

**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 – 23rd May 2024 – Newsletter 7

Welcome to this week's newsletter. A warm welcome to our new students and families, we hope you enjoy your time at our school. Please see staff if your need support while you settle in.

Our Engaged Learners!

Over the last 4 weeks we continued our Inquiry Learning *Te Taki I a tatou ano – Looking after ourselves* with reminders of keeping ourselves safe, road safety and hygiene habits. Hapori Awataha practiced crossing the road at the Zebra crossing and again at the traffic lights on Lake Road, while other Hapori talked about keeping safe at home and school and practising hand washing and drying, blowing your nose and coughing into your elbow. Timely reminders as we go into Winter!

Our next Inquiry Learning focus is ***Nga kaiwhakatere o te rangi – Navigators of the Sky***, which starts in a week's time. Be prepared to hear about the solar system and Matariki. We invite our Parents, Caregivers and whanau to join in-class activities.

Structured Literacy

On 2nd May the Government made an announcement about the way that reading is taught in schools and specifically about a *Structured Literacy* approach. As of 2025, all schools will be required to teach reading using a Structured Literacy approach. The announcement states; *"Structured Literacy is about getting back to basics and teaching children to read by using sounds and phonics to understand words."*

At Onepoto School, phonics teaching has been a part of our Reading and Writing programmes for the past 5 years. Our Deputy Principal, Kristen Webster had designed and implemented a literacy approach in the junior classes in 2020 before looking at other potential literacy programmes that would enhance what she had designed. In 2023, the school started the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA). This approach is still in its early phases in Years 1-2, and we see this as a good foundation within a strong literacy rich programme. In 2023 we held parent meetings to share the changes with parents. We will also introduce a new resource called *"The Code"* to students in Years 3 – 6 which supports spelling and literacy. Our teachers have continued to enhance their teaching in literacy this year.

Noho ora mai,

Mrs Latoa-Levi

IMPORTANT NOTICES:

NO ASSEMBLY TOMORROW: - Changed to next Wednesday 29th May.

FOCUS WEEK 27th – 30th May – Next week!

A reminder that *Focus Week* is next week! A timetable is attached to this newsletter for next week's events and activities. Pop in if you have time, we'd love to see you!

Save the date! - LEARNING CONFERENCES – Wednesday 19th June 8am -4pm

Learning Conferences will take place for one day on **Wednesday 19th June**. School will only be open for learning conferences on this day. **Students must attend the Learning Conference** with their Parent/Caregiver, to share their learning at this time of the year.

A booking notice is attached to this newsletter. Please get this in as soon as possible!

TEACHER ONLY DAY – Friday 31st May - Our Onepoto School Staff will be attending a Professional Development 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

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 as it will be an early start. We welcome any support or help towards this day! See your child's teacher if you can help.

DIARY DATES:

DATE	EVENT
Friday 24 th May	No assembly
Monday 27 th May	Board Meeting - 5pm School Staffroom
20 th -31 st May	Dental Van Onsite
Wed 29 th May	School Assembly 2pm
27 th -31 st May	Samoan Language Week OS Focus Week
Friday 31 st May	TEACHER ONLY DAY – School is closed for instruction on this day.
Monday 3 rd June	KINGS BIRTHDAY – Public Holiday
Wed 5 th June	Cultural Festival Meeting – 6pm School Staffroom
Friday 14 th June	School Assembly 2pm
Tues 18 th June	Storylines Author visiting
Wed 19 th June	LEARNING CONFERENCES – school is only open for learning conferences on this day
Monday 24 th June	Board Meeting – 5pm School Staffroom
Wed 26 th June	Photolife – class photos from 9am
Thurs 27 th June	Matariki Breakfast – Time tbc
Friday 28 th June	MATARIKI – Public Holiday
Friday 5 th July	Last day of Term 2

