



Friends, Learners, Guardians
Whakahoahoa, Akonga, Kaitiaki

Talofa 'outou - Greetings to you all

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th June 2018



Today A Rocket Man Came



Puāwaitanga lead a wonderful assembly today, and played Elton John's Rocket Man.

We were treated by a visit from beyond - an alien and an astronaut who floated gracefully as if without gravity - through our assembly. How wonderful that learning can be so authentic, and enjoyable as we get deeper into our Inquiry "To Infinity And Beyond - How is life different beyond us?"

We are using our mindset

"Think Like An Innovative Leader"

Important Dates

<i>June 18th</i>	<i>ONE CAN TWO CAN WEEK - Auckland City Mission</i>
<i>June 18th</i>	<i>Tuakana Teina Day for Puāwaitanga and Whakatōtanga</i>
<i>June 19th</i>	<i>Tuakana Teina Day for Hautūtanga and Tupuranga</i>
<i>June 29th</i>	<i>Junior Disco and Senior Disco on Friday Night</i>
<i>July 2nd</i>	<i>NZ Young Leaders' Week</i>
<i>July 2nd</i>	<i>Hautūtanga Move Out Of Classrooms for Make Over</i>

End of Term Two
Friday 6th July

**Please Note That In Term Three
We have a BOT Hauora Holiday
Friday 24th August**

Community Corner

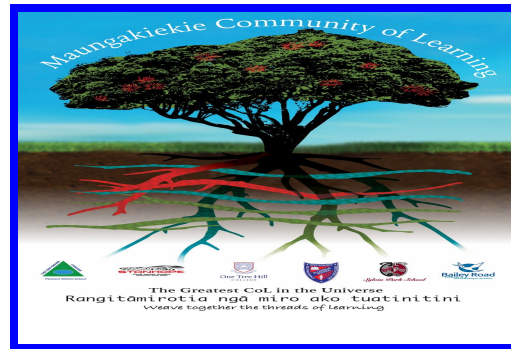
- Our OMA the Oak Tree Makeover is progressing beautifully. Today we laid the ready lawn down - it is REALLY IMPORTANT that this is given time and good conditions to grow. If you are here in the weekends, or anytime during school time PLEASE do not walk on it YET. It is needing time to settle into being a growing part of the environment.
- Many thanks to all the extra hands that came to school last week during Samoan Language Week - the SIVA (dance), and PESE (song) were well and truly alive - the inclusivity of our school during these special weeks is noticed as we ensure respect for our diversity.

→ We had a wonderful game of Rugby against Sylvia Park School - thanks to all who came to watch our team - we will play next Wednesday in the tournament, weather permitting. We are READY!

Week 5 and Week 6 Update - Progress of our Goals

- **Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - fa'afetai to our teachers for integrating the teaching and learning of Samoan language and culture into our Week 5 planning.** If you look on our school FaceBook page, found on the website, you will see faces that absolutely glow with enjoyment for the rich experiences that have been planned and they are a part of. Each year, we build layers of learning on what took place the year before, and it is becoming evident how much our students hold onto from year to year - and maybe one day they'll visit Samoa and they'll know a little of the language and culture and shine on all levels!
- **Early Childhood Network Meeting - thanks to Mrs Hicks for working offsite while on Maternity leave, and ensuring this wonderful network now moves to the next level.** Once again, a large number of ECE centres met alongside Primary teachers to explore more strongly, what a strong transition relationship will be into the future - 4 year olds transitioning into their first year of schooling as 5 year olds - how do we BEST cater for their smooth transition in our community. We have now shared our network with the rest of the schools in our Kāhui Ako.
- **MOTAT/MindLab LEOTC - our Year 3 - 8 students have now all had their IGNITE visit to MOTAT and MindLab as part of their learning experiences outside the classroom (LEOTC).** The fact that our families are committed to our Activity Fees enables us to plan these rich experiences well ahead of time, and ensure our Inquiry Learning programme has a "REAL" hands on focus to it. Those parents who

attended the trip alongside each team, will have had as much fun as the kids on this trip. Future focused learning is a valuable part of our curriculum delivery - and our students are displaying great mindsets.



Maungakiekie Kāhui Ako (Community of Learners)

'Rangitāmirotia ngā miro ako tuatinitini.'
Weave together the threads of learning

→ **COMBINED SCHOOLS STAFF MEETING** in Week 4
This involved every teacher from every school engaged in conversations about how we are showing the best impact from our inquiries into our teaching practice. What is great about these meetings is the mixing of teachers across all schools, and seeing a consistency of understanding develop within our collegial relationships. We had our past pupils who had transitioned to OTHC talk to us about what moving from a Year 8 to a Year 9 at college felt like and we asked the question “What would you want our school to do differently to make the transition easier for you when moving from Year 8 to Year 9?” There was a resounding “More Science” response - good for future planning for our primary schools. Hence our Inquiry!

→ **ECE NETWORK** - we are now developing our SRS network into a more formal relationship within the Kāhui Ako. Our Across School Mentors have a Spiral of Inquiry focused on

strengthening transition. The ASM's at Bailey Rd and Stanhope are developing their inquiry around how best to include this network across all schools in our Kāhui Ako - watch this space!

