

TE REO O TE KURA

No. 09/22

04 May 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back to Term 2. We have 20 new families with students enrolled in our school so we hope you will quickly settle and be happy in our school. Nau mai, Haere mai.

STAFFING

- 1 new teacher - Loto Ifopo for O Le Taiala 5.
- Sopo Tilialo has moved to a new position in a Pasifika Special Project.
- 3 new Teacher Aides also.
- Melissa Masina has returned from maternity leave and is with B10.
- We have a new bus driver, Mr Lemeki.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Study Centre** - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday have started for Term 2 after school.
- **Pasifika Media Arts** - 3 Modules have started this week - Wearable Arts, Pasifika Dance, Digital Workshop.
- **MATES Programme** - Year 8's are involved for high school transition.
- **Let's Siva! (Year 1-4)** on Mondays.
- **Swimming lessons** - Some classes are swimming this term, your child will have a letter saying the day and time they will be swimming.
- **St Johns** - Wellbeing programme. (Year 4-8).
- **St Johns First Aid** - NHeW 4. (Our school is funding all these programmes).
- **Friday 6 May** - NheW 4, SM5 and OT9 at Fresh Water Investigation (Mountain to Sea Project).
- **Thursday 12 May/Friday 13 May** - NheW4, SM5 & OT9 - Goat Island (Mountain to Sea Project).
- **Tuesday 17 May** - A2 & A5 - Train Trip (Papakura).
- **Thursday 19 May** - NheW3 - Flat Bush Temple.
- **Friday 27 May** - OT6 & OT7 - Motat Trip.
- **Friday 27 May** - Photo day catch up.
- **Tuesday 31 May** - NheW1 - Howick Historical Village.

WHANAU HUI

- **Tehuringa Whanau Hui** - More info soon in week 3.
- **O Le Taiala Fanau Fono** - Week 3.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE NEWS

- We have 2 newly co-opted members: Amber King-Savage (Tupaea) and Pita Fangaloka.
- One resignation: Staff Representative to be replaced soon.
- Board elections this year in September. If you would like to be a support for your school, please consider getting a nomination entered.

SCHOOL MURALS

Our school has a new back fence (Roscommon Road side) and some classes are wanting to paint a history mural on sections of the fence. Are you an artist who can help some of our classes to do this? Contact your child's teacher if you can help.

TEACHERS TRAINING

- Congratulations to Mr Tau Loto (OT6) for completing his MASTERS Degree this year.
- We have had 35 of our staff who have spent the last 2 Saturdays upskilling themselves to renew their first aide certificates. Also 3 of our Childcare staff were included.
- 28 Staff have started their Bilingual Education professional development.

ATTENDANCE

Good to see 772 students back at school today. But we want all of our students here. So let's get the other 138 back to school. Tell your neighbours that school is IN. We are providing masks for indoors.

NEW BUILDINGS

The Ministry of Education have put funds aside to upgrade our school over 4-5 years. New plans are available to view in our school office if you want to look at the early plans. Early next year all of the O Le Taiala classes will be rebuilt. It will be a busy time around the school with many changes to cope with. We will keep you informed as things begin to happen.

BARBARIANS RUGBY DAY

Our school has been invited to this special day at Bruce McLaren Park on Sunday 15 May. We will enter a Rugby Team for this fun day.

Noho ora mai,

Shirley J Maihi QSM
TUMUAKI, PRINCIPAL