



Whāia te ara tika | Pursue the right path

Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter: Friday | Rāmere 1 December 2023

Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Salam Woohoo! The first day of summer, let's look forward to some warmer and more settled weather to enjoy 😊 And....only two more weeks left in the Term! 🥰



Te Kōtuku Cultural Festival Super, super, super proud of **He Iti Mapihi Pounamu**, who performed with such passion, showing our Rangatiratanga Value 🏆 My heart filled with such joy as we watched our ākonga of all levels, ages and cultural heritage 🌟 Ngā mihi nui ki a Kōkā Anahera for her gracefulness and commitment! Ngā mihi Hemi and Leon for your awesome tautoko. A delight to see our parents and whānau, equally super proud of their tamariki!



Congrats to recipients of School Value Certificates TPW Apikaira, Rahera; R1 Brooklyn, Mariah; R2 Sana, Sandra, Samiuela; R3 Alliah, Angel, Kairo; R4 Skylah-Maez, Biancca, Karma; TmT Tina, Anthony; R6 Robin, Sam; R8 Azariah, Mark; R9 Elijah, Cheska. **Whānau House Winner in the past two weeks: 1st Benghazi, 2nd Tobruk, 3rd Alamein, 4th Tripoli.** **Whāia te ara tika**, continue to pursue your goals and show our TPS Values **Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Rangatiratanga!**

Appreciation Acknowledgment At our Wednesday appreciation morning tea, we thanked the many community workers, volunteers and friends of TPS who've provided their time and talent to support our ākonga. Your ongoing positive interactions and support continues to make a huge difference with us - for our students! Wishing you all a blessed festive, safe and happy holiday ❤️



Athletics Super proud of our troops who participated enthusiastically and showed our TPS Values at the Tournament on Tuesday. Big thanks to Mrs Tafea, Matua Stefan, Ms Mariana and Whaea Kelly for their tautoko. Congrats Yvonne and Hifo for reaching the running Finals!

Strategic & Annual Plan Update

*At our final Board meeting this week, it was a joy to share our **school wide achievement** across our annual goals and in particular, literacy and mathematics. As part of our Strategic /Annual Plan goals, we celebrate very positive shifts in our ākonga learning results! Huge thanks to my awesome Leaders, our Kaiako and Kaiāwhina who've worked incredibly well to accelerate their progress and achievement. Kaiako have completed **your child's achievement report** and these will go home in the last week of School. Please look for the sealed envelope 📧

*After discussing the themes that came from our **parents'/whānau and community feedback**, we've confirmed three **2024 Strategic Goals** which now inform the Annual Implementation Plan 📌 Thank you again for your thoughtful ideas and aspiration feedback which helpfully informed the Board's decision-making processes.

We look forward to our end of year celebration of learning. Parents/caregivers of those students receiving an award - please check your phone/email for a message. We ask that you keep this news as a surprise for your child on the day 😊 We start promptly, in our Hall.

***Y1-8 Class Awards: Wednesday 6 December @ 1 pm**

Y7/8 Awards & Y8 Graduation: Thursday 7 December @ 1 pm; Y8 Dine/Dance: @ 5 pm



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

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Alamein Road Safety: You may have noticed there are demolishments / private road works happening outside the School. There'll be further works happening over the next weeks. 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.



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

Board Meetings: Twice a Term, Monday 30 October and Wednesday/Rāapa 29 November @ 8 am

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

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

