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**Tena koutou! Malo e Lelei! Fakalofa Lahi Atu! Talofa lava! Kia orana! Bula Vinaka!
Namaste! Kumusta! Rojbas! Hola! Salam Alaikum! Hai! Xin chào! Ayubowan!**

Term 2 – 9th May 2024 – Newsletter 6

Welcome to this week's newsletter. A warm welcome to our new students and families, we hope you enjoy your time at our school.

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

Students have returned to school with a spring in their step and an eagerness to learn and share ideas.

We start this term with our inquiry learning about *Te Taki I a tatou ano – Looking after ourselves* and then later in the term start *Nga kaiwhakatere o te rangi – Navigators of the Sky!* This will be an exciting inquiry that explores all things about solar system and Matariki. If you would like to be part of the learning this term let our teachers know!

FOCUS WEEK 27th – 30th May

This year we have planned for a **Focus Week** each term. This happens at mid-term. It is an opportunity for all our students to learn through practical activities. We have a Science Day with Omexom, Duffy Book Theatre and Tree Planting with our new families. Keep a look out for our flyer for Focus Week, with confirmed dates!

LEARNING CONFERENCES – Wednesday 19th June

Learning Conferences will take place for one day on Wednesday 19th June. School will only be open for learning conferences on this day. We would love you to hear about the amazing learning that your child is doing at school and to hear from you learning you have noticed. A booking notice will be sent to families soon.

TEACHER ONLY DAY – Friday 31st May - Our Onepoto School Staff will be attending a Professional Development Day at Northcote College for the day with our Kahui Ako schools. This is a day for schools to share the exciting work happening in their schools around local curriculum and maths. School will be closed for instruction on this day for our staff to attend.

Celebrating Matariki – Thursday 27th June

After last year's great success, we will be celebrating Matariki again this year. This year we are celebrating Matariki with a Matariki breakfast and lanterns. We will send you an update soon to confirm what this day will look like. We welcome any support or help towards this day! See your child's teacher if you can help.

URGENT – WE NEED A COACH FOR OUR SCHOOL RIPPA RUGBY TEAM – We would like to put a Ripa Rugby Team into our local schools' competition this term and next. We need a coach for this urgently! If you're interested, please contact Daniella at school (09) 480-7469! This would be our first sports team since pre covid!

INTERNATIONAL DAY

At the end of last term, we celebrated our very first International Day last term, celebrating our culture, language and diversity. It was a great day of celebrating our cultural diversity after a term of learning about Ko Wai Au – Who am I and Ko Wai Tatou – Who are we. In their Hapori, students shared knowledge about their culture, language and whanau and who the important people are in their lives.

This is an important way to start the year as we build relationships with our students and whanau. We would like to make this an annual term 1 event and grow this further with cultural performances and parent involvement during the term. The shared lunch was a great way to reconnect with our families.

Noho ora mai,

Mrs Latoa-Levi

Dates for your Diary:

Date:	Event:
Friday 10 th May	School Assembly 2pm
Thursday 16 th May	Support Staff Day!
20 th May – 31 st May	DENTAL HEALTH VAN ONSITE
27 th – 31 st May	Samoan Language Week OS FOCUS WEEK!
Friday 24 th May	School Assembly 2pm
Friday 31 st May	TEACHER ONLY DAY – school is closed for instruction on this day.
Monday 3 rd June	KINGS BIRTHDAY – public holiday
Wednesday 5 th June	Cultural Festival Meeting – 6pm Staffroom
Friday 14 th June	School Assembly 2pm
Tuesday 18 th June	Storyline Author visiting our school
Wednesday 19 th June	LEARNING CONFERENCES School is only open for learning conferences on this day.
Monday 24 th June	5pm School Board Meeting
Wednesday 26 th June	PHOTOLIFE!
Thursday 27 th June	MATARIKI BREAKFAST – time tbc
Friday 28th June	MATARIKI HOLIDAY - public holiday
Friday 5 th July	Term 3 ends – Early finish 1pm