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Newsletter Term 1: Week 1

Kia Ora, mālō ē lelei, talofa lava, kia orana

Nau mai hoki mai, welcome back! A very special welcome to all our new students and whānau to Tāmaki Primary School! One of our TPS shared values is *Whanaungatanga* and so we are super excited about getting to know you all and learning about your fabulous strengths. I have full confidence in our awesome staff who will support you to settle into our Tāmaki whānau. If you have any questions – please ask, ask, ask – we’re here to help!

Tāmaki School Values

Our values are **Ako, Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Mana Tāngata and Kaitiakitanga**. I fully commend our wonderful staff who have invested valuable time and energy prior to term start up, to ensure that learning environments and systems are good-to-go! We continue to link our school wide values to all settings and we appreciate your support. We are super proud of our students reflecting these in many contexts and to our awesome staff for affirming students. Well done team! (Right: awesome R7 clear, descriptive writers – Jeremy, Chicago, Janet & Reihanah)



Pōwhiri

Thank you to our Board | Poari, DP Mrs Sharma and Pou Matua Whaea Lee and the Te Puna Wairua team for a very special welcome which included for two new staff on Tuesday. As your new Principal | Tumuaki, I am super happy about getting to know all our students and our whānau.

TALAMUKA-’A-TONGA opening

We made history on our first day back! Huge congratulations to Mrs Tafea for her excellent mahi that ensured the special opening of our Tongan Bi-lingual class. We thank the Princess of Tonga and are honoured to be gifted the name of our class which means ‘to nurture the seed’. This was a very auspicious occasion: thank you to Dr. Melenaite Taumoefolau (Senior Lecturer in Tongan Language and Pacific



Studies at the Faculty of Arts, Auckland University) who gave a key speech about embracing your first language. Thank you to Dr. Rae Si'ilata for joining us to celebrate our opening. There are key former staff, Principal Mrs Rhonda Kelly, whom we especially acknowledge for supporting Mrs Tafea. Thank you to our support staff for organising the celebration kai!

Staff

Welcome to Mr Stefan Mateariki in the Junior Team and Whaea Saf Witika and Whaea Anahera in Te Puna Wairua! *Ako* is one of our TPS values and so we are very fortunate to have their strengths add to our Tāmaki whānau!

School essentials

Lunches: Huge thanks to Sharon our Office Manager and her fabulous troops for their mahi to ensure our free lunches start week 2, Monday 15 February.

Uniform, hats and stationery: Thank you whānau for supporting your children to wear correct uniform. Please see or call Sharon in the Office for uniform and stationery needs. Our Tāmaki School hat is part of correct uniform.

School website and official TPS Facebook: thank you for your patience, our current website is being updated. Please continue to check our official TPS Facebook page (look for the logo and official statement) for key notices too.

Health and safety

Parking: for the safety of our students and staff, please remember, if you need to park, do so down by the bike containers. For your safety and for others', please do not park at the front reception doors.

Learning - every minute counts

School starts at 9 am: Thank you whānau for supporting your tamariki to be on time for learning before school begins at 9 am.

I am super proud of all our staff working together so that our tamariki can focus on learning. We look forward to a wonderful term ahead!

Ngā manaakitanga

Dr Deanna Johnston

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