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Term 2 Week 2 Newsletter: Friday / Rāmere 5 May 2023

Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa atu, Bula Vinaka, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Salam

Nau mai hoki mai, welcome to Term 2! We do hope you had a restful and enjoyable break, ready for another term of learning and partnership! ❤️ **Welcome:** Mrs Varinder Kaur, R9 teacher, in the Senior Team. Varinder brings many strengths, a passion in maths and loads of enthusiasm for her ākonga ❤️ **Welcome new ākonga:** Ali, Sana, Robin, Sulio, Maupese. Love how you've settled in already! We know you'll enjoy your learning journey ahead! **Present & on time for learning:** Thank you for ensuring your child is at school before 8:55 am. Full attendance is crucial to ākonga success and hauora/wellbeing 🎯 This week, 100% attendance goes to R9, TmT and R4! Let's all get to our goal!



Te Mātaiaho Curriculum Refresh & Aotearoa/NZ Hitori: Last week, the teachers and I enjoyed further PLD focussing on the new social sciences curriculum. Growing ākonga and staff knowledge/understanding of local hitori relating to significant local land marks e.g., Maungarei, local street & our Whānau House names, Ngarimu & the 28th Māori Battalion. The tamariki have been learning about the historical significance of ANZAC Day, as well as making further connections to their own personal histories and pepeha. Pop in and check out ākonga poems, art and reflections.



Pause Breathe Smile: During the break, the teachers and I enjoyed our student health/hauora PLD training. Mindfulness practice, as a daily habit, supports a more responsive way of being in the world, promoting feelings of calm, clarity and kindness. One of our favourite mindful breathing practices is: 'Hikitia te Hā – Breathe Easy'.

Health & Physical Education: Big thanks if you've already returned the Health/PE Survey! If you want to do one for each of your tamariki, that's totally great! Your feedback helps us make informed decisions about our Health/Physical Education programmes and plans. The class prize and whānau draw is **Friday 19 May!**



Sports: Mrs. Tafea is thrilled with the number of tamariki who've entered their names into the soccer teams. Looking forward to seeing ākonga develop their skills on the field and represent TPS in Week 4.



Whānau Kōrero sessions next week: thank you for returning your notice to the Office. This is a valuable opportunity for you and your child to talk about their learning goals and progress with his/her teacher. Our parent/whānau prize draw will be on Friday 12 May. See you next Wednesday and Thursday!

Y5/6 Camp: Super proud of our Y5/6 students! The third year in a row that our ākonga have had fabulous EOTC time learning new skills, meeting new challenges and appreciating the outdoors environment. I absolutely loved seeing them in action on Tuesday, what a buzzy highlight! Huge congrats to Mrs Sharma, Mrs Tafea, Mrs Sood, Matua Stefan, Kōkā Anahera and we're especially grateful to our awesome parents **James and Levrone** for superb team work 🎯🌟🥰🥰 Collective strengths of the Team enabled such engaging experiences and we're sure some positive memories for ākonga to cherish. Check out our Facebook photos.



As always, please visit, call or email me, kia pai tō rā whakatā 🌸
Fa'afetai lava,
Dr Deanna Johnston
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Board Meetings: Each Week 5 and Week 10 - Wednesday/Rāapa 24 May, 28 June @ 8 am in the Board Room

Term 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

Whānau Kōrero Sessions: Student led with teacher, parents/whānau Wednesday 10 & Thurs 11 May, School finishes at 12:30 pm. First 30 minute session starts at 1 pm. Call/see Sharon in the Office for your time/slip.

Y3-8 Football Tournament: Wed 17 May. Call/see Mrs Tafea for info. **Save Day** Thurs 18 May

Pink Clothes Day: Fri 19 May and **School Assembly** @ 12:15 pm in the Hall

HPE/Sports parent/whānau survey & prize draw: due Fri 19 May

Samoa Language & Culture week: School Assembly Fri 2 June – join us! Students welcome to celebrate the day in their cultural heritage clothes!

AKO Connect: Wed 7 June classroom visits to see maths and literacy in action – join in the fun, join in the lessons!

Whānau House Games: Fri 16 June – join in some good competitive fun, bring your picnic and blanket

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 is compulsory including hats in Term 1 and Term 4; all 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:

- Only use Tripoli and Benghazi Rd and/or surrounding streets
- For everyone's safety, please do not park in 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 change, please contact Mrs Sharma (DP)
- Water only bottle each day (no fizzy, juice)
- Please keep sweets and convenience foods for home
- 'Pack in, Pack out' means any food packaging brought to School, goes home with the student

Breakfast Club:

- In the Hall 8:10 am – 8:40 am

Staff - see 'Our People' Tab on our website

- **Junior Team Leader (NE-Y4):** Miss Jo Gormly R3 (Y2/3)
- **Te Puna Wairua Pouako Matua (Y1-8):** Whaea Lee and Koka Anahera (Kaiako TPW and Kaiako Ngā mahi ā rehia/Kapa Haka school wide)
- **Senior Team Leader (Y6-8):** Mrs Luti Tafea Talamuka-'a-Tonga
- **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

