



Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path

Term 4 Week 2 Newsletter: Friday | Rāmere 20 October 2023



Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Salam Nau mai hoki mai, welcome return to Term 4. We hope everyone has had some time to rest and recharge during the break. It's been a positive start for our ākonga and we're super happy that they've settled beautifully into learning routines and responsibilities. I commend our staff who've invested time and energy into preparing well for a smooth start to the Term. Fakaalofa lahi atu – we hope you've enjoyed Niue Language and Culture week! I'm so impressed with our ākonga – saying hello in Niue and hearing them reply with other phrases they've learnt too – tino pai everyone. Today at Assembly, was another opportunity for us all to positively celebrate Niue culture.

Musical Instrument Making Ākonga had a creative and enjoyable time at our Musical Show – listening to, moving and playing instruments has ignited their creativity! Delighted to hear how ākonga are using their inquiry skills to create music with the instruments they've made using simple materials, with effective results! Tino pai tamariki.



Marvellous Maths In the last week of the break, the kaiako and I enjoyed further mathematics PLD, targeted to one of the School's Annual Plan goals of increasing your child's enjoyment and engagement in maths/statistics. Kaiako and Learning Assistants (LAs) continue to link their PLD to the delivery of quality maths for your child. Yesterday, we were delighted to host our *TLF Maths Collaborative Cluster Schools* for further PLD. This Annual Plan initiative enables our Kaiako and LAs to continue to grow their maths capabilities aligned with best practice and the Curriculum refresh. A positive day of collaboration, maths invigoration and observation of best practice. Our School visitors enjoyed our curious mathematicians with 'beaut answers'! They also affirmed our Kaiako maths routines – tino pai Mrs Grady, Matua Stefan and Mrs Sood! ❤️

Education for Sustainability (E4S) Huge thanks to Remuera Rotary Club Dr David McAuley, Leigh Marshall, Jim Holmes and Graeme Martin for gifting, assembling and installing our 2nd garden shed. We appreciate your ongoing generous support. Tino pai tamariki showing **Kaitiakitanga** and consistently nurturing plants for the *Trees for Survival* (T4S) project. TPS has cared for and planted 830 mini trees! Our T4S E4S initiative is also part of our Annual Plan goals, mahi māra going well!



Congrats to recipients of School Value Certificates TPW Connie-Girl, Rahera; R1 Ariella, Jeriyah; R2 Nyla-Jay, Isla; R3 Mariaola, Layla-Jayne; R4 Alayna, Miracle; TmT Puanesi, John Nelson, Moala, Vaimoana; R6 Grayson, Aaliyah; R8 Leeanne, Calais; R9 Maria, Owyn ❤️ **Nau mai, haere mai new ākonga Chana, Asher, Sydney, Winter-Reign!** Enjoy your learning journey and put your strengths in action! I enjoyed meeting your whānau too. **Tino pai 1st Benghazi Whānau House, 2nd Tripoli & Alamein, 3rd Tobruk.** **Whāia te ara tika**, continue to pursue your goals and show our TPS Values **Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Rangatiratanga!**

Alamein Road Safety You may have noticed there are demolishments/private road works happening outside the School. Next week there'll be further works happening. For the safety of all, there is no drop off inside Alamein gate entrance. Please remember to safely use surrounding streets, paths and crossings. Thank you for your co-operation (see p.2).

Board Pānuī: (see previous notices/website) Health/PE Curriculum Draft Statement: is now complete. Casual Vacancy: notification closed. The Board moves to a Selection process for a new Member.

As always, you're welcome to visit, call or email me. Enjoy the long weekend 🌸 Fa'afetai tele lava, take care.

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Term 4: Monday/Rāhina 9 October to Monday/Rāhina 18 December

Board Meetings: Twice a Term, Wednesday/Rāapa @ 8 am

Board Policy Review: The Board's Term 4 Policy review for your feedback is open. Please check into our TPS SchoolDocs portal on our School website Policies section 😊

Board Health/PE Curriculum draft statement: Is now closed. Thank you for your feedback.

Board Member Casual Vacancy: Reminder notice went home with your eldest child (see our Website).

Notification period is now closed. The Board will proceed to selection of a new Member. **REPLY** to Presiding Member Mr Kamaka Tarawa.

School Photos: Monday 30 October – call Miss Sharon in the Office for Photolife ordering details

Athletics: Whānau Athletics Day Friday/Rāmere 27 October; School fields, come along and join us!

Y5-8 Boys' & Girls' Touch Tournament: Wednesday 1 November Mt Wellington War Memorial grounds (see Mrs Tafea)

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 please wait outside until home time, so that teachers and students can finish off their end of day routines. Please do not go to classrooms to collect your child before 3 pm. If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment, call the Office in advance and collect your child by 1 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 inside Alamein Rd gate (this is for staff parking, 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 our students, staff 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

