

*No.04 - Term.3, Week 07 –Monday 03 September 2018*

**Greetings, Kia ora, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Namaste, An Young Haseyo, Konichiwha, Kumusta, Bula Vinaka, Sawadee, Dobra Dan, Ni Hao, As-salamu alaykum, Hola**

### From the Acting Principal - Miss Alano

Thank you to everyone who attended our Hui/Fono on Wednesday 29th August 2018. We met some new whanau which is always great to see. Constable Taina gave a great info session on keeping ourselves safe. Please visit [schools.police.govt.nz](http://schools.police.govt.nz) for information about what Constable Taina will cover. We also looked at some practical maths tasks. During Hui/Fono our children watched a movie in the Hall which they enjoyed. We look forward to meeting new whanau and seeing more parents at our school.



### Tongan Language Week



If you'd like to be involved please see us. We had some fantastic activities last year and we're looking forward to more of the same.

To celebrate the end of Tongan Language Week, children are encouraged to dress in their Tongan outfits this Friday. If they don't have a Tongan outfit, school uniform will be fine or an outfit from their own culture will be fine too.

### Assembly

On **Friday 7th September** hosted by **Room 5** in our school hall. The theme is Tongan Language Week. All are welcome to attend. Time TBC - please phone the school office for a confirmed start time.

### School Photos

**Wednesday 5th September** - Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform. There is still time to order photos if you want to. The correct amount will need to be handed into the office.



## Duffy Assembly - Student Leaders



On **Friday 24th August**, we presented two Duffy Student Leader Awards to past students Miracle Vaovasa and Josephine Lauti. Miracle and Josephine attended Panmure District School as Year 8s in 2017. Miracle attends Auckland Boys Grammar School and Josephine is at One Tree Hill College. Here they are pictured with their awards and with Miss Alano - Acting Principal and Nick Coughlan - Principal at One Tree Hill College. Great to see that Miracle and Josephine are continuing to develop their leadership skills at their respective colleges. We wish them well on their journey.

### Year 8s

If you have a Year 8 child, they should already be enrolled in a College. If your child is applying as an out of zone student, please also enrol them in your local college as well. One Tree Hill College and Edgewater College enrolment packs are available at our school office if you want one.

### Karate

Last week, students received a free lunchtime karate session in our school hall. If you are interested in signing your child up for paid karate lessons, please see the office for a pamphlet.

## Maori Education Hui

Please see handout. The Ministry of Education would love to hear the views of our Maori whanau in regards to Education. If you're interested in attending the Hui, please let the office know and we'll register you.

### Upcoming Dates:

**Friday 7th September:** Tongan Language Week ends

**Next week:** Maori Language Week

**Tuesday 18th September:** Duffy Role Model Assembly. 1:30pm. School Hall. All welcome

**Wednesday 19th September:** catch up vaccinations for Year 7s.

## A story from our Tamaki Zone Year 5 girls' winner - Sotheary McQuade

### Cross Country

My heart was racing and I felt nervous standing in front of a large crowd waiting to run.

As the year 5 boys sped off, I couldn't believe what I was about to do, there was no turning back.

The man called for all year 5 girls to get ready. That meant me. We were about to run, and while waiting patiently I wanted to drop out, but before I turned back the whistle blew and off the girls went leaving me behind. I thought to myself why not try, I'll be achieving my goals, so I started sprinting as fast as I could until I was in the lead.

Turning left, I soon passed the twins from Stonefield ... There I was leading through all the turns I did, ahead of my own team members. I sprinted so fast that I started to huff and puff and slow down. Soon I got tired and I started to jog. It didn't matter because I ended up winning the Year 5 girls race.

Sotheary McQuade Year 5 Room 3.



### Keeping Ourselves Safe - (KOS)

**Constable Taina** will be in this week and next to teach this to our students. She spoke about this in-depth at our Hui/Fono last Wednesday. Please be aware that your child may come home and ask questions, or make statements about keeping themselves safe. Please see Miss Alano if you have questions. Please also refer to the website [schools.police.govt.nz](https://schools.police.govt.nz) for further info.