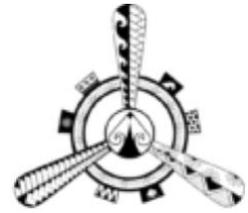


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**Whanau and Friends of Kingsford**  
**Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou**  
**katoa.**

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

A big 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.

It has been a great start to Term Two, with many classes beginning their new unit of learning focussed on looking after our planet. Across our school we are implementing some new practices with regards to recycling, in an attempt to reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill. Our winter sports interschool competitions have started, and our focus on Hauora moves to Hinengaro – our mental and emotional well-being.

The swimming programme for our Year 3-6 students has been temporarily suspended as we wait for the Moana-Nui-ā-Kiwa pools in Mangere to re-open. We apologise to any whanau members for the confusion caused last Tuesday.

## Attendance

It has been great to see our daily rate of attendance often above 90% this term. Just a friendly reminder that our school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.00pm. While we appreciate that there are times when late drop offs or early pick-ups are unavoidable, a late arrival or an early departure can mean that children miss out on valuable aspects of the school day. Students who arrive after school has started miss out on key learning instruction, as well as being able to connect with their friends and teacher before school starts. The end of the day brings an

opportunity to reflect on the learning of the day, and say goodbye to their friends and teacher. Please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or myself if you are having difficulty getting your children to school on time – we are only too happy to help.

## **Tauvaga Tautalaga Fa'a-Samoa a Kingsford School** **(Kingsford School Samoan Speech Competition)**

Faafetai matua ma aiga ua toe faafoi mai pepa ulufale mo le tauvaga tautalaga.

O fa'amatalaga o le afaifi e fa'apea:

**When:** Thursday, 3rd June 2021

**Where:** Kingsford School Hall

**Time:** 6:00pm start

A iai lave se fesili po o se mea e mana'omia, fa'afeso'ota'o le imeli:  
[awright@kingsford.school.nz](mailto:awright@kingsford.school.nz)

Faamanuia le Atua tatou tamaiti a'oga ma aiga.

## Road Safety Week

This week (17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May) is Road Safety Week. We have a number of events happening, including a junior wheels day on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>, and a senior wheels day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>. Any students wishing to bring their scooters or bikes to school must bring a helmet in order to participate.

Thursday is also 'Wear your stripes day' where children can wear striped clothing to remind us all to use the 'Zebra Crossing'.

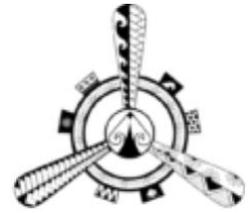
## Anti-Bullying Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May is [National Stand Up to Bullying day](#). Students are encouraged to wear something pink (e.g., hair ties, clothing, shoes etc – if you have these items already) and bring a voluntary gold coin donation. All funds raised will go to the Mental Health

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Foundation of NZ to support their work in preventing bullying.

## Parking at Taeafou Puaseisei Learning Centre

Please do not use the car park at Taeafou Puaseisei when collecting your children from Kingsford. Some of our whanau are blocking the entrance to the carpark, meaning parents wanting to collect their pre-schoolers from Taeafou are not able to.

Please consider parking in the surrounding streets, or leave pick up for just after 3pm in order to avoid the congestion of Raglan Street at this time. Please do not park in driveways or on the yellow lines, as this increases the risk to our students as they arrive and leave school each day.

Our Board of Trustees are currently looking at ways that we can reduce this congestion in the afternoons.

## 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 to whanau, 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.

## Upcoming dates

### May:

- 19<sup>th</sup> – Junior wheels day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Senior wheels day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Wear Your Stripes Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Interschool sports exchange:  
Papatoetoe South School
- 21<sup>st</sup> – School Waste Audit
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Pink Shirt Day

For more information, check out our school website [www.kingsford.school.nz](http://www.kingsford.school.nz), or search for Schoolapp NZ on the app store or Google play, download it and connect with our school.

Nga mihi nui  
Anna Smythe  
Acting Principal

## It's okay to be you

School is like a community where you can feel welcomed and cherished. However, just like every other school, some students think the opposite of what they were promised. Students often feel judged or mistreated because of their natural appearance or mental state. It is not correct, and I am the type who would like to help.

If I were to uncover someone with low self-esteem or feel less important to others, we could walk up to that person and open up to them about their day or how they feel. Although they would probably ignore me, I would talk to them in the hope of encouraging them to talk to others.

Some students think their appearances affect others around them or they just do not have friends in general. We should let their voices be heard. We can help make a difference by treating them with appreciation and equality. Treat these students with respect and love. Be a role model and treat others the way you want to be treated.

Be a friend and embrace each person for who they are, because in reality, the good you do in life will always come back to you. Love yourself for who you are. Cherish the way you look and have an open hand to welcome those around you.

By Zara Maihi