

Wednesday 28th October 2020



Dear Parents/Whanau,

Community Consultation: Covid-19 Alert Level 1.

As you know we continue at **Covid Alert Level 1**. The Ministry of Education and Health has said that it is safe for children to be back to school and there is no community transmission. **Regularly attending school really matters for your child's future.** Your child needs to get into their maths, reading and writing and just like exercise makes us physically fit, going to school sharpens our brains and gives us the tools for lifelong learning. It's really important that as we are



free of Covid-19 at this time that your son or daughter is at school every day. Every day counts.

We are still taking all the

safety precautions including maintaining cleaning and disinfecting practices and encouraging good hygiene standards. We will also continue to remind people to stay home if they are unwell and to seek medical advice. So be reassured that the way we are operating is safe as we can be.

Staff changes

Recently Mr Makani had a traffic accident and has broken his leg. As a result Mr Makani will need to rest up for a few weeks hopefully returning later in the term. Ms Hadfield will be covering Mr Makani's class while he mends. After Many years of service Mr Fesolai has decided to move on from teaching primary

aged students and to work with teenagers in community based programmes. While we are extremely sorry for his loss we acknowledge his long service - (12 years) and wish him well in his future career. Mr Fesolai's last day will be Friday 6th November

There will be a farewell assembly for Mr Fesolai on Wednesday 4th November at 10am in the Junior School gym which you are all welcome to attend.

Ms Ng Lam will be taking over in Rm 16 until the end of the year.

Fakaalofa lahi atu CELEBRATING NIUEAN WEEK



Our congratulations to our Niuean community on a wonderful week of colour, traditional costumes and fun celebrating all things Niuean.



CONGRATULATIONS to everyone who made this week so special.

Heads up on some upcoming dates.

This Sunday is the first day of November and you can feel the end of the year is insight.

Here are some key dates that are now drawing close. As always you are warmly invited to these celebrations.

- **Kiwi Kapers – Wed 28th October Senior School pupils attending APO concert.**
- **Patrol training – Tuesday 10th November- our next group of young leaders getting into gear.**
- **Class photos – TBC**
- **Patrol/Mediators Rainbows End Trip – Tuesday 24th November.**
- **Have a go day (sports fun day) Wed 25th November.**
- **Sistema End of year concert Wednesday 25th November.**
- **Playgroup graduation – Sat 28th November.**
- **Year 6 graduation – Thursday 3rd December.**
- **Samoan bilingual End of Year Christmas celebration – Friday 4th December.**

Health & Safety: Guy Fawkes 5th November

I enjoy fireworks but they do require adult supervision and a great deal of care. Every year children suffer needless burns and there is always property damage. You must be **18 years and over** to buy fireworks. **Fireworks are totally banned from school.** For every one of our juniors it is illegal for them to buy

fireworks. Children are not allowed to buy fireworks and shops selling them to under age children are committing an offence and could be prosecuted. We as parents may also be held to account for any damage that our children may cause. Fireworks can be a marvelous treat but the reality of burns and damage is always there. Please supervise your children closely if you are celebrating Guy Fawkes at home this year.



Every day counts



Now that we are back we will continue our school promotion for attendance. **Pupils that have full weekly attendance go into a draw for a \$50 Countdown card.** Our winners for last week are: Rm 12 Hohanna Te Pania - Edmonds - 100% attendance and Rm 1 Hunter Durbin-bruning- 100% attendance.

Junior Award

The hardest working pupil this week is: Teokotai Whyte R12 for taking his writing to the next level. Well Done!

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.....

