

# Kingsford Primary School

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## 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.

Today is the last day of Term 2. All students and staff will now enjoy a two week break from school. Teaching and learning have certainly been unique experiences during this first half of our year, with a number of new practices being borne out of the Covid-19 pandemic. I know teachers will be taking time out to be with their friends and families, and I hope you and your whanau enjoy this time together too.

**Term 3 begins on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

### School Reports

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, students will be receiving their progress and achievement reports today. Please take some time to sit with your child and discuss the progress they have made over the first half of this year.

Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of July, which is in the second week of Term 3. Information regarding how to make an appointment to see your child's teacher will be available at the beginning of next term.

### Class Trips to Mangere Mountain

During the last two weeks all of our children visited Te Pane o Mataoho - Mangere Mountain, as part of our school-wide focus

on supporting our students to discover the history of the area we live and learn in.

Special thanks to all those whanau who joined us on these excursions. While many of you came back with a few sore muscles, your support meant that our students gained valuable knowledge and experience not necessarily achievable within the four walls of the classroom.



### Farewell to Mrs Fihaki

Our long standing Reading Recovery teacher, Meliame Fihaki, will be retiring at the end of July. Meliame has been here at Kingsford for the last 15 years, while her teaching career has spanned an impressive 43 years, starting in Tonga in 1976. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Meliame well in her retirement.



### Board of Trustees Report - June

This week our Board of Trustees (BOT) met. A hot topic of discussion was regarding the safety issues that arise during school drop off and pick up times. As we enter the winter months, more of our students travel to and from school via car. This increase of traffic around the school gate presents a higher level of risk for our students, as drivers attempt unorthodox manoeuvres in order to drop their tamariki as close to the gate as possible.

Board meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month, at 6pm here at school. 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

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to attend as an observer although you will not have speaking rights the way you would if it was a public meeting.

## Upcoming dates

July 28 - 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](http://www.kingsford.school.nz) or search for Kingsford School on Facebook.



## ENROLLING NOW FOR THE JULY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2020 AND FOR TERM 3

Before School Care: 7:30am to 8 :30am  
After School Care from: 3pm to 6pm  
Monday to Friday.

Holiday Programme from 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday  
We offer fun and exciting activities daily.

WINZ subsidies are available for working parents, or those on a sickness benefit or who are studying. *WINZ terms and conditions will apply.*

Please call **Ferdilin on 0210356547** for more information.

## Spotlight on Learning

Please enjoy this piece of writing from some of our Year 3 students in Room 7.



"Yesterday afternoon we took the volcano outside on the field. We made the volcano explode by using baking soda and vinegar. It exploded a little bit then we used more vinegar but it was still a little bit. We used red and yellow food colouring so it will look real. I put in the red food colouring and Shanaya put in the yellow food colouring. The best part of the volcano for me was when it exploded. Mrs Amputch said we can all have a turn and I asked her if I can do the baking soda."

*Shalom*

"Yesterday afternoon we went to the junior field to make our volcano explode. So we brought the food colouring, vinegar and baking soda. First we put the baking soda in, then the food colouring, then the vinegar. When you tip it in you need to run fast and stand back then it will explode. You do it again and again."

*Glad*

Yesterday we went to the junior field for an experiment. We used baking soda and vinegar. Everyone had a turn. Our classmates were excited. We did it for our volcano. Our volcano was ready to launch its lava."

*Rehan*

