



Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path

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Term 4 Week 9 Newsletter | Pānui: Thursday | Rāpare 15 December | Hakihea 2022

*Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Vannakkam*

### **Huge year – super proud**

We come to the end of the final term of 2022, with the last day being tomorrow, Friday 16 December. As I shared at last week's Class Awards and yesterday at our Year 8 Prizegiving and Graduation, we're super proud of the tamariki. While it's been a bumpy year of challenges, we stayed open for learning and did not wane from our collective focus on enabling the best possible learning opportunities for our tamariki. Kanohi ki te kanohi – face to face learning is such a joy for us and continues to make the biggest difference for our ākonga.

We reported to the Board last week, how proud we were of the school wide progress and achievement shifts made this year by our tamariki. They are our super stars. We thank our awesome teachers and Learning Assistants for the vital role they have bringing our strategic/annual goals to life, teaching our ākonga. I thank all staff for our collective mahi this year. Thank you parents and whānau for your understanding and support this year, this has been much appreciated.

### **Year 8 Prizegiving, Graduation & Dine/Dance**

Fabulous to see many whānau join us yesterday to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our Year 8 ākonga. Congratulations to all recipients and our graduates, we're super proud of you - ka rawe! As I shared, *Whāia te ara tika, pursue the right path*. Wishing you all the very best through your College years and beyond. Pursue the right path to enable you to bring your aspirations into reality! Thank you parents and whānau, your partnership with us has been vital for supporting your child's learning journey.

Huge thanks to Ms Mariana and her creative team for setting up for our Year 8 Dine and Dance – it was such a special, fun evening to acknowledge our graduates. I thank teachers and support staff for spot-on organisation leading up to and on the day – again, great team work!

### **CONGRATULATIONS 🏆👏**

**Student School Council:** Awarded by Ms Mariana – Learning Assistant & Board Staff Rep

Y8s Christine Nau, Michael Misitopa, 'Opeti Vaka'uta, 'Ana Fifita; Y7s Dejonay Horne-Williams, Pauliasi Fonua

**School wide service:** Awarded by Whaea Lee

Home School Partnership - Marlene Vaega

Tuakana Teina - Abigail Leiataua

Digital Learning - Christine Nau

Lotu-Liga Cup - Michael Misitopa

Top Service to the School - Michael Misitopa, awarded by Mr Maurice Waetford, long serving Board Rep and TPS community advocate

**Sports:** Awarded by Mr Janse

Maurice Waetford Rugby Cup - Cedric Mapa, awarded by Mr Maurice Waetford

Team Spirit - Marlene Vaega

Fair Play - Cheldyn sang yum Penina

All round sports person - Jairus Kilisimasi



**The Arts:** *Awarded by Mrs Sood*

Toi Ataata Most Promising Artist - Taunese Leiataua. *This Award was introduced in 2021, awarded by the Principal, in recognition of a student who shows passion and potential in Visual Arts and design, who is committed to learning, expanding their knowledge and skill.*

Top in Visual Arts - Cheldyn Sang Yum Penina

Cultural Dance Performance - 'Ana Fifita

Ngā mahi ā Rehia Kapa Haka – Marlene Vaega. *Awarded by Koka Anahera*

**Attitude:** *Awarded by Mrs Tafea*

Tony Drillien - Mohokoi Ta'ofi. *Awarded by Mrs Jo Drillien*

U Tonu Tanga Perseverance - Junefia Wilco

Sir Peter Blake Young Leader - Michael Misitopa

Duffy Excellence in Attitude - Xyrus Cummings

**Tāmaki College Scholarships:** *Awarded by Miss Amber George (AP of Tāmaki College)*

Academic – Junefia Wilco

Leadership - Michael Misitopa

Cultural - Boisi Matekuolava

**Excellence:** *Awarded by Mrs Tafea*

Reading | Pānui – Xyrus Cummings

Writing | Tuhituhi – Tisharn Dysart

Mathematics | Pāngarau – Xyrus Cummings

**Top in School Values:**

Opeti Vakauta. *This Award is new in 2022, awarded by the Principal. It goes to a student who consistently shows fidelity to our School Values MANAAKITANGA, KAITIAKITANGA and RANGATIRATANGA, in and out of school.*

**Te Puawaitanga growth & excelling in learning:**

Christine Nau

**Congratulations Dux of 2022:** Xyrus Cummings 🏆**Graduates of 2022** 🎓

Room 8: Abigail Leiataua, Cheldyn sang Yum Penina, Eve Kaitai Samu, Jairus Kilisimasi, Junefia Wilco, Marlene Vaega

Te Puna Wairua: Taynah Mehana, Tamehana Ngamotu

Talamuka-'a-Tonga: Ana Fifita, Cedric Mapa, Christine Nau, Mohokoi Ta'ofi, Opeti Vakauta, Saia Palei

Room 9: Boisi Matekuolava, Chance Gilfedder, Jordan Vaipulu, Kayden Woods, Kitone Pau'u, Lusie Tualasa, Mama Mareiti, Michael Misitopa, Ngere George, PJ Ina-Cook, Punua Takai, Taunese Leiataua, Tisharn Dysart, Xyrus Cummings

**Farewell**

We acknowledge and thank kaiako Mr Janse for his mahi at TPS with our senior ākonga and as eDean and Sports Co-ordinator. Blessings and arohanui to you and your whānau. Thank you Miss Inu for your mahi with us this year, wishing you all the best in your new ventures!

Have a blessed festive season, happy, restful holidays and safe travels! See you in the new year!

Fa'afetai tele lava 🌺

Dr Deanna Johnston

Principal | Tumuaki

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## PLEASE REMEMBER 😊

- Students arrive at School no earlier than 8 am & before 8:55 am
- Breakfast Club in the Hall/hōro @ 8:15 am
- Tripoli Rd or surrounding streets for any drop off/pick up; students use the crossing, teachers on duty 8:30-8:55 am and 3:00-3:15 pm
- For the safety of tamariki & staff, no parking through the Alamein Rd gate & on Sommerville School driveway/grass verge
- Correct School uniform each day
- Students wear a uniform hat in Term 1 & 4; winter jackets in Term 2 & 3
- Waterbottle (water only at School); no sweets, gum or fizzy or juice
- We provide free lunches & fresh fruit each day
- We accept School Internet banking or eftpos (no cash onsite) please see/call 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

## What do I do if I need school information, have a concern or need to speak with the teacher, DP or Principal?

- Please visit, call or email your child's teacher. Then if you need to, contact the Team Leader, DP or Principal
- Call the Office or email [admin@tamakiprimary.school.nz](mailto:admin@tamakiprimary.school.nz) for absences, notices or uniform queries
- Here's our website: <https://www.tamakiprimary.school.nz/> to find a link to our School Policies and Procedures – click on the 'Our School' Tab. We also have an official School Facebook page

**End of Year Student Reports:** go home Thursday 15 December

**Term 4:** Last day Friday | Rāmere 16 December

**2023 Term 1:** first day for all tamariki is Thursday | Rāpare 2 February



**\*\*For the safety of tamariki & staff, please do not enter Sommerville School driveway & park on their grass verge. Please park on Tripoli Rd or surrounding streets\*\***

**Thank you for your care & understanding 😊**

