



Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path

Term 3 Week 8 Newsletter: Friday | Falaite 8 September 2023

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

Mālō e lelei! Fēfē hake, how are you? We hope you've enjoyed celebrating Tonga language and culture week! I love how we can walk around our School and say *mālō e lelei* or hello in several other languages and our ākongā confidently reply! 'Language is the carrier of culture' so let's keep our heritage language alive! The rain didn't dampen our Tonga games, so we sweetened our day with traditional Tonga kai. Mālō 'aupito kāinga for sharing – yummy!



Mālō 'aupito for supporting your child to wear their cultural heritage clothing and joining us for our special assembly! Super proud of our ākongā strengths – writing/performing plays, creative Pacific digital story telling, singing and dancing. Wow our youngest R1 ākongā were fabulous movie stars! Well done Mrs Mackenzie! Mālō 'aupito Mrs Tafea leading Tonga language speeches – super proud of the students' critical thinking and research comparing Matariki with yam harvesting season in Tonga. Mālō 'aupito for joining us as Talamuka-'a-Tonga students confidently shared their speeches ❤️

**Board Pānui: Important all Parents' & Whānau Hui / Fono
 Ngā mihi nui, mālō 'aupito, fa'afetai tele lava**

Thank you for joining Whaea Lee, Mrs Tafea, Miss Gormly, Mrs Grady, Mrs Sharma and I yesterday! We felt a really neat buzz in the focus groups. We appreciate the value of *kōrero/talanoa* and listening to your thinking about **what is most important for your child now and for the future of our TPS!**

2:30 pm session winners: Big Kai Box - Opeti & Fotofili; Christmas Toys - Layla Jane & Jeremiah; Stationery/games - Tasi

4 pm session winners: Big Kai Box – Remi; Christmas Toys - Emma Jane; Stationery/games - Snowy

BE IN TO WIN! 🎉

Please return the paper copy of the Board's 2 questions attached with this Newsletter. We can also email the survey to you too. We understand parents/whānau have many commitments so it's very important we receive your thinking/feedback!

Please return by Tuesday 19 September. Family names will go in our prize draw 🍀

As part of the **Board's strategic planning refresh for the next two years**, all parent/whānau feedback received to date, helps inform the Board's self-review processes and future plans for TPS.

Congrats to recipients of School Value Certificates TPW Taniela, Nevaeh; TmT Tina, Teu, Pauliasi; R1 Christian, Lyric; R2 Samiuela, Sandra, George; R3 Lucia, Alliah; R4 Lylan, Polikaiana; R6 Acacia, Cohen; R8 Geneva, Wiremu; R9 Janett, Savannah ❤️ **Nau mai, haere mai new ākongā Hyacynth!** Enjoy your learning journey and put your strengths in action! Awesome to hui with new parents and whānau too! **Tino pai, Tripoli Winning House in the past two weeks** - 2nd Alamein, 3rd Benghazi, 4th Tobruk. **Whāia te ara tika**, continue to pursue your goals and show our TPS Values **Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Rangatiratanga!**



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

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Term 3: Monday/Rāhina 17 July to Friday/Rāmere 22 September

Board Meetings: Each Week 5 and Week 10 – Wednesday/Rāapa 16 August and 20 September @ 8 am

Board Policy Review: The Board's Term 3 Policy review is open for your feedback. Please check into our TPS SchoolDocs portal on our School website Policies section 😊

Board Member Casual Vacancy: reminder please see the notice that went home with your eldest child (see our Website). **REPLY to Presiding Member Mr Kamaka Tarawa BY 30 SEPTEMBER**

Dental Van at School: Monday/Rāhina 21 August to Friday 15 September

Y3-8 Netball Tournament: Wed 20 Sept @ Auckland Netball Centre

Māori Language Week 11 September: join us for a special end of Term

Assembly Thursday/Rāpare 21 September @ 11:45 am Hall/Hōro!



Student arrival and leaving times

- School starts 8:55 am and finishes 3 pm
- If late, students must sign in at the Office and go straight to class (learning time has already begun)
- Parents/visitors wait outside until home time. **Please do not call the Office unless it is an emergency, or you have an appointment to go to.** Please do not go to classrooms to collect your child before 3 pm

Drop off / Pick up:

- Parents 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 and regular utility vehicles need safe access to the turning bay and exit gate)
- Please do not park on Sommerville School grass verge or drive onto our basketball court (it is unsafe for students and Sommerville staff and their taxis/cars/vans)

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)

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 Kathleen Horn 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**

Food/Drink/Free healthy lunches:

- Free lunch. Any dietary change, please contact Mrs Sharma (DP) and let the Office know
- Water only bottle each day (no fizzy, juice)
- Keep sweets, gum and processed 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

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

