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**Tēnā koutou, Mālō 'e tau lava, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kamusta, Ayubowan, Salam.**

Kia ora e te whānau! It has been a wonderful week of welcome, whānaungatanga, language, learning and celebration.



### **Pōwhiri to welcome the Tumuaiki Hou - Whaea Carol**

Representatives from the haukainga *Ngāti Pāoa*; Matua Laurie and Whaea Mabelle, community leaders, whānau, and the board supported our school in welcoming me to my new role - Tumuaiki of Tāmaki Primary School.

Monday was a day of connection and warmth and I thank you all for coming to support. Tāmaki is a special kura; your care and passion as advocates for your children is strong. I heard heartfelt messages from whānau and kaimahi about the importance of kotahitanga, manaakitanga, tino rangatiratanga, and moving forward *together*.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa for the powerful welcome. I look forward to many years of *manaakitanga*, *kaitiakitanga* and *rangatiratanga* at Tāmaki Primary School.

### **Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga – Tonga Language Week.**

Mālō 'e tau lava ē ngaahi fāmili mo e kainga kotoa 'a Tāmaki. This week Tāmaki Primary School celebrated *lea faka-Tonga*. In Talamuka-'a-Tonga our girls painted contemporary ngatu with traditional designs. Our cultural leaders practiced their performances with their groups, and I was proud to hear traditional dances rehearsed with dedication and strength.



The Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga theme is '*E tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tongá 'o ka lea'aki 'i 'api, siasí, mo e nofo-'a-kāingá*. At Tāmaki Primary School we strive to sustain the Tongan language in our kura within our Tongan Bilingual class, *Talamuka-'a-Tonga*, and in our English-medium classrooms through song, language, and learning.

We acknowledge our assembly ambassadors Maria and Moala for leading our Tonga Language Week celebration today. Mālō to our esteemed guests: Elizabeth Keresoma Lead Adviser Te Poutāhū – Curriculum Centre from the Ministry of Education and Ma'ata Baranyani-Heimuli Curriculum Lead, also from the Ministry of Education.



Mrs Luti Tafea, Leader of Talamuka-'a-Tonga, Mrs Elizabeth Keresoma and Mrs Ma'ata Baranyani-Heimuli, Ministry of Education with Talamuka-'a-Tonga learners at our Lea Faka Tonga Speeches assembly today.



### Every day matters

Coming to school every day is important for students to develop skills for lifelong learning.

There is a clear connection between ākongā attending school regularly and achieving well academically and socially. Higher levels of educational achievement can lead to better health outcomes, higher incomes, better jobs, and positive participation in our community. This all makes Tāmaki stronger and more connected.

Send your children to school every day, on time. No days off, unless they are too sick. A small cough or sore tummy will often vanish once your child is learning and playing alongside their friends at school. Congratulations to **Room 6** who had 100% attendance on Wednesday this week. Talamuka-'a-Tonga had 100% today.

**Today's learners are tomorrow's leaders. Give your children the best start – get them to school.**

### Congratulations to the recipients of our School Value Certificates

R1 Lucas, Mote R2 Samiuela, Isaiah, Sonya R3 Holyfield, Hyacynth, Sandra R4 K'malyah, Vaughn-Lee, Karma R6 Lyan, Kahlani, R8 Faith, Sulio, R9 DJ, Ralphina, TMT Mariaola, Maria, Evan, Te Hana TPW/Teina Tafea , Aniwa TPW/ Tuakana Shaiann, D'Angelo.



♥ **Whānau House Winners in the past two weeks** ♥  
**1st Benghazi and Tobruk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alamein and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tripoli.**  
*Whāia te ara tika*, continue to pursue your goals and show our Tāmaki Primary School values of  
**Manaakitanga, Kaitiakitanga, Rangatiratanga!**



### Upcoming events

**Year 5-8 Rippa Rugby tournament:** Wednesday 28 August all day @ Marist Rugby Club

**Education Review Office onsite:** Monday 26 August to Wednesday 28 August

**School Board hui:** Wednesday 25 September @ 8 am in the boardroom. School board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to join us at the next board hui, please contact our Presiding Member Mr Kamaka Tarawa at [k.tarawa@tamakiprimary.school.nz](mailto:k.tarawa@tamakiprimary.school.nz).

Kia pai te wiki mutunga. Mauri ora e te whānau.

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