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Term 1 Week 5 Newsletter: Friday | Rāmere 1 March 2024

Kia ora, Mālō e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Salam alaikum, Bula Vinaka, Magandang araw, Namaste, Kumusta!

Kia ora whānau,

As we settle into the rhythm of Term 1, our teachers and Learning Assistants have been working hard setting up and practicing routines. Teachers have been engaged in preparing enriching learning experiences and getting to know their students.



Reading at Home

I encourage you to actively role model for your child by incorporating regular reading sessions at home. Reading not only enhances literacy skills but also stimulates imagination, creativity and critical thinking. It is a simple yet powerful way of instilling love for learning in your child and creating lasting memories.

Y7&8 Camp

This year Y7 & 8 students are going to Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on the 3, 4 & 5 April. Ngāruawahia is a very safe camping site situated about 20 minutes before Hamilton. Students will be participating in a number of activities like crate climbing, climbing walls, flying fox, archery, target shooting and waterslide. A great way to build whanaungatanga and Hauora. Information evening for parents will be held in the School Hall on Mon 18 Mar @ 12:15 pm. Please sign the permission slips and return to the class teacher by 15 Mar 2024.

Student School Council elections

Every year a Student School council is elected. Our Y8 students have been busy preparing their speeches for the School Council elections. Elections happen in week 5 and the results will be announced on 8 Mar in the School Assembly.

Cricket Tournament

Y5-8 students have been practicing their cricket skills during lunch breaks. They will participate in the cluster cricket tournament on 20 Mar @ Ellerslie Cricket Club. Please sign permission slips and send them to School by 8 Mar.

Life education Van

Children have been receiving their lessons from Harold throughout this week. Senior School has focussed on learning how to manage emotions and develop positive relationships. They have also been learning about making good choices and the harmful effects of vaping. On the other hand our juniors have been learning about Hauora and how to look after our bodies.



Communicating with School

Communication between home and school is vital. Many parents and whānau pop in to chat with teachers or leadership team when they drop off or pick up their children. However when this is not possible we recommend calling the School office or emailing your child's teacher directly to make an appointment. Likewise, you are most welcome to make an appointment with the leadership team and the Principal too.

Home School Partnership Hui

Whānau are welcome on 13 Mar from 4 to 5 pm to attend Tāmaki Home School Partnership hui in the School Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and also learn about how we do Maths in our classrooms. Hope to see you all as we partner together for the betterment of our children.

School Stationery

All students need to have School stationery. Stationery is available from Warehouse Stationery @ Sylvia Park or Lunn Ave. You will need the stationery list from the School office before you go to purchase it from the warehouse.

Mrs. Archana Sharma
Acting Principal

IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

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

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)

Enrolments

- Visit or call the Office first and we'll help you enroll your child. See our 'Enrolment' page on our Website
- Parents/visitors please wait outside until home time, so that teachers and students can finish off their end of day routines. If you need to collect your child earlier for an appointment, call the office and let us know.

Drop off / Pick up:

- Parents only use Tripoli and Benghazi Rd and/or surrounding streets
- Alamein Rd gate is not safe with lots of construction underway. (Alamein Rd is for staff parking, Sommerville School taxis/cars/vans and regular utility vehicles need safe access to the turning bay and exit gate)

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.
- 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

Saturday Music School

- Saturday Music School happens every Saturday @ Tāmaki primary school from 9 - 11:30 am. It is a fantastic opportunity for your child to discover the joy of learning a musical instrument. Lessons are for half an hour. Tuition fees are just \$10 for a term, Instruments can be hired for \$15 a term

Upcoming Events

Y 7 & 8 Camp Information afternoon for parents - 18 March @12:15 am in School Hall

Y 7 & 8 Camp to Ngaruawahia - 3,4,5 April

Home School Partnership hui - 13 Mar 2024 4-5 pm in School Hall

Whānau House Day - 22 Mar