

# NEWSLETTER

Term 02, Week 9  
Friday 02 of July, 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*

Happy Matariki! This week we have celebrated the Maori New Year by learning about Matariki through song, dance, art and stories. We hope that they have been coming home sharing their learning and telling you about our different Matariki celebrations.

As we near the end of the term students and teachers are finishing the different projects they have been working on. Next week will be all about sharing and reflecting on learning and on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> we have our House Arts competition. It's always a highlight for our students who have been working on their songs, chants and videos. Please do come along and watch if you are able to.

A huge thank you to all of our school whanau and community who came along to our hui / fono last week. We really value the home school partnership and we know it makes a huge difference to the students when we work together for them and their education. Sport Auckland have taken the consultation information and will be collating this so that we can action some of the ideas that came out of this in our school and community.

You may notice that out on our school courts we have a newly installed Table Tennis Table. This has been provided to us for free through Auckland Table Tennis Association (ATTA) with an understanding that we will use it during school hours as well as provide access to the community outside of school hours. If you want to know more about the ATTA or about coming on down in the weekends to have a go then keep an eye out for more information in our newsletters and on our Facebook page.

Lastly a quick thank you for your flexibility with our Teacher Only Days this term. The professional development for our teachers has been extremely valuable and they are already taking a lot of new ideas and strategies back into their classroom programmes.

A reminder that all important term dates are at the bottom of our newsletters and also on the community calendar that you can access on our school website. Look out for key Term 3 dates on the first newsletter that goes out next term.

## Expressions of interest.

We have been lucky enough to have someone who has approached us to run some cooking sessions for our school community. They would include learning how to make quick, cheap and healthy family meals. These would also be an opportunity to get together and meet other people in our community. If this is something that might interest, you please let us know by phoning the office or getting in touch through email or our school Facebook page.

We are also looking for expressions of interest from anyone in our community who would like to be a part of the School Board. If this is something you might be interested in, please write a letter outlining your key skills that you could bring to the board.

## PB4L Update

This week our PB4L focus was on caring for classroom equipment and ensuring we look after the digital equipment such as chrome books and TV's. We are lucky that we have access to these things and we are ensuring that students know how to care for and value these as important educational tools

House points continue to be awarded to those students displaying our school values in a variety of ways throughout the school day or week. These go towards their House points and then these accumulate over the term. Next week we will find out who is the winning house for the term. Very exciting!

### 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

This week was our last homework club of the term. We have had a great turn out each week and our volunteers from FMA have enjoyed coming along and supporting our children. 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.

If your child is still at school at 3.15pm they will automatically be put into our After School Care programme and you will be charged. School finishes at 2.40pm and students need to be picked up promptly as staff have other work commitments at these times.

### 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

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

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of July – 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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**Thank you to the Fo Guang Shan Temple for donating hand sanitiser to our school**

