



# TERM 3 NEWS

## EVENT DATES

### **AUGUST**

- 7 Everyday Theatre Program
- 8 Room 9 to the Museum
- 9 Room 9 at Museum  
Boys Aspire Leadership Programme
- 13-17 Maths Week
- 14 Year 8 Transition to Year 9
- 15 Stop work meeting for teachers
- 17 Koroneihana Trip to Ngarawahia
- 21 Parent Teacher meeting  
2.00pm-7.00pm
- 28 Boys basketball

### **Other important days**

- 15 August– STRIKE Day
- 3-7 Sept.– Tongan Language Wk
- 10-16 Sept.– Maori Language Wk

## WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

It is wonderful to welcome our new staff who have started with us this term.

- \* Mrs Swamy teaching in Room 1
- \* Ms Coborn teaching in Room 13
- \* Ms Tuilagi teaching Health and Physical Education



**Mrs Swamy**



**Ms Coburn**



**Ms Tuilagi**

## SCHOOL REPORTS

Later this week a letter will go home to give you the opportunity to select a time for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their learning progress. Please remember this day. **Tuesday 21 August at 2.00pm-7.00pm in your child's classroom.**

At this meeting you will be given your child's school report. If you are unable to make this day to meet then let us know and we can arrange a time suitable for you.

## TERM 3 OVERVIEW

**Literacy**– Writing and presenting speeches  
Writing arguments

**Mathematics**– Multiplication and division

**Science Topic**– Electricity

**Health**– Skills for Adolescence/ Life Education

**Digital Technology**– Learning about Scratch

## SPECIAL MESSAGE TO PARENTS

On Wednesday 15 August there will be **NO SCHOOL** for all Middle School students. The teachers in the Junior and Middle School will be striking on this day. I hope that this will not disturb your families routine too much.







# CELEBRATING COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK



## **What we did to celebrate:**

We have had an amazing week celebrating our Cook Island culture last week. Ms George had organised a full week of activities for the whole school. Our highlights were our mamas coming in on Wednesday to share to all the classes arts and crafts made in the Islands. Students creating video clips about Cook Island dance and culture. These clips were also shared with Cook Island Development Agency NZ who in turn shared the clips to our Cook Island Whanau within NZ and the Cook Islands. On Thursday, a selected group of Cook Island students went to the Fresh Art Gallery in Otago to perform. Friday we had a grand closing assembly to show case what all the students had learnt followed by Chop suey and Mayonnaise for all the students for lunch prepared by Mrs Teanini and Mrs Ruta. Massive thank you for all our parents who came into our school to help out and share their knowledge and love.

It is so important for our school to provide opportunities for sharing language and culture from all cultures in our school to allow everyone to learn and appreciate cultural differences and things that are the same. It is also a lovely way to engage with our whanau.





# GREAT EFFORT CONGRATULATIONS PENNY TANUVASA



Last week a group of our Samoan students travelled to Wellington with their families to compete in the Fagaasa Speech Competition. Penny Tanuvasa won her Year 8 division this year.

This is an extraordinary achievement because she has been competing in this competition for the last three years, since her Year 6 year. She has won every year that she has competed. Her speech was on Kindness Given, Kindness gained. She talked about the meaning of love and how we should show kindness to others, sharing that if we show kindness we will

receive it as well.

The judges said that she was very clear in the language and that she showed strong variation in her voice and her actions went well with what she was saying. The overall structure of her speech and delivery was excellent.

Also attending this event was year 6 and 7 students, Agnes Taufu and Nevaiahlia Leuamuli



Nevaiahlia Leuamuli and Agnes Taufu with Faiva and Penny Tanuvasa. In the background Mrs Taufu

## CULTURAL ANAU MEETINGS

Each month our whanau meet the dates are:

Samoan– every second week of the month

Tongan– as needed

Cook Island– First Monday every month

Maori–first 6 weeks of each term



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