



# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## COMING WEEKS EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

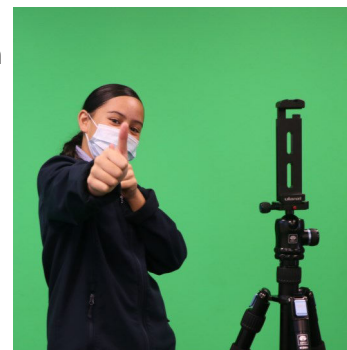
- 12 Te Reo Maori Language Week
- 15 Immunisation program
- 16 Ki o Rahi House competition
- 29 Girls and Boys Basketball competition
- 30 Last day of Term 3

## TUAKANA TEINA OPPORTUNITIES

Over this term students from our school have been going to Mayfield Primary School share their digital knowledge. This opportunity has been great for our Middle School students because it gives them a lot of confidence and boosts their self esteem. We are now looking at out teaching and learning programs that provide opportunities for students to share their learning with students in other classes. We see this as growing leaders. The students have been covering the following topics:

1. How to using a green screen
2. How to design your own online game
3. Online visual art program
4. How to use Makey Makey to create music
5. Stop motion

Our students will have 2 further sessions this term. I know that the students at Mayfield Primary School have enjoyed the interaction as much as Middle School students have enjoyed going. What makes it even better is some of the students sharing attended Mayfield Primary School, so they are going back to help their peers.



## CELEBRATING CULTURES

Last week our school celebrated Tongan Language Week. Over the week all students got to hear and learn about the culture and heritage of Tonga. They did class rotations within their pods and we also had Mrs Bloomfield-Hiko came into and shared her knowledge about how the materials are gathered and prepared for making mats, Ta'ovala, Kiekie, Kafa. Students also made coconut lollies, created their own Deki, drew Tongan designs and learnt a Ma'ulu'ulu which the school performed together.

On Friday our students presented all the dances they learnt at our school celebration assembly to the school and our parents. It was a great opportunity to showcase what the students had learnt.



# TONGAN LANGUAGE



# WEEK CELEBRATIONS



## OUR COLLEGIATE VALUES

**Respect** **Excellence** **Whanaungatanga**

# OUR ATTENDANCE

WEEK 6	
Room	Total
1	91.0%
2	78.0%
3	84.3%
4	66.8%
5	87.3%
8	86.3%
9	92.0%
10	79.0%
11	86.5%
12	81.8%
13	91.0%

Great news is our school attendance and engagement numbers each week have been increasing and we are seeing more students at school each day. This is a wonderful achievement. We now need to be able to sustain this level of attending school.

You may have seen the advertisement on TV about 'Everyday is a big day'. If you look hard you will see our school in that advertisement.

So for our students we are saying and encouraging everyone to come to school because at Middle School

**'Every day is a Big Day'**

WEEK 7	
Room	Total
1	83.6%
2	70.2%
3	90.0%
4	75.8%
5	86.8%
8	85.0%
9	90.4%
10	87.4%
11	90.6%
12	94.0%
13	91.6%

## More Tongan celebrations pictures



### **REMINDER:**

Middle School have a Facebook page where we post notices and information for parents to see urgently. Be sure to check it out. Classes also post clips to show their learning.