

Wednesday 30th May 2018
Aso Lulu 30 Me 2018



Talofa Parents/Caregivers,

Samoa Language week & Independence Day



Talofa lava!

'Alofa atu nei, Alofa mai taeao – Kindness Given, Kindness Gained'

Our congratulations to all our Samoan Whanau during Samoa Language Week and their independence day/Sisiga Fua (Flag raising) this Friday. It has been amazing to see all our children practicing their items and getting ready to salute the flag on Friday. If you are free, do come down and join us for the celebrations in the hall. If are of Samoan descent and you want to keep your rich cultural heritage and language alive you are so lucky. The Junior School Samoan bilingual unit can take your child from year 1 and grow your child's language ability all the way through to year 6 giving them a strong foundation in their first language. Simply brilliant.

Health and Well Being

I must say it feels like winter has hit early this year and its definitely time for jumpers and coats. This morning was particularly chilly. It was so cold that it seemed to get right into your bones. Please help your child stay healthy and put on an extra layer as they go out the door from home. Please also



name everything; uniforms can so easily get mixed up unless there is a name written on to identify who owns what.

Choir

On Tuesday, 5th June, the Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Junior School Choir will be going to Howick Primary School for their first Regional Choir rehearsal. This rehearsal is in preparation for the APPA Choral Festival which is held at the end of the year. We will be having a mufti day next Friday 8 June to help with transport costs.



Rugby league

Regretfully the rain washed out Friday's netball games but it's onward and upward to our next sports challenge. On Friday 8th June our teams are involved in their Zone rugby league tournament. A letter with full details will be sent home shortly to those involved.



Matariki

Junior School will be having an assembly to acknowledge Matariki on Monday 18 June. Throughout the week, Junior School classes will be celebrating Matariki through activities



Playground upgrade



In the first photo this was our Adventure playground last week. Now look at it. In the second photo you can



see the ground preparation is finished and if the weather stays dry we hope get the fencing away and our tamaiki back playing on it. Looks great!

Hiranga Club!

Our students are visiting the Auckland Art Gallery as part of our gifted kids "I am an Artist" programme. In Term 1



they researched where our Junior School members were from.

In the photos you can see our gifted kids making up road signs with the direction and distance to the places we come from. Now they are going to the Auckland City Art Gallery to learn how to set up and run their own art exhibition! A letter with full details will be sent home shortly to those involved. Wow our tamariki get so many opportunities to learn and have fun.



Junior Award

The hardest working pupils this week are: Veisia Matekuolava for always helping in class and being a good role model and Teisa Mafi for always taking up new challenges. Congratulations!

Queen's Birthday Weekend

Next Monday 4th June is Queen's birthday and is a public holiday. School will recommence on Tuesday 5th June at 8.45am. I hope you enjoy the long weekend with your child.

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.....