



Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path

Term 2 Week 8 Newsletter: Friday | Rāmere 16 June 2023

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

We hope you've had a great week. We've loved seeing the tamariki enjoy the sun's rays outside!

Hikoi/field trip: Last week we really enjoyed our **Teacher Only Day** hikoi/field trip with mana whenua. We listened to rich stories about significant local landmarks: **ngā tohu o te rohe** - Maungarei, Mokoia Pā, Mauinaina Pā, Te Whanake and Waiorohe Karaka Bay. There were many things we learnt and could visualise: the former kumara pits and strategic living on Maungarei; the abundant life at Mokoia Pā; the taro planting at Mauinaina; the two river names at Te Whanake and the exciting story of Ngāti Pāoa Rangatira Chiefs who signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Karaka Bay. We're grateful to Matua Harley for guiding us and excited to weave these rich stories into our teaching/learning



programmes, as well as our new school building plans. A very beautiful and heart-felt experience for the staff and I to draw from.

Rangahau in pāngarau: This week we enjoyed having visitors from the Education Review Office (ERO) undertaking some maths research in Years 1 to 3. Well done to Student Leader reps Snowy (Te Puna Wairua) and Pauliasi (Talamuka-'a-Tonga) who did us proud, with their **Manaakitanga** in action! The ERO team enjoyed learning about our maths journey so far and observations in the Junior School. They praised our ākonga and effective teaching/learning practices ❤️ Tino pai Miss Gormly and our marvellous mathematicians! 😊

School Wide Kapa Haka: tino pai to our ākonga, superbly led by Kōkā Anahera! Loving what we see and hear! **Rangatiratanga** in action! Keep up the focussed efforts and our goal of entering Te Kōtuku Festival in Term 4.



Sports: Super proud of our **Ki-o-Rahi Teams** for their excellent efforts at last week's Cluster competition. Also super proud of our **Senior Girls' and Boys' Rugby Teams** who competed at Pakuranga Intermediate School on Monday. We thank the host school staff who praised our students' fair play and great attitude! **Rangatiratanga** in action! Looking forward to our **Rugby League Teams** participating in next Friday's Cluster Tournament at Mt Wellington memorial grounds! Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou – Mrs Tafea, Matua Stefan, Mrs Sood and Mrs Kaur for supporting practises and to our awesome parent coaches!



Whānau House Games: is put forward to Friday morning, the last day of Term (due to the rain today). All welcome to pop down and join in the fun! Tino pai Alamein House enjoying their pizza treat today!



As always, you're welcome to visit, call or email me. Kia pai tō rā whakatā 🌸 Fa'afetai lava,

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Term 2: Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

Board Meetings: Each Week 5 and Week 10 – Wednesday/Rāapa 24 May, 28 June @ 8 am

Rugby League Tournament @ Mt Wellington memorial grounds: Friday 23 June (contact Mrs Tafea)

Student | Ākonga Achievement Reports: These go home Thursday 29 June (last week of Term)

Whānau House Games: last day of Term Friday morning 30 June – join in some good competitive fun!

Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

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:

- Uniform is compulsory including hats in Term 1 and Term 4; all can be purchased at School
- Eftpos or Internet banking only. Please see Miss Duggan in the Office
- 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; placed 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)
- Keep sweets, gum and convenience packaged foods at home
- 'Pack in, Pack out' means any food packaging brought to School, goes home with your child

Breakfast Club:

- Some social fun for tamariki as they enjoy some healthy kai in the Hall 8:10 am – 8:40 am

