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Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path

Term 1 Week 8 Newsletter | Pānui: Friday | Rāmere 24 March | Poutūterangi 2023

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

Health/PE & Sports

Swimming: Thank you e te whānau for supporting your child to come prepared for swimming lessons this week. Aquatics is a part of the Curriculum enabling your child with an excellent opportunity to enjoy basic water safety skills. Back at School, kaiako then reinforce learning that has occurred at the pools such as a respect for water environments and safety practices.



Cricket Tournament: Super proud of our Senior Cricket Teams who competed in yesterday's competition at Ellerslie Cricket Grounds. Big thanks parents and whānau for supporting the



tamariki and also to Ms Mariana for ensuring the troops were sun protected and hydrated. I was really impressed when the tamariki explained to me exactly how many runs were gained and how they played with a good sports attitude! Super congrats on your 2nd and 3rd placing!!

Volleyball Competition: Looking forward to next Tuesday's event at the Panmure Lagoon Stadium. Big thanks to Mrs Tafea and Matua Stefan for training the troops and to Whaea Kelly for her organisation support too.

Writing whizzes

The teachers and I have continued our literacy PLD this week, raising enjoyment and success in reading/writing is one of our Annual Plan LEARN goals. Super proud of our tamariki growing more confidently as readers and writers!



❤ **Welcome new students:** Skylah-Maez, Nevaeh, Kaiza-Blaze, Teariki and Ariella. We know you'll enjoy your learning journey ahead!



Present & on time for learning

We're only 0.1% away from our school wide attendance goal! We know we can do it! Remember, your child needs to be at School before the first bell goes at 8:50 am.

Property update

We're super thrilled that our refurbishments have begun in the Hall, corridor, Library and soon in the Office, downstairs corridors, classrooms and stairwells. Next term, upstairs refurbishments are planned to start. We ask for your understanding and safety awareness when coming into the Office area or waiting outside the classrooms under the shade sails.



For safety reasons, the Office needs your child's enrolment and contact details to be correct. Thank you for replying with your updates. Please call Miss Sharon in the Office with any changes.

Take care e te whānau, kia pai tō rā whakatā 🌸 Fa'afetai lava,
Dr Deanna Johnston
Principal | Tumuaki
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Y5-8 Volleyball Cluster Tournament: Tuesday/Rāhina 28 March @ Panmure Lagoon Stadium

Swimming all classes: Monday to Friday 21 – 31 March

Camp Info Hui for Parent/whānau: Monday 3 April @ 2 pm (contact Mrs Sharma DP)

Vision Van: visits postponed again to 3 – 5 April

Board Meeting: Wednesday/Rāapa 5 April @ 8 am in the Board Room

Term 2 Teacher Only Day: Monday/Rāhina 24 April; ANZAC Day 25 April

Y5/6 Senior Camp: Monday 1 May to Wednesday 3 May at Ngaruawahia Christian Camp

Notices, Newsletters/pānui:

- Paper copies to the eldest/only child (Friday fortnightly)
- School website www.tamakiprimary.school.nz (our main online communication)
- School Facebook page for celebration, includes links to the main Newsletter or reminder notices

Queries, concerns, School info:

- See your child's teacher in the first instance. You may then like to see the Team Leader, DP or Principal. You're welcome to visit, call the School or email the teacher, TL, DP or Principal. Please do not delay
- TPS Policies info link is on our School Website. Click on 'Our School' then 'Policies and Procedures'. Any queries please speak with/contact the Principal first. Please do not delay

Enrolments:

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enrol your child. See our 'Enrolment' page on our Website
- The Principal meets with new students, parents/whānau before enrolment and class placement

Uniform, stationery & devices:

- Eftpos or Internet banking only. Please see Miss Duggan in the Office
- Uniform including hats in Term 1 and Term 4 and can be purchased at School
- TPS stationery can be bought from Warehouse Stationery Lunn Ave and Sylvia Park (ask for the TPS lists)
- No student cell phones at School; if needed let the teacher know first; these are put in the Office in the morning
- **Devices – we provide a TPS device (iPad or Chromebook) for each student, these are used for learning at School. Tamariki do not need to buy/bring their own**

Walking to School:

- Safely use the paths and Tripoli Rd pedestrian crossing (8:30 – 8:55 am; 3:00 – 3:15 pm)
- Pedestrian paths at Benghazi Rd and Alamein Rd (over the little bridge and use the mini Zebra crossing)

Drop off / Pick up:

- Safely use Tripoli and Benghazi Rd and/or surrounding streets
- For everyone's safety, please do not park or drop off through Alamein Rd gate (our Sommerville School taxis/cars/vans need safe access to the turning bay). Please do not park on Sommerville School grass verge (it is unsafe for Sommerville staff and their taxis/cars/vans)

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Each day. Any dietary changes, please contact Mrs Sharma (DP)
- Water only bottle each day (no fizzy, juice)

Breakfast Club:

- As usual in the Hall 8:10 am – 8:40 am

Staff - see 'Our People' on our website

- **Juniors (NE-Y4):** Miss Jo Gormly R3 (Y2/3) Junior Team Leader, Mrs Claire Mackenzie R1 (NE/Y1), Miss Susannah Goodman R2 (Y1) and Mrs Emmy Grady R4 (Y3/4)
- **Te Puna Wairua (Y1-8):** Whaea Lee (Pouako Matua o Te Puna Wairua) and Koka Anahera (Kaiako TPW and Kaiako Ngā mahi ā rehia/Kapa Haka school wide)
- **Seniors (Y6-8):** Mrs Luti Tafea Talamuka-'a-Tonga Senior Team Leader, Matua Stefan R6 (Y5/6), Mrs Aanchal Sood R8 (Y6-8) and Mr Shaun de Witt R9 (Y7/8)
- **Learning Assistants (LAs):** Ms Mariana, Whaea Kelly, Miss Janine, Mrs Bloomfield
- **Release teacher:** Miss Sherina Short
- **Executive Officer/PA** Miss Mikaela Duggan, **Office Admin** Miss Sharon Williamson
- **Caretaker** Mr Bren Young and **Cleaners** Di, Falute and Loleini

****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 😊



"A Swimming Lesson" by AJ in Room 4

Today's swimming lesson was at the pool. I learned how to float. First we got changed into our swimming togs then we grabbed our towels and lined up. We were with Room 3 and I'm in Room 4. Then we walked to the bus which was waiting for us on the road.

The bus driver drove us to the CLM swimming pool in Stonefields. When we got there we organised ourselves into our groups, group 1 and group 2.

Next, the instructor Parys told us to get into the water, turn around and float on our back. I tried to feel light and calm just by laying my head on the water until I could float all by myself. We also did bubble kicks and float at the same time because it is important to learn new skills during our swimming lessons.

After that, the instructor spent some time with me and other students. Finally, we hopped out of the pool, got our towels and started walking to the bus.

On our way back to school, I felt happy because I can now float on the water by myself.

