

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th December 2018



What an amazing week!

From Whānau Performance Night, to the Pōwhiri for our new Principal, to the Senior Prizegiving. How much can we fit into 7 days! Whanaungatanga; Manaakitanga; Lots of showing how strong our relationships are and how we care deeply for each other. The strength of the SRS team is legendary as these major events come together. Thank you to all teachers and parents who have contributed to our wonderful EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY 60 Nations living together in unity.

PRINCIPAL'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

Today is the final newsletter I will write at SRS. Thank you to all staff, students and families that I have had the great pleasure to work with over the past four years of leading this great school. There is such dedication in collaborating for the common purpose of making school a highly valued experience for our children - the reason we are all here in the first instance. In the past week, there have been three MAJOR events that have taken hours to prepare for, but they have seemed to materialise so effortlessly (despite a touch of exhaustion!) because we truly know how to work together as a team. Fa'afetai tele lava 'outou. Thank you ALL.

Community Corner

- We would like to thank EcoMatters and the Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Board for awarding our school with their Love Your Neighbourhood funding. This grant enabled us to develop a water-wise edible gardening space through the purchase of a rain water collection tank and two macrocarpa raised planters. Thank you also to the Room 9 Garden Club for filling the planters with bean, cucumber, celery and marigold plants and various seeds.**
- We will not be opening the pool this summer as we have not received the required number of pool key applications to make this viable with consideration to costs for twice daily pool maintenance, and cleaning as well as the Pool Supervision Contract. We began this process after the BOT meeting in October, so the decision is now final and unfortunate for those 10 applications that did come in.**
- As we have watched our students perform and gain prizes during the recent Whānau Night and Prizegiving, many have worn the cultural dress of the Tongan Tupenu or in Samoan, the le Lavalava. Next year, we would love to invite the boys to wear a DRESS Tupenu or le Lavalava as part of the school uniform. This would be black, and worn with appropriate foot wear eg black sandals and keep the high standard of our school uniform looking even better. The boys look smart in their Tupenu / le Lavalava, and wear it so proudly. Perhaps over time, another student cultural design will be added to promote more cultural identity to the school Tupenu.**

Week 7 and 8 Update - Progress of our Goals

End of year school reports are now written, and the final editing and signing has begun. Students will get their reports on Thursday 13th December in an envelope. Please read these and praise your children for the PROGRESS they have made - we keep a strong eye on the achievement of every student, and are celebrating the wonderful progress made throughout the year.

Added to our major events of Whānau Performance Night; the Pōwhiri for Mr Wilson and the Senior Prizegiving, is the wonderful work of the Tironui Trust and the concert that was given to showcase the wonderful free lessons they provide our students. Congratulations to all Year 5 students who have played for 2 years now and presented a wonderful string ensemble concert to us all.

Today our wonderful Patrollers and a selection of student leaders are attending the Rainbow's End Patrollers and Leaders' Day. This is to give a huge appreciation to children who stand out in the rain, day after day in bad weather to ensure all children are safe on their way to and from school each day. Thank you kids and Teachers who get wet and blown about every week of the year.

***I look very forward to following the SRS Website and Facebook page to keep up with all the MAGIC this great staff creates for your children's learning and development. Thank you for having me! I am beginning my new life as a Principal Leadership Advisor with Evaluation Associates in the New Year working with first time Principals.
Manuia le Aso - Corinne Hansell (Principal)***

