

# NEWSLETTER

Term 02, Week 5  
Friday 4th of June, 2021

*Working together to grow innovative, confident, resilient leaders.*

*Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Namaste, An Young Haseyo, Konichiwha, Bula Vinaka, Sawadee, Dobra Dan, Ni Hao, As-salamu alaykum, Hola, Ahlan wa sahan*

We have had an amazing week celebrating Samoan Language Week! We opened the week with an assembly on Monday and each day our classes have been participating in different learning activities related to Samoan culture and language. A huge thank you to our staff members Emma Brown and Maua Kamuhemu for supporting our teachers and our students learning this week. The juniors loved making pale fuiono and the seniors now have beautiful lavalava created from the stencils they made in class.

This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2021 was Poupou le lotoifale. Ola manuia le anofale which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive.

When you're building a foundation for a fale (house) it can't have a weak foundation or posts. This is the same for the foundations of our families and schools that play an important role in strengthening Gagana Samoa (the Samoan Language). Language is important for the foundations of our overall wellbeing.

We always end our language weeks with a celebration assembly and as always we welcome everyone from our school community to come along and celebrate with us.

You can see snippets of our week on this week's episode of PDS TV that gets uploaded to our school Facebook page every Monday.

## Term Two Teacher Only Days

### TALL Programme

We have one more Teacher Only Day happening this term. Dates are listed below. Reminder notes will go home closer to the day but it is a good idea to put this date in your calendars now.

These are for an important professional development programme that all teachers at school are engaging in. They are focused on effective teaching and learning strategies to better support our students learning.

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of June - Teacher Only Day

### PB4L Update

This week our PB4L focus was on showing our school values of Respect, Integrity, Self-Management and Empathy outside of the classroom. We have been thinking about what these values look like in the playground, in the hall and as we move around our school interacting with others.

House points have been given out each week and we are always excited to see which house will be our weekly winner as well as checking out which house is tracking to take out the whole term.

### School Lunches

Our school lunches programme is continuing to run well. Please remember to update or let us know of any dietary requirements ahead of time so we can ensure these are catered too. We need 48 hours minimum to be able to change the orders if needed.

### Homework Club

Homework club is continuing with our FMA volunteers coming in to support our students alongside the teacher in charge each week. If you would like your child to attend homework club and have not received or returned a permission slip, then let us know and we will send one home with your child or you can pick one up from the office at any time. Homework club happens on a Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm to 3.45/4.00pm.

### After School Care

This continues as normal. It starts at 2:40pm with the last possible pick-up time at 5:30pm. Please phone our school office for the charge rate or more information.

### ASB Banking

If you would like a bank account opened for your child, please see the office for an ASB Bank account application form. Banking is done every Friday at school.

### Parent Helpers

**Can you help coach some of our sports teams?** Please let the office staff know. If you're available to read to, coach and transport our students, help out in our school library or book room, we'd love to hear from you.

### Upcoming School Events

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June – Tamaki Volleyball Tournament

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of June – Year 7/8 Immunisations

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of June to Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June – Diversity Week

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of June (6.30pm) – Hui / Fono & Student Social

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of June – Cultural Dress Up Day

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Eastern Zone Hockey Tournament

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of June - Teacher Only Day (TALL PD)**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of July – House Arts Celebration / Competition (11.00am)

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of July – School Open Day and Last Day of Term

Please keep an eye on our digital board for information regarding school events as well as our school calendar on our website and our school Facebook page.

Change of address or phone numbers? Please phone the Office on (09) 5277659
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