



Mālō Ni!

Thank you for the wonderful celebration of our Samoan aiga last week. You would have no doubt seen the video made by Middle School in celebration of Samoan Language week. Am glad to see that Mr Laban's fame, has been afforded equal status to Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson. I look forward to Cook Island Language week on 2nd August 2020 as we continue to celebrate living in the Pacific.

The photos included are of the Breakfast Club run every Wednesday morning in the whare. Hosted by our wonderful Prefects (the boys were camera shy) and managed by Shauna and Seleisa Fuaivaa. The food is purchased by us but the cost is picked up by the Southseas Healthcare Trust in Ōtara and a great supporter of Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate. So come along on Wednesday and support our students to eat well, to learn better. The scrambled eggs and 'mash' browns are worth being on any menu in an Ōtara café!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Attendance

Attendance rose last week with Wednesday being our highest attendance rate at 52%. Level 2 continues to keep parents cautious about Covid-19 and returning to school. Please do not lose sight of our goals, that is; to have meaningful lessons of authentic learning and participation. Students should be engaged in learning with purposeful lessons to gain both personal and academic success. Priority to maintaining accurate rolls is essential. Ensure that you mark your roll within the first 15mins of your class starting. Sight the student in your class. Are they physically in front of you? Do not rely on other students for the whereabouts of a student, or view the previous class roll to support your attendance action. If the student is absent, indicate this on Kamar. If the student arrives late, go back into Kamar and amend your roll. Attendance is an absolute action that needs accurate recording. Incomplete, inaccurate or untimely roll entries means that several people are directly affected by your actions. Please put your colleagues first and make their jobs easier. Do your roll right the first time.

STAFF OFFSITE THIS WEEK

Brian Grounds

TIMETABLE

The timetable for the rest of Term 2 has now been shared. It was always my intention to review the timetable to make it work better for our students. We are one of a handful of secondary schools who finish at 3pm. This means we are not effectively meeting our legal obligation to the Education Act or Ministry guidelines. A small team are looking at ways to meet these obligations, empower agentic learning and enable pedagogical shifts in thinking by reviewing our current timetable. Once final consultation is shared with Senior School staff, we intend to have this timetable up and running by January 2021. At it is currently, this timetable has extended Interval to 30mins, which allows for two breaks of equal weighting to be shared in one day. This rational allows staff to choose which break will be their 'uninterrupted' rest period while the other break may be your allocated duty.

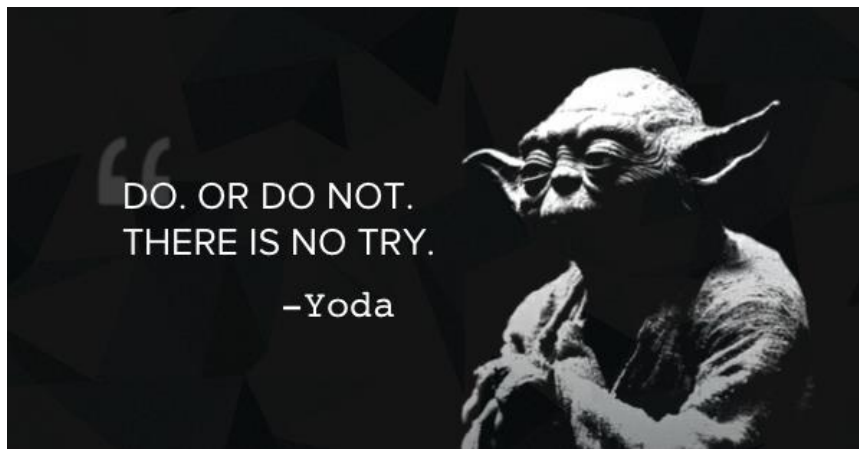
MIDDLE LEADERSHIP PLD

Continues tomorrow – Tuesday 2 June with Alana Madgwick and Ian McHale from Learning Solutions. The day will comprise of the two original groups – Group A (CD/FA/MF/JP/RB/TK) And Group B (AR/CB/KP/ME/KT/SE/BN/HE) workshop in the morning 10-12pm and afternoon 12.30 – 2.30pm. The focus will continue on the theme of Engaging Learning, Effective Leadership and Digital Fluency.

REPORTS AND PARENT CONFERENCES

There will be no parent conferences for this term, however a one page ‘tick box’ progress report is being developed by Amertej to be shared with staff soon. The dates for these reports to be open to start, will be confirmed this week. Watch this space.

Lastly, no reading quizzes or check points – just a brief note to touch-base with you all and thank you for your continued efforts. Efforts that have become the very essence of what it means to not only teach, but to teach in South Auckland. Thank you team for trusting me and allowing me the privilege to work with such fine people. My update wouldn’t be complete without an inspirational quote:



Have a good week ahead,
Mauri Ora.

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