

Kingsford Primary School

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Whanau and Friends of Kingsford
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou
katoa.

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

A big 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.

It is with sadness that I share with you the passing of Meliame Fihaki. Meliame was a valued member of the Kingsford staff 15 years, most recently as our reading recovery teacher. Meliame retired from teaching in July last year. Her teaching career spanned an impressive 43 years, starting in Tonga in 1976. Our thoughts and aroha are with Meliame's family at this time.



Goal Setting Conferences

This year we are starting a new initiative designed to support students on their learning journey. On the **10th and 11th of March**, we will be holding our first **Goal Setting Conferences**. These were originally scheduled for the 24th and 25th February, but due to the recent lockdown, we have had to reschedule them. This is a time when you can come in and meet with your child's teacher to discuss the things you would like your child to learn during the year. Goals can be academic, social and/or cultural.

Attached is the information regarding how you can book a time for your child's goal setting conference.

Teacher Only Day

On **Friday 26th March**, we will be having a teacher only day. This means school will be closed for students, and there will be no facility to provide care for any student during that day. You will need to make arrangements for your child to be cared for that day.



ENROLLING NOW FOR DECEMBER 2020/ JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2021 AND TERM 1

After School Care from 3 pm to 6 pm 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 if you are on a sickness benefit or Studying.

Solo parents who are working /Studying can qualify . WINZ terms and conditions will apply. Please call Ferdilin on 0210356547 for more information or enrol at skids.aimy.co.nz

Sun Safety

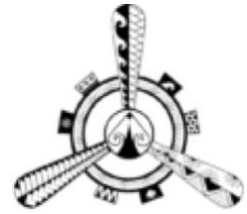
During Terms 1 and 4, our school Sun Protection policy requires all students to wear hats that shade the face, neck and ears, whenever they are outside. Alongside this, we encourage students to stay well

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hydrated, and to further protect themselves with a broad spectrum sunscreen (at least SPF30), and to consider wearing clothing that protects the skin from the sun.

We ask that you ensure your child has a hat (as described above – any hat can be worn) and a named drink bottle at school each day. SPF30 sunscreen will be available in classrooms, so if you would prefer students not to have sunscreen applied, can you please let their teacher know. Students without hats will be instructed to play in shaded areas in the school.

Home internet connections continue to December 2021

All homes currently connected through the Ministry will continue to have free internet access until **December 2021**. These connections were due to start expiring this month, however, while COVID-19 is still a risk and an alert level change is possible, we want to ensure students can continue to access the internet and learn outside the classroom.

In the coming weeks, you will also receive a physical letter sent to their home address informing you of this extension. If you have moved house, or for any other queries, please contact the Learning From Home Helpdesk at EDA@education.govt.nz or 0800 783 744.

School Policies for Review

Our school policy on **Home Learning** is up for review this term. If you would like to contribute to this review, please go to our school website, www.kingsford.school.nz where you can find instructions on how you can do this. Alternatively, there are hard copies of the policy and review form available in the school office.

Healthy School Lunches

This week we have all been enjoying our Healthy School Lunches. We still have some whanau who have not completed the dietary requirements form for their tamariki, so please let Liz in the office know whether or not your child does have dietary requirements, and what these are. Further information about the Healthy School Lunches Programme, including a sample menu, can be found on our school website

Parking at School

Thanks to those of you who are refraining from parking on the yellow lines on Raglan Street. This ensures the safety of our children when walking to and from school. We also ask that you do not use the carpark that belongs to Taefou Puaseisei Early Childhood centre when dropping off or picking up your children.

Upcoming dates

March:

10th & 11th: Goal Setting conferences

22nd: BOT Meeting, 6pm

26th : Teacher Only Day

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

Nga mihi nui
Anna Smythe
Acting Principal