



Whanau and Friends of Kingsford,

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, Kia orana, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Croeso.

A very special welcome to all our new students who have just started on their educational journey at Kingsford School. We wish you all the very best as you become part of the Kingsford whanau.

I am pleased to report that 87% of our students have returned to school since the COVID-19 lockdown. Teachers have been focussing on supporting student wellbeing at this time, ensuring students are feeling safe and happy at school. We are continuing to maintain high levels of hygiene, particularly when it comes to regular hand washing/sanitising, coughing or sneezing into one's elbow, as well as regularly wiping down surfaces and equipment.

A big thank you to those of you who are keeping your children home if they have any flu-like symptoms. This helps to keep us all safe and healthy. If you or a member of your family is displaying any flu-like symptoms, we ask that you phone your GP or Healthline (free - 0800 611 116). Symptoms include:

- a cough
- a high temperature (at least 38°C)
- shortness of breath
- a sore throat
- sneezing and runny nose
- temporary loss of smell

If you are keeping your child home from school, we ask that you let us know, either by completing an absence form on our [school website](#), or by leaving a message on our answerphone - 2759447.

Samoan Week

As I am sure you are all aware, last week we celebrated Samoan Language Week. Below are some of the learning opportunities our students in Manaia had during this festive week



Shabreen and Divinya made a fale with the sticks and glued them on. Miss Leef took their photo and they put them inside their fale.



Diamond and Dezaiah made colourful things on their fale, and put leaves for the fale roof.

Talanoa Ako App

The [Talanoa Ako](#) App launched this week. This app provides Pacific parents with ongoing access to education and learning information. The content is in plain English, in 10 Pacific languages. The app provides core information for Pacific parents and families to build their knowledge and confidence about education in their own time and in their first language.

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The app is free to download for Android or iOS devices, and is part of the Talanoa Ako programme that will be delivered in Ako Centres later in the year.

School Reports

It is that time of year again when we update you on the progress and achievement of your children. Teachers are currently working on these, and all Year 4 to 6 students will receive their mid-year report on Friday 3rd July – the last day of Term 2. Please keep this date in mind and be sure to ask your child for their report.

Year 1-3 students also receive their reports twice a year, however at different times to the Year 4 to 6 students. This is because for our younger students, our reporting schedule is aligned with their time at school. Therefore your child will receive their anniversary report around the time of their birthday, with an interim report coming 6 months after their birthday. If you are unsure as to whether your child is due an anniversary or interim report, please get in touch with their class teacher – they will be more than happy to discuss this with you.

Board of Trustees Report - May

Last week our Board of Trustees (BOT) met. Outcomes from this meeting included:

- Approval of our next 10 Year Property Plan, which has now be submitted to the Ministry of Education
- Plans to address the safety issues around our drop off/pick up points
- Remaining with the Ministry of Education Donation Scheme

Board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, at 6pm here in the school staffroom. The meetings are not public meetings, but they are "open to the public". This means that even if you're not a trustee you are welcome to attend as an observer

although you will not have speaking rights the way you would if it was a public meeting.

KidsCan Jackets, Shoes and Socks

With the colder months now approaching, it is timely to check in with whanau regarding the need for raincoats, shoes and socks for your children. These items are provided to students free of charge, thanks to the [KidsCan charity](#). If you would like to order a jacket and/or shoes for your child/children, please contact your child's teacher, or phone us at the office.

Check out our some of our students during our Samoan Language Week celebration last week



Upcoming dates

June 30 - BOT Meeting, 6pm, School Staffroom

July 3 – School Reports sent home (Y4-6 students)

July 3 – Last day of Term 2

July 20 – First day of Term 3

July 29 & 30 – Parent Teacher Conferences

For more information, check out our school website www.kingsford.school.nz, or search for Kingsford Primary School on Facebook.

Nga mihi nui

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