



# FINLAYSON PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Faakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana,

We are nearing the end of Term 2 and we have a few reminders of activities ahead.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

Thurs 7 July	Portfolios sent home
Fri 15 July	End of Term 2- School closes 2pm
Mon 1 Aug	Start of Term 3 – School re-opens
Wed 10 Aug	3 Way Conferences

## **End of Term 2:**

School will close at **2pm on Friday 15 July** and will re-open at **8.40am on Monday 1 August**.

## **Portfolios:**

This will be sent home with your child on Thursday 7 July. Please discuss it with your child. They contain samples of your child's work. Portfolios must be returned by Thursday 14 July.

## **3 Way Conferences:**

These will be held in Term 3 on **Wednesday 10 August**. Letters for appointments will go home with your child's portfolio. All parents must attend these very important discussions with your child and their teacher, so please put the date on your calendar. We will talk about the progress your child has made towards their goals set in March and set new goals for the rest of the year.

## **CONGRATULATIONS:**



Our Year 7 & 8 Boys Rugby Team has won the Counties Area Tournament now they are going to compete in the Auckland Area Tournament on this week. They are:


Faati Matafeo, Jay Matamea, Connelly Lemuelu  
Miracle Savea, Willie Tuala, Pati Pologa  
Thylo Toailoa, Sam Frost, Jesse Taugauli  
Vaililo Anaua Talaileva, Tominiko Toleafoa  
Edward Pourewa, Robbyn, Wolverine Williams  
Petaia Papalii, Salvation Sami.

## **OUR NEW TONGAN UNIT:**

The parents of children in the unit have now chosen a name "Sia Mo'ui" which means "Weaving life and learning". We are planning to have an official opening in September, more news soon.

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## **SPORTS:**

- Te Huringa are sending a team to West Auckland on Wednesday 29 June to take part in a Maori Sports Tournament Ki a Orahi. Whaea Kereana is their Coach. 
- On Thursday 30 July 2 teams are going to a Rippa Rugby day at Bruce Pulman Park - Y7/8 and Y5/6. Parents are welcome to support. Don't forget FPS sportsmanship approach.

## **TEAM 1 & 3 WHANAU HUI:**

Last week teachers put a lot of effort into preparing interesting family meetings for these teams, thank you to those parents who attended (approx 13-20 parents attended). We have 120 parents in each team, so it was very disappointing to have so few parents at the meeting. IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR ALL PARENTS TO BE PART OF YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION. We will be sending a short survey to all Team 1 and 3 parents as we would like to know why you did not attend so we can plan for better times in the future.

## **UNIFORMS:**

Many students are wearing incorrect gear to school. Coloured t-shirts under school shirts are not acceptable. Children need a school sweatshirt for winter or a school jacket. Please ensure your child is checked before they come to school as I think some children are sneaking clothing to wear at school. Shoes MUST be black and socks are black – girls may wear black or white socks. 

Ka kite ano

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