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## Term 1 Week 7 Newsletter: Friday | Rāmere 15 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,

We are now past the midpoint of our Term 1, scary to think how fast it is going...

I am extremely delighted to announce the Tāmaki Student Leaders for 2024. The whole School went through an election process and our students now understand why voting for a leader is such an important process. This was a good learning for everyone.



School Leaders - Maria, Evan, Esile & Aruna  
Deputy School Leaders - Harley, Sogo, Moala & Savannah

Congratulations to all our winners.

### Home School Partnership Hui

A HUGE thank you to whānau who made themselves available for our first Home School Partnership hui last week. It was an honour to see a house full of parents. Building strong partnerships between school and whānau is crucial for the success and well-being of children. It's heartening to know that parents are eager to be involved in their children's education and to understand the work they are doing at School. Collaborative effort like this can truly make a positive difference in Children's learning journey.



### Student Attendance

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school.

You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, talk to us! Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school.

### New Government Regulations - One hour a day of teaching core skills

All schools in New Zealand (Y0 - 8) will spend an average of an hour a day teaching each reading, writing and mathematics| pānui, tuhituhi & pāngarau. The Government wants to make sure that time is set aside to teach these core skills.

Class timetables at Tāmaki are all aligned to comply with this new initiative.

### Cellphones at School

As you may be aware the Government has introduced regulations that require all schools to put in place school rules regarding the use of phones. The regulations require that schools must ensure students do not use or access a phone while they are attending school, including lunch times and breaks. Research indicates that phones in schools are not conducive for learning and for student well being. Therefore these regulations have been put in place to ensure that the learning of all students is maximised, while minimising any potential for distraction and cyber-bullying.

Tāmaki Primary School does not allow students to bring cellphones to School. These are not necessary to have during the day.

If a student is required to bring a cellphone to school for any reason, e.g. medical etc, request to bring the cellphone to School is to be made through the office and needs to be authorised by the Principal.

Parents and caregivers are requested to speak with their child about these rules and reinforce the expectations of the school.

### 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.

### Cluster 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.

### 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.

### Donations to School

A heartfelt Thank you to Kings College and Eastern Suburbs Association Football Club for donating us heaps of sports gear. We think that you are very generous and kind to make this offer and our children and staff hugely appreciate your donations.

**Mrs. Archana Sharma**  
**Acting Principal**

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL NOTICES & REMINDERS

### 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.

### 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'.

## Upcoming Events

Whānau House Day - 28 March

Y 7 & 8 Camp to Ngaruawahia - 3,4,5 April 2024