

Wednesday 1st June 2016
Aso Lulu 1 luni 2016



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

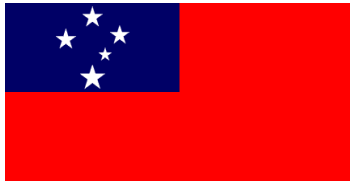


2016 BOT elections

VOTING: Have you remembered to VOTE? Voting closes **Friday 3 June at 12pm**. ALL voting forms **MUST** be in the envelope that was provided. *To all our current Board members, Thankyou for the past three years of hard work. Your contribution to the safe management of our school has been much appreciated.*

Samoan Language week & Independence Day

This week is Samoan language week and on Aso Faraile 3rd luni (Friday 3 June) at 9.30am, the Collegiate will be celebrating Samoan Independence Day. Samoan aiga from all schools will be taking part in the Salute to the Flag ceremony and following the march past there will be an assembly in the Collegiate Hall with items from each class. Sounds like a great way to celebrate our pupils' Samoan heritage. Our congratulations to our Samoan community on their special day. Fa'afetai.



- Talofa
 - Tofa
 - 'ioe
 - Leai
 - Ua mai oe?
 - Manuia le aso.
 - O ai lou igoa?
 - My name is...
- Hello
 - Goodbye
 - Yes
 - No
 - How are you?
 - Have a nice day.
 - What is your name?
 - O lou igoa o...

Matariki



The Maori New Year is officially starting on 6th June. To celebrate, on **Tuesday 7th June we will be holding a combined Junior/Middle school assembly at 10am in the hall.** Using tuakana tenia principles (older student teaching younger ones) the Junior School will be buddying up with the Middle School for a variety of fun activities: Kite making, flax weaving, Maori toys, Maori games & waiata. To finish off Matariki week,

Junior School classes will be having a shared lunch with their Middle School buddy class on Friday 10 June.

Flax weaving
1. Bless and harvest the natural resource.



2. Slit the flax into strips



3. Weaving



4. Finished items



Writing samples

The earliest recorded writing is over 3000 years old and through the years writing has changed from chipping stone tablets to parchments and quill pens to today's modern pens, paper and now word processing on computers. In centuries past only a few wealthy people or scholars knew how to write. Most people could not read or write. Today that has changed. Writing is how we can communicate deep knowledge or feelings, opinions or pass on messages to others without being present. Writing is a key to success in education. At school next week we will be taking samples of how well your child can write by themselves. These results will help us see how your child is progressing and what their next step in learning is. What your child learns to write in a few short years is incredible and requires skilled teacher input for your child then practice, practice and more practice.



This week I've shared with you a piece of writing by Alex in Room 6 who expresses his thoughts and feelings about the colour blue which is absolutely amazing.

Blue

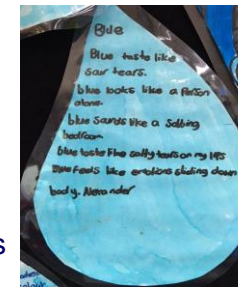
Blue tastes like sour tears,

Blue looks like a person alone

Blue sounds like a sobbing bedroom

Blue tastes like salty tears on my lips

Blue feels like emotions sliding down my body.



By Alexander in Rm 6

Basketball

Well our basketball programme is in full swing and our littlest players are now learning to jump like a dinosaur, and learn about bubble gum foot where you keep part of your foot down all the time. And next they are learning how to dribble! Each of these key movements lay the foundation for basketballs basic rules, but more importantly for our tamariki, it is a lot of fun.



Health & wellbeing: Winter

Carrying on from my winter theme last time I can confidently say that in the mornings jumpers and coats are really needed. You certainly notice the drop in temperature. Now is the time for hot soup at home, school polo fleeces on, shoes, socks and raincoats. Winter is also the time of the flu and cold season. Here are a few simple tips to keep your child as healthy as possible.



1. Give them a fresh hanky or some tissues every day. Teach them to blow their nose and sneeze into their hanky.
 2. They reckon that most germs are picked up by what a child touches. Talk about washing hands after going to the toilet and before eating.
- AND finally DON'T share food or water bottles. The research talks about as much as 20% back wash when you pass bottles around. Oooh!**



Health and Safety

Recently we have had parents parking their cars almost on top of the crossing and even on the no parking areas close by. I know everyone is just trying to pick up their child but parking like this is illegal and dangerous. Police and parking wardens regularly patrol the area and fines are up to \$40. Please park safely away from the



crossing. Use the turning bay and arrange with your child to walk a little to the car. Your help is appreciated.

Junior School Wellbeing survey

In term one of this year 81 pupils took part in a survey that looked at how well they were connected to our school, their teacher and how they felt about the life in general. Here are some of the outcomes which show our children's views:

- Teachers think all students can do well 99%
- My parents, family/ whanau all feel welcome at school 95%
- Teachers ask for my ideas 97%
- Students are good at listening to each other's ideas 98%
- Students look after other students who are new at school 99%

Overall the wellbeing survey showed students in the Junior School feel secure in their learning and enjoy being at school. This is a very positive outcome and a direct result of all the hard work and dedication our teachers and learning support staff put into make our school a safe and fun place to learn.

Education Outside The Classroom: Zoo trip

This Friday, Rms 4, 6 and 12 will be going to the Auckland Zoo to see some amazing exotic animals and learn some cool facts about them. Permission letters with full details have already been sent home. This should be an amazing experience for our tamariki.



Queen's Birthday

Just a reminder that **Monday 6th June** is Queen's Birthday weekend which is a public holiday - **there will be NO SCHOOL.** School will recommence on Tuesday 7th June at 8.45am.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are both from Room 2: They are Karley Masina for using her sounds to write great stories and Nashiana Talapule for being a great role model and leader in class. Our congratulations to both these hard working pupils.

Yours truly,

John Shearer
Principal

Return Slip (Return this slip and go in the draw for a book prize!) I have received the newsletter & I have read it.

Signed.....

