

Nga mihi, malo e lelei, talofa lava, kia orana, bula, namaste, talofa ni, Fakalofa lahi atu, sabiadee, ola, bonjour, ni hao, welcome, konichi wa

Welcome to Term 2, Week 8

Concept: Our Language, Our Future Values: Identity & Diversity

Congratulations to all our FAGASA speakers

Well done to the 8 students who represented our school very well last week in the FAGASA speech finals held at Otahuhu Primary. A special mention to Areanna and David who were placed 1st equal in Year 7. Every year, the calibre of the speakers are very good and there is an increasing interest of schools participating which is a very good sign for the Samoan Language being embraced in a lot of schools. We are also looking forward to our 3rd and 4th places in our school speeches that will represent our school in another Samoan speech competition led by the Auckland Post Principals Association (APPA) in September.

The National FAGASA speech finals will be held in Auckland at the Maota Samoa in Mangere in August. What out for this space.

Flu & Measles

The flu and the measles are becoming very common through the winter season and I kindly ask parents to be on the lookout for your child/ren at home. You may think it is a normal flu which can be treated at home but you need to take your child/ren to the doctors to get it properly checked out. It could lead to other medical issues such as Measles or a bac virus. We have our school nurses on site and they will let you know if they will need to go to the doctors.

Join our school Facebook page

If you have not already joined our school Facebook page, please do so. Simply search for our school name and press join. This way, you can also get important or urgent information that we need to get out to parents.



Vaitimu Togi Lemanu, Principal



'Be the Change' (continued)

We as a community need to be the change. If we are wanting our children to be the best they can, we need to change our mindset. Technology is becoming a big thing around the world and it is changing what we normally do. With only a touch or tap of a button or buttons, there we have it. We as a community need to be smart online, there are so many scammers out there looking for vulnerable people like you, so be extra safe online with your personal information. Our children also need to be very mindful when they are online on Facebook, Instagram, Tik-Tok etc. Let's be the change for our young ones.

Best Attendance Week 8, Term 2

These classes had the best attendance last week and will have a Mr Whippy treat on Friday 21 June:

Whenua R4 90% and R5 86%

Moana R25 88% and R3 87%

Aorangi R7 93% and R12 88%

Atea R15 91% and R8 89%

Board of Trustees By-Election

Election Day, Monday 24 June 2024

Poll Closes 4pm on Election Day

Accept Postal Votes, Saturday 29 June 2024

Count Votes, Sunday 30 June 2024

Board Takes Office, Monday 1 July 2024



Left: Areanna, Mr Lemanu and David, 1st equal for Yr 7 fagasa speeches. Congratulations!

Left: Manu and Zacchaeus at table tennis

Term 2 Dates: Please add these dates to your calendar This Week 8

Thurs. 20 June: Talanoa Ako Session 3 (4.30pm-6pm)
Friday 21 June: William Pike Challenge Rock Climbing
: Mr Whippy on site for best attendance

Week 9

Mon. 24 June: Moana/Aorangi Swimming
Wed. 26 June: Talanoa Ako Session 4 (4.30pm-6pm)
Friday 28 June: **Matariki – public holiday school closed**

Week 10

Mon. 1 July: Moana/Aorangi Swimming
Wed. 3 July: School Reports given out
Thurs. 4 July: Last day for students
Fri. 5 July: Curriculum Day for staff

Talanoa Ako - Tongan and Samoan Bilingual parents

We will be having our third session this Thursday for the Talanoa Ako programme. This programme is a Ministry of Education programme and we are lucky enough to have this final 10 week session with the parents. There are a lot of new learning opportunities for our Bilingual parents to support their understanding of what happens in the Tongan and Samoan Bilingual units. Our aim for this programme is to have 80% attendance from our parents.

Goals for the Week

Our school value for the term is DIVERSITY. The aim is for our students to appreciate that they are unique and are different from their friends in many ways. We would like our students to appreciate and respect that people are different and that they are unique. And it is their uniqueness that gives them strength. The goals are:

- I am unique.
- My friend is unique.
- We are proud we are unique.

Fakauhe lahi, kia orana, fakafetai, vinaka vaka levu, ka rawe, malō, fa'afetai tele lava, falamalō lahi, and thanks for your anticipated support at home.

**‘The beauty of an individual
is in his/her uniqueness’**

Birthdays for this week and next!

Today: Michelle R9A and Nanu R5
Thurs: James-Dean R14
Friday: Ezekiel R17
Saturday: Guadalupe R17, Kesaia R5 and Cassandra R14
Sunday: Sitiveni R8
Monday: Daydon R6 and Temanea R25
Tuesday: Athena R11A and Paulo R15



We need Parent helpers

At times, we may need support from parents who are able to coach a team. If you do have time and like coaching a sport/s please let me know. We try and get parent involvement in our school trips, our camps, sports camp, Pacific language weeks etc. Please come and see me and we can have a talanoa and what you can offer our school.

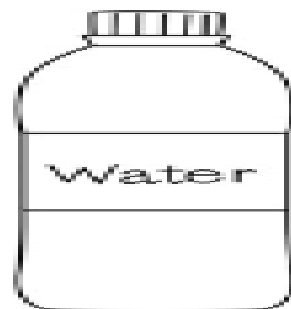
Reminders

If you have changed your email address or phone number, please inform the office.

Children away for 3 or more days due to sickness or injury need a medical certificate. Please inform the office by 10am, if your child is absent for any reason. You can use the online form on the school website, or use the contact details on the letterhead above.

PE Shirts for Y7 & 8

We now have sizes 8 ,M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL
Available for sale, \$22 each.



Water Only School

This is a friendly reminder that our school is a Water only school which means that we don't encourage children to bring any sort of sweet drink or fizzy drink to school. Our past students had campaigned for this many years ago and they took their campaign to Parliament in Wellington. It is important that we, as a school community, support this policy.



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