rehia | The Performing Arts**

As part of refreshing our local curriculum journey, we're super excited that our Performing Arts sessions begin next week. How blessed to have the expertise of Te Puna Wairua Kaimahi to support our school wide learning journey of waiata o te rohe (local songs) and the beautiful Hitori (local stories)!



### **Toi ataata | Visual Arts**

Teachers and tamariki have begun exploring the visual worlds of local and international artists. It's super exciting to see the range of art media that teachers are organising for tamariki to explore a range of art processes within range of art contexts. **Remember**, we're building up to our **TPS Art Gallery** viewing in Week 9 Friday 23 September – look forward to seeing you e te whānau! **Mālō 'aupito** to our special guest and local artist **Dagmar Vaikalafi Dyck** who presented her art with the Senior Team yesterday. Such a beautiful learning experience to hear your story and view some of your beautiful art.

### **Certificate recipients of TPS Values: Manaakitanga – Kaitiakitanga – Rangatiratanga**

Congrats to our recipients! Super proud of your learning-full achievements! Shiann **TPW Tuakana**; Emma-Jane **TPW Teina**; Chicago, Michael **R9**; Thor, Sonny **R8**; Mya, Brooke **R6**; Cedric, Mohokoi **Talamuka-'a-Tonga**; Dayne, Havana **R4**; Alliah, Maree **R3**; Retro, Leiola-Isa, John-Nelson **R2**; Hezekiah, Nathanael **R1** ❤️ **Nau mai, haere mai to the TPS whānau, new student:** Tavita – **Talamuka-'a-Tonga**. We know you're going to enjoy your learning journey! **Student Council Leaders:** congratulations to Pauliasi Fonua, Michael Misitopa, Ana Fifita, Christine Nau, Dezjonay Horne- Williams and Opeti Vakauta! Looking forward to our young Rangatira sharing their voice and whakaaro in School wide events.

### **Top attendance...**

**Tino pai - today's top attendance goes to Te Puna Wairua, Room 3 and Room 9!** Even with those nasty bugs out there, it's still fabulous that School wide attendance has improved. We're still only a few % points from our School goal! **Remember**, if your child is sick/at a Tangi and going to be away, please call the Office to leave a message, or on the website 'Contact' page.

### **Board | Poari elections**

A reminder to parents/whānau that you will have received your **voting forms** to you email address or posted if you have no email on our School record. We have 6 nominations for 5 positions on the Board. **Voting closes** Wednesday 7 September @ 12 noon with results published by CES on Tuesday 13 September @ 12 noon. **Final Meeting** for the current Board is next Wednesday 24 August.

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

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# Trees For Survival Trip!

## Author: Reihana Room 8

Last week the Trees for Survival Team (T4S) were preparing for a trip to a farm. We planted trees and learnt about them.

Before we went to the farm we watched a tutorial on how to plant the mini trees we nurtured and how to take them out of their bags. When the day came to plant the trees everyone packed their bags and went to school. We needed to pack extra clothes, boots, water and a raincoat (we didn't need food because the people who were working with us were providing it).

Once everyone arrived, we all went to the bus. The bus was mostly bumpy but the trip was fantastic! Once we arrived at the farm we went in a line and followed Mrs Gormly, the E4S Green Team Leader. While walking we saw 5 cute and lovely dogs swarming around the helpers who were going to help us plant.

We set down our bags and started petting the dogs since they were really cute and couldn't be ignored. We also got offered delicious cookies and apple pie by a helper. After we ate the amazing cookies we learnt about what the safety rules were, then we eventually started walking to the big field behind the house.

Once we got up the top of the steep hill, the professional helper told us the instructions on how to start planting on one side of the farm. The areas of the farm we were going to plant on were drilled with holes so that we didn't have to dig, and also the ground was super muddy and most of us got our feet stuck in it. The mud was super mushy and it felt uncomfortable.

Once we planted on one side of the farm we started doing the other area. Soon after we finished planting all the mini trees, we tested the river water which was being cleaned by the growing trees surrounding it. We did lots of tests, and the water seemed to be almost clean.

Eventually we went back to the house and started resting. While our helpers were sizzling the hot dogs, we were being offered spectacular food. The food was really amazing. Me and my friend and I had to eat another one of the hotdogs. The 'real' dogs were huddling by us while we were eating since they smelled the 'not real' hotdog. We couldn't feed them chocolate or any meat because it could make them a bit crazy or funny.

When we found out we were going to leave, one of our members gave a great speech to thank the people who helped us throughout the day. In a few minutes we left with our bags.

The trip to the farm was really great and I learnt that trees can make the river water clean and that cow poop, cow fart and insect spray can damage the air!!

### 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](mailto: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
- **Rugby League Y5/6:** Tournament Wednesday 24 August, Dunkirk Reserve
- **Tongan Language Week:** 5 September to 9 September
- **TPS Class Art Gallery:** Friday | Rāmere 23 September - Whānau welcome to view all class art in the Hall!

