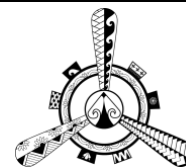


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**Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa
Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, Kia orana,
Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Croeso**

A very special welcome to all the 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.



Tongan Language Week

Last week we celebrated Tongan Language Week. Students were involved in a week filled with experiences focused on the language and culture of Tonga. Here at Kingsford, it is important

that the culture and language of our students is recognised and celebrated for the taonga that it is. Many thanks to all those whanau who came into school and supported our learning programmes last week. Special thanks to Katalina Tatafu and Feleunga Fifita for their expert guidance and leadership during this special occasion.



Covid-19 Update

Just a friendly reminder that we are currently at Covid-19 Alert Level 2.5, and we are open for all students except those who may be more vulnerable due to existing conditions. The Ministry of Education has stated that all other students are expected to be at school. We do understand the anxiety that whanau may be feeling with regard to sending children to school, however the Ministry of Education states that schools are safe for children to attend, as we are required to have a number of safety procedures in place. These include a major focus on educating our students on how to keep themselves safe during this time. Our students are well versed in regularly washing and sanitising their hands, coughing or sneezing into their elbows, keeping out of other people's breathing zones, and not sharing food or drink. Further information regarding our procedures can be found on the reverse of this newsletter and in the educational videos created by our students, which can be found on our school website.

It is, however, vital that you do keep your child home if they are displaying flu-like symptoms. One of our key strategies in keeping our students safe is to not let anyone who is sick to come into school, so please do not be offended if we ring you to come and collect your child because they have a cough or a runny nose.

We do thank those of you who are keeping sick children at home. We do ask that you please remember to let us know if you are keeping your child home from school. You can do this by leaving a message on the school answer phone, or by completing the absence form on our school website.

Last day of Term 3

It has been quite a term, beginning with our Parent-Teacher conferences. This year we saw 70% of our students have members of their whanau come in and meet with their child's teacher. This is up from 64% last year. Our school's 10 Year Property Plan has been completed and approved by the Ministry of Education. Very soon you will start to see a few upgrades around our school, starting with the senior toilet block.

The last day of Term 3 is

Friday 25th September, 3.00pm

A friendly reminder that **Term 4 begins on Monday 12th October at 8.45am.**

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

Dates for the Calendar

14th – 18th September: Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

22nd September: BOT Meeting, 6.00pm

25th September: Last day of Term 3

Nga mihi nui
Anna Smythe
Acting Principal

Rapua te pai – Seek the best. Find success