



# OTAHUHU PRIMARY SCHOOL

"He wahi tutaki mo nga tamariki o te ao - A meeting place for the children of the world"

## Newsletter No. 8 - 12/06/2024

**Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakaalofa atu, Bula, Kia orana, Mauri, Nihao, Salam, Sawasdee, Kumusta Kayo, Hola, Xin chao, Vanakkam, Choum reap sor, Ming-gah-lah-bahr, Akkam, As-salaam 'alykum**

### Principal's Message:

**Aloha, Tēnā koutou katoa e te whānau and warm Pacific greetings!**

At the moment I am sending you much Aloha from the beautiful island of Hawaii where I have been lucky enough to attend the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture - FesPAC. It is a revival of traditions old and new. The festival takes place every four years rotating locations throughout the Pacific Ocean between Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia. The opening ceremony consisted of 27 nations who all showcased their beautiful cultures, dance and costumes. It was truly an amazing experience. It is an opportunity to show the true spirit of aloha as we build connections between Pacific nations and share cultural practices and indigenous knowledge. The key pillars of the festival include: Ceremonies and Protocols, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Heritage Arts.

Our recent Teacher Only Day which was organised by the Kāhui Ako also reiterated the importance of culture, identity, language and faith. Our staff were able to hear 3 very experienced keynote speakers who highlighted the need to connect with our children and families and value the experiences our children bring to school. We have 4 staff who hold key positions in our Kāhui and they lead sessions on bi-cultural education and best practice in teaching and learning. We are so lucky to have these very experienced and talented members on staff sharing their knowledge with other schools in Ōtāhuhu.

At the end of this week we will be hosting a number of schools in South Auckland for the year 5 / 6 Samoan speech competition as well as the year 7 / 8 competition on Friday. We wish our tamaiti all the best as they compete against other schools.

**Whaea Jenny - Tūmuaki / Principal**



### Important Dates for Term 2 2024

Wed June 12th	Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (Room 11 & 15)
Thurs 13th June	Samoa Speech Competition
Wed June 19th	Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (Room 7 & 12) Botanic Gardens (Room 21, 23, 25 & 26)
Thurs June 20th	Botanic Gardens (Room 1A, 2, 18 & 22) Hauora Hui in the Hall from 3:45-4:45pm
Fri June 21st	Botanic Gardens (Room 14, 16 & 24)
Wed June 26th	Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (Room 17, 19 & 20)
Thurs 27th June	Matariki Breakfast New Garden Working Bee with Oke Charity
Fri June 28th	Matariki Holiday - No School
Wed July 3rd	Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (Room 3, 4 & 17)
Thurs July 4th	Tiritiri Matangi Island Trip (Room 5 & 6)
Thurs July 4th	Reports Go Home
Fri July 5th	Last Day of Term 2

## ATTENDANCE

As you can see from our figures, we are very much down on our attendance numbers for Week 5 & 6. This is consistent with nationwide trends where winter illnesses have taken a toll on whānau. We encourage all of students to be getting lots of good sleep, water, and healthy food to help them get through these colder months. Please note that our percentages are slightly lower due to the Staff Only Day.

### Key Attendance Reminders:

- School begins at 8:45am and rolls are marked by 9am at the latest. Anyone arriving after 8:45am needs to go to the office to give their name and room number. Students will receive a sticker so that the classroom teacher knows they arrived late and went to the office. The office then updates the student as 'late' on the roll. Please do not send your child straight to their classroom if they arrive after 8:45am.
- Text message alerts go out to all families by 9:30am where there are unexplained absences. Teachers and the office team check messages on the phone and Skool Loop before these messages are sent out.
  - Often when a message is sent out incorrectly it is because a student arrived late but didn't report to the office.
- If you know your child is going to be away, please send an update on Skool Loop or leave a message with the office. Long absences (medical or otherwise) require written explanations from the family/doctor.

## Attendance Week 5 & 6

Year 1	68.11%
Year 2	73.61%
Year 3	74.21%
Year 4	77.71%
Year 5	78.1%
Year 6	78.08%

## Assembly Certificate Winners - Weeks 5 & 6

We celebrated another whole school assembly last Friday. Our assemblies are always a great celebration and we welcome any whānau who wish to join. These students were awarded certificates for displaying the HEART Value ATTITUDE in school.

### Junior Hub

**Room 14:** Tanishq Palazhi and Camilla Latu  
**Room 16:** Amyra Ali & Raihaan Ali  
**Room 23:** Amaira Bano & Lopesa Mesake  
**Room 24:** Makeleta Latu & Yusra Salamdin  
**Room 25:** Jhamela Llorente & Liam Joseph  
**Room 26:** Janiya Aiga-Misi & Agelu-Jr Puamoto

### Senior Hub

**Room 5:** Shanaya Begum & Roneshwan Gounder  
**Room 6:** Malakai Finau & Peter Tere  
**Room 7:** Theo Diamantis & Gabriel Taller  
**Room 8:** Ashveer Lal & Rayna Dreland  
**Room 11:** Jethro Tuifua & Nathan Prakash  
**Room 12:** Zunairah Khan & Katokakala Li  
**Room 13:** Erica Feleti & Kerav Kumar  
**Room 15:** Blessing Iulio & Fareeha Faiyaz

### Bilingual Hub

**Room 1A:** Alofa Alao & Nathan Seve  
**Room 2:** Kaden Sa'u & Abigail Amataga  
**Room 3:** Jennifer Vaomua & Aarija-Lene Fepuleai  
**Room 4:** Toeafe Faasinoala & Fuaululu Amani  
**Room 17:** Joel Kaniseli-Temu & Waimirangi Harris  
**Room 18:** Marama Taylor-Parkes & Nui Matangi  
**Room 19:** Siliva Kamoto & Nesi Fonohema  
**Room 20:** Amoni Tui & Maxine Lomikona  
**Room 21:** Elisiva Kuli & Estella Lolo  
**Room 22:** Maryanne Aho & Mele Lolo Lositika



## Juniors

## Seniors



## Bilingual



## 2024 Term Dates



Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
From: Tuesday, 30th January (Meet the Teacher Day) To: Friday, 12th April	From: Monday, 29th April To: Friday, 5th July	From: Monday, 22nd July To: Friday, 27th September	From: Monday, 14th October To: Friday, 13th December



**Nga Mihi**  
**Jenny Bernard**  
**TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL**



# Playground Update



**“Mount MacShane”**



**“Mount Rachelle”**

We continue to monitor our playground construction with excitement. The students have been working hard to earn tokens for their house groups, as the house with the most tokens will be getting exclusive VIP access to the playground when it opens! They've been working so hard at this goal that we ran out of tokens and have had to order more!!

For the meantime our two playground maunga have been nicknamed after our lovely Kaihautū and we are watching these get closer and closer to completion.

## Inter School Netball

Well done to our Year 5 & 6 girls who participated in the Inter School Netball tournament.

We had a Year 5 team, a Year 6 team, and then one extra team of Year 6 girls who stepped into the boys' pool and took them on!

All three teams showed amazing improvement throughout the day and won multiple games. Our Year 6 girls squad got through the day with only one loss out of 7 games - amazing effort!





# New School Garden!

On Thursday June 27th we will be working with the amazing volunteers from Oke Charity to create a new school vegetable garden. This is an exciting opportunity for our school to revitalise our garden learning experiences and teach our children about food, growth, nutrition and cooking! If you feel like stopping by to see the progress or lend a hand we will welcome you along.



## Otahuhu Primary School Working Bee

Thursday 27th June 2024

Kicking Off @ 9am

Come down and help us build  
our new school garden

41 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland 1062 



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