

Nga mihi, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia Orana, Bula, Namaste, Taloha ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Sabiadee, Ola, Bonjour, Ni hao, Welcome, Konichi wa, Noa'ia, Xin chào.

Memorial for Kaumatua Marsh

It was an occasion to treasure. Our students especially our Rumaki students and our school leaders did us very proud. It was great to see our values in action throughout the whole ceremony.



Our students welcomed the Marsh Whanau with open arms, and sincerity, and the family were very appreciative. Our students exhibited our school values so well that one cannot help but be enormously proud.

A kowhai tree was given to Kaumatua Marsh's whanau and one was planted here at school near the front entrance. A kowhai tree is sturdy and strong and beautiful when it blooms. It is a reminder of the many contributions Kaumatua Marsh made to the school.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership of Whaea Molly, Naomi Tewhare, and the support from staff and parents. Congratulations to our students for their part from start to finish.

Rotuman Language Week:

'Otom Famori. Otom Aga. Otom Faeaga': Our People. Our Culture. Our Language.

This is the theme of this year's Rotuman Language Week and our students are aiming to learn one word a day. This is an opportunity for our students with Rotuman ancestry to stand tall. They launched the week at our assembly on Monday, with activities throughout the week. The final assembly is on Friday where we will learn more about Rotuman language and culture.

School Closure

Teachers will take strike action on Wednesday 29 May and the school will close on that day. The Board of Trustees and I cannot guarantee that all our students will be safe when the teachers are on strike on 29 May. I would like to notify you well in advance so that you can make necessary changes to make sure the children are safe.

Interschool Rugby

Our senior girls took part in the first interschool rugby competition yesterday and they did themselves and our school proud. I had the opportunity to watch them in their final match of the day and they did very well and just lost to Koru School. Our girls played four games, and they won one, drew one and lost two. Congratulations to the girls and their coach Mele Hufanga. (See photo over page)



Iosua Esera, Principal

Important: If you have a new phone number, or address, please let the office know! It is important that we have your correct contact details.

Term 2 Dates

Please note these dates on your family calendar or diary. It will be great if you are able to be part of any of these planned events. Other dates and events will be in our newsletter in the near future.

This week:

Thurs. 16 May Parents and Whanau Positive Puberty info talk 3.30pm
Friday 17 May William Pike Rock Climbing;
Sia Ua cake stall 11am;
Senior tabloids athletics finals

Next week:

Assessment week
Wed. 22 May: Y5&6 Positive Puberty all day sessions
: China Trip Parents' Meeting 5pm
Thurs. 23 May: Y7&8 Positive Puberty all day sessions
: Y5-Y8 Samoan Speeches
Friday 24 May: Junior Tabloids

School Attendance

Student achievement and success at school is enhanced when they attend school often. Students and teachers find it most difficult to accelerate students' learning if they are away from school a lot. Students who are absent a lot find it hard to form relationships and friendships with other students, if they are not at school.

Our annual target for attendance for the year is 80% or more (80% is the *very* minimum). Parents please keep this in mind and monitor your child's attendance. We expect your children to be at school daily. If you need support in this, please contact the school for assistance.

NO Sugary Drinks

Thanks for your ongoing support of this policy. Sugary drinks are supposedly the biggest cause of obesity and Type 2 diabetes among our children. Let us all work together to maximise the chance of our students avoiding these. Water and plain milk are the only drinks to be consumed at school.

2019 Board of Trustee Elections

Friday 24 May: NOMINATIONS CLOSE at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school the number of vacancies is 5.

Wed. 29 May: Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll.

Friday 7 June: Voting closes at 12 noon.

Thurs. 13 June: Votes are counted, and our school advised of the results.

Friday 14 June: New Board takes office.

William Pike Programme

We have been successful in getting sponsorship for this programme. The first activity for this programme will be on Friday. The students will do rock climbing and will have qualified instructors for this activity. Our students always rise to any new experience and challenge. Mrs Cowley will accompany the students.

School Wide Goals: RESPECT:

Our value for the whole term is RESPECT. Students and teachers will have conversations in class on what respect looks, sounds and feels like in class and at school. Respect is common to all families, communities, cultural groups and organisations. We have talked about what each individual student needs to be mindful of in class and at school for the next few weeks.

Therefore, the goals for the next few weeks will be:

- i. I will use my little voice.
- ii. I will use kind words.
- iii. I will wait my turn.

Thank you in anticipation of your support at home.

Next Fundraiser for SIA UA

What: CAKE STALL *homemade & trying our best to be sugar free*
ON SALE-scrumptious cakes, delicious muffins, fluffy pancakes and lots more...

When: This Friday at Morning Tea from 11:00am

Where: outside Room 9

Please bring along some \$\$\$\$ to purchase food and support Sia Ua.



Above: The SPS Y7 & 8 girl's rugby team.

Standing, left to right: Coach Mele Hufanga, Faith R10, Maria R18, Manuia R10, Mele M. R9, Martina R8, O'Shaye R11, Jayne R18 (leaning forward), Kazayla R8 and Madison R10. Sitting, left to right: Ranadi R10, Mele U. R9, Melise R9 and Siosiana R8.



A reminder that there is breakfast club Tuesdays – Fridays, in the tech block. Students are welcome to have a breakfast of weet-bix and fruit, or toast, to start the day. Open between 8am and 8.45am.

Contact Details:

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We now have **EFTPOS** available in the school office for any payments you need to make.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to you...

17 May: Fisipeau R12

19 May: Aukuso R14 and Pogaiimalua R16

21 May: Fifita R11, Penisimani R6 and Lianna R14



Welcome to these new students:

John and Maryjane R17, Peti R24 and Ethan R13B

Measles Outbreak in Auckland

What is measles? Measles is a serious and highly infectious viral disease that can make people very sick and can lead to hospitalisation or, in rare cases, death. It is very easily spread from person to person through the air by breathing, sneezing or coughing. Just being in the same room as someone with measles can lead to infection if you are not immunised. If you are unimmunised you can also have measles and spread it without knowing it.

What are the symptoms of measles? Measles symptoms include a high fever, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes, followed several days later by a rash starting behind the ears and spreading to the body. If you catch measles you can spread it to others from 5 days before until 5 days after the rash appears.

Who is at risk of measles? Young children who have not yet been immunised are at greatest risk of the disease. It's important they have their vaccines on time at 15 months and four years old. The vaccine is free for infants and children. Unimmunised older children, teenagers and adults, especially pregnant women (measles can result in miscarriage, premature labour and low birth weight), are also at risk from the disease.

- Pregnant women who were not immunised before becoming pregnant should not receive the immunisation in pregnancy and should seek medical advice if they are concerned they have come in contact with measles.

If you are of child-bearing age, you should avoid pregnancy for one month after having a dose of the MMR vaccine.

• If you are breastfeeding (and not pregnant) you can receive the MMR vaccine safely.

For children who are too young to have had the measles vaccine it is advisable that others living in their household are vaccinated.

How is measles prevented?

The best way to prevent measles is for all children to be immunised on time, with the free Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine at 15 months and four years old. One dose of MMR vaccine is 95% effective against measles and two doses are 99% effective. Older children who are unimmunised can also receive the vaccine for free.

Adults/staff who are unsure whether they are immune should talk to their doctor as the information may be in their medical records. They may also have their own health records, such as their Plunket or Well Child/Tamariki Ora book. Anyone younger than 50 years old who has not had one MMR dose should be vaccinated.

Pick & Mix:

Theatre, music, comedy, dance and visual arts

There are pamphlets available in the office regarding free performances and workshops, including Auckland Live event guides.



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