

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.

Congratulations to Semisi

Each student in Mr Khan's class was gifted a \$200 voucher for a brand new, customised pair of shoes owing to Semisi's entry in a promotion from the Foot Locker store. Semisi's entry won this nationwide promotion. WOW. The vouchers were presented to the students yesterday. Well done, Semisi, for the entry and to Mr Khan for seizing the opportunity.



Above: Semisi R21, with Elaine & Tuku, from Foot Locker.
Right: Hiwi the Kiwi Show last week.

Well Done Leiloa

Leiloa composed a piece of writing that was good enough to be in the final selection for winning the fishing rod donated by Hiwi the Kiwi. Pieces of writing selected from each class were put in a box and Leiloa's name was drawn. There may be some cod, snapper, tarakihi or kahawai on the table menu from Leiloa's fishing exploits.



School Closure

Teachers will take strike action next Wednesday 29 May and the school will close for instruction for that whole 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 apologise for the inconvenience for many of you.



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:

Assessment week

Tonight: China Trip Parents' Meeting 5pm

Thurs. 23 May: Y7&8 Positive Puberty all day sessions

: Y5-Y8 Samoan Speeches

: Chinese principals to visit SPS

Friday 24 May: Junior Tabloids

Next week:

Samoan Language Week (see over page for outline)

Monday 27 May: Atea to Science Roadshow

Tuesday 28 May: MOSA Rugby League tournament Y5 & 6

: APPA Choir rehearsal 9am-12.30pm-Papakura

: Y7&8 Boys Soccer

Wednes. 29 May: School Closed – Teacher Strike

Friday 31 May: mufti day fundraiser (gold coin)

: Sia Ua concert at 6pm

: Senior Tabloids

BOT ELECTIONS

i. Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is available at the office for viewing. Please enquire at the office to make sure you are on the roll. Only parents on the electoral roll, can nominate a candidate for the election and vote. It is critical that you are on the parent's electoral roll.

ii. Nominations Open

Please consider nominating someone for these elections. You can nominate yourself or another person in the community whom you believe is capable to be on the Board of Trustees. The person you nominate needs to sign his/her nomination. If you have not received a nomination form in the mail, please contact the office. Nominations close at noon this Friday 24 May.

Teacher Strike Actions

Teaching is no longer the profession of choice for many owing to the pay being well below the living standards, especially in Auckland. Consequently, it is difficult to fulfil teaching positions in many schools, including our school. The shortage of teachers is due to the number of teachers leaving teaching, the low numbers entering teacher training, and the retirement of experienced teachers.

This is an ongoing issue for schools especially in Auckland and for schools where teachers experience challenges through behaviour, lack of resources and / or poor commitment from students and parents.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to you...

22 May: Lachlan R20

23 May: Sidney R6B

24 May: Aarush R11

27 May: Kato R6





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Years 5-8 Samoan Speech Contest.

These will be held tomorrow in the school hall. The top two students will represent our school in the Auckland Samoan speech contests in June. The Years 5-6 interschool contest will be at Robertson Road School on Thursday 13 June and the Years 7-8 on Friday 14 June at Waimahia Intermediate in Manurewa.

The students who come third and fourth will represent our school in the Auckland Primary Principals Association Samoan speech contest in September. We wish our students competing the very best.

Samoan Language Week: 27-31 May

Staff and teachers in Masina Va'aia are preparing for the celebration of Samoan Language Week. A brief outline of the programme for the week is:

Sunday 26 May: Official national launch at the Fale Samoa by the Mangere shopping centre. Ezra, Angela, Junior and Rejoice (all from R18) are the students selected to lead the launch. The programme includes a short devotion, followed by an ava ceremony and then some speeches. The launch starts at 5:00pm.

Monday 27 May: School launch and the Years 1-4 speech contest.

Tuesday 28 May: Traditional sports, art works and performances.

Thursday 30 May: Performance practices.

Friday 31 May: Our final assembly starts at 9:30am, followed by a shared lunch.

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.

School Attendance

Please be advised that our annual target for attendance for the year is 80%. This is the very minimum. 80% cannot guarantee improved achievements, which our students need to be competitive in the work market. Please keep this in mind and do ask for support and monitor your children's attendance. Students from out of zone with poor attendance will have their enrolment terminated. They will be asked to attend their nearest school. Students within the zone will be referred to Truancy Service, Oranga Tamariki and the Ministry of Education.

Welcome to these new students:

Hanin R21, Joudi R11, Aisea R13B and Tatupu R20

Contact Details:

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

Below: Images from Rotuman Language Week's Friday assembly



Below: The William Pike Challenge Group Rock Climbing on Friday.



Positive Puberty

Thanks to those of you who attended this talk regarding one of the programmes for our early teens. Pubertal change is what all our students go through starting as early for some students at Year 5. Understanding this physical change is critical for our students and knowing it allows the student to manage him or herself. It also allows for all students to manage their relationships better. I am pleased with the number of students approved to be part of learning this change. Ideally all our students are given the opportunity to learn about this change, but a few appear to have missed out.

China Trip

There is a meeting of parents of the students selected to go to China at 5:00pm this evening. We are also hosting a trip of principals from China who would like our school to visit them. They arrive tomorrow.



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