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TE REO O TE KURA

Tena koutou katoa, Talofa lava, Fakalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Kia Orana, Namaste, Bulavinaka, Mauri, Zâoshang hâu, 早上好,

30 April 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all families and a special acknowledgement to our newly enrolled students and whanau. We hope your children will be happy in our school for those who have had sadness in their lives recently we wish you all the very best for comfort and support at these trying times.

STAFF CHANGES:

We have 2 teachers taking maternity leave, and one has moved to another school closer to her home. Therefore, Whaea Barbie will teach in TH6, her class has been split between TH1 and TH4. Whaea Aroha and Matua Simon will share the class TR5.

BUILDING RENOVATIONS:

B13 is temporarily in TH7 and B7 is in old A5 (probably for the next 3-4 weeks) while their classrooms are upgraded. Then our IT office and A5 will be undergoing major renovation too.



PLAYGROUND UPGRADES:

New games are being laid in several different areas. The new sun shade over the Sia Mo'ui the playground area is almost complete. New portacom and concreted paths are also being worked on now. As you can see we are having some exciting things being done but school and classes carry on around all of these disruptions. It adds to the excitement of being US!!



05/19

KIRIBATI UNIT:

We have started one class for 18 Kiribati students. Mrs Erika is the teacher for this bilingual classroom. They will learn 50:50 learning in Kiribati and English. The Year 7/8 students will stay in their senior rooms. Well done to our Kiribati community for supporting and requesting this for their children.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

Lyn's farewell

Special Assembly:

Mrs Lyn Piper our long serving office and resources assistant is retiring after 38 years of service to our school. She was part of our school when it opened in 1979 as her sons were enrolled here then she became an employee in late 1981. She is well known by many in our school community so we are holding a special assembly for her on **THURSDAY 9 MAY at 1.30pm** under the big top (if the weather is fine – or in hall if not) This will be followed by an afternoon tea in Maioha Mai – All parents are welcome to attend. Children of these parents will have snacks on the hall balcony. Please come to celebrate our special lady who we will miss dearly. But, *Best wishes to her in her next step in life.*

CAMPS Y 7/8:



This term all our Year 7/8 students are preparing for travelling for Outdoor Education in Term 3.

Remember parents this activity is part of NZ Curriculum requirements, so all students must attend. If you have any issues with payments please come and see me so we can work out a plan. Please do not leave it till the last minute and keep your child at home. This is NOT acceptable as its very important for them to grow their learning skills away from school and home.

TUCKSHOP:

REMEMBER – our tuckshop is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday ONLY and lunch ordering is only on these days too.



Te Roopu Reo Rua – Te Huringa:

All students Y5-8 in these 2 units will be involved with a special health and wellbeing fitness programme over the next 25 weeks. This is a Ministry of Education approved programme for Maori students partly funded by Te Puni Kokiri. “MATATOA – Time2train” – This programme will encourage our students into all sorts of Maori games and swimming and our Y7/8’s and some Y5/6 students will enter teams into Te Rima competitions (Te Rima is a triathlon where teams of 6-8 students complete a course in Swimming,



running, biking and canoeing) in Kawakawa area in first week of November, how exciting is that!! Our school was lucky to be selected to be part of this and we start our activities on Wednesday 1 May. Facilitators come to our school on Mondays (half day) and Wednesdays. More information soon.

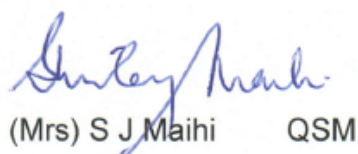
3 WAY CONFERENCES:

REMINDER - please book your appointment time for your child’s conference for Wednesday next week 8 May. School closes at 12 noon. Your children will come home for lunch (unless they belong to Out of School Care Programme) Your appointment letters will be sent home with every child tomorrow Wednesday 1 May. Ask your child for this important letter please.

HOW TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT ONLINE:

- 1) Go to school website www.finlaysonpark.school.nz
- 2) Click on 3 Way Conferences button (Orange button on home page)
- 3) Enter your email address (you will get a confirmation of appointment email to this address)
- 4) If you **do not have an email** address leave this box blank and continue to complete the rest of the boxes Parents name etc.
- 5) You need to know your child’s teacher name
- 6) Complete your booking.

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(Mrs) S J Maihi QSM