

**Tena koutou! Malo e Lelei! Fakalofa Lahi Atu! Talofa lava! Kia orana!  
Namaste! Kamusta! Rojbas! Hola! Salam Alaikum!**

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## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

Since the year started, we have seen great attendance rates at school. Regular attendance means consistency in learning and student achievement. Since last week's severe weather event, we have noticed a pattern of absence occurring once again. This happened after Covid-19 during 2021 and 2022 with staggered starts. There has since been a big government initiative to support students returning to school. Students with irregular attendance who return to school will work with teachers to catch up on work they may have missed including assessments. I am also here to support families alongside the Attendance service also. I have included our school policy on Student Attendance for your information.

### **Our school Policy on Student Attendance**

The Education and Training Act 2020 requires that all children six years old and over must attend school. Once enrolled, it is compulsory for children to attend school regularly.

Onepoto School encourages students to participate fully in school life. Students are expected to attend school when required, and to be on time for classes. This policy applies for off-site activities as well, such as EOTC activities.

We monitor the daily attendance of students to:

- ensure their safety both in getting to school, and in accounting for them in an emergency
- identify students with achievement, engagement, or other issues
- meet our legal responsibilities.

Parents and guardians also have legal obligations to ensure their children attend school. The school expects parents to:

- notify the school if their child is going to be absent by phone, text, or email by 9 am
- try to arrange appointments etc. outside school hours or in holidays
- work with the school to manage any attendance issues.

Absences are usually unjustified unless the student is too sick to attend school or has suffered a bereavement. Sometimes a student might be out of class but should still be marked present, such as when attending a medical appointment. Holidays should only be taken during school holidays.

### **Unacceptable levels of absence**

Attendance is monitored through our student management system (SMS), and parents are notified of absences and/or patterns of absences. The school follows up on unacceptable levels of absence (10 half-days per term) and may refer the case to the Attendance Service.

### **Leaving school during the day**

Students may not leave the school during school hours except by special arrangement – for example, a parent request (verbal or written) for the student to attend a medical appointment. The student must sign out at the office.

If a student becomes ill at school, parents will be notified to collect their child.

All teachers must comply with the school's standard schedule. Students should be supervised until they are formally released.

## SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

### Do we have your correct contact details?

We now need to be more aware of the weather in Auckland due to the change in weather patterns since the start of this year. Please keep up to date for the weather forecasts. Last week's weather event we made the call early to close the school early. In the event of severe weather during school time we will ensure the safety of students and staff and keep you updated with communication through phone calls home our school Facebook page and school website.

**Please make sure that we have your correct contact phone numbers and that your phone is on!**

**Ensure that you also have access to our school Facebook Page and/or the school Website.**

**\*\*Contact Maria at the school to update your contact details.**

## ONEPOTO SCHOOL – HOPES AND DREAMS WORKSHOPS FOR WHANAU Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

**May 6pm – Staffroom**

**Refreshments provided**

Come along and share the hopes and dreams you have for your children, as learners at Onepoto School. What is important to you? How would you like to be involved? Are there events or parent groups that could further enhance student learning? How can we support learning at home with you? We would love to hear from you. Your voice will be included in our school vision for the future.

**SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE** - Our school Facebook Page is due to launch this term. Please keep a look out for this change.

Nga mihi nui,

*Mrs Latoa-Levi*

**ASSEMBLY** – School Assembly is held fortnightly in the **school hall at 12:15pm**. This is a time to share and celebrate our learning. We welcome all whanau to attend. The next Assembly is tomorrow. See you there!

**COOLER DAYS** – Please ensure children are dressed for the weather conditions. Also keep up to date with the daily news for any weather events that may affect you.



**WATER & DRINK BOTTLES** - Bring a water bottle every day, to stay hydrated. Students can refill their bottles throughout the day. **Bring your drink bottles!**

# CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING

**Congratulations to the following amazing students – We are so proud of you!!**

## Principals Awards

Michael Puliueva  
Peter Niko

## Class Awards

### **Rangitoto**

Atawhai Kururangi-Tapp  
Gov Robinson  
Xavier Rasmussen

### **Onewa**

Vincent Rogers  
Luca Allen  
Mekitoni Roberts-Muna



## **Principals Lunch Shout!**

If students receive 5 certificates throughout the year Mrs Latoa-Levi will shout you lunch!  
Bring in your 5 certificates from this year to be stamped then we can book lunch!

## NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-school children who will turn 5 years old at any time or wanting to enrol older children, please contact our Office Manager Ms Konia at the Office for an Enrolment Pack. This helps us to plan for staffing and classes. (09) 480-7469

**Absences or Messages Line- ph. - 022 5193610** - Please call or text if your child is absent from school. Alternatively, you can still call the school office on 09 480-7469.

## Dates for your Diary:

<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Pink Shirt Day! Come dressed in pink to support No Bullying!</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Onepoto School Board meeting 5pm in the staffroom
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	6pm Hopes and Dreams Whanau Meeting - staffroom
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May Week</b>	Samoa Language Week MOTAT Trip – Notice to follow
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	TEACHER ONLY DAY! No
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	King's Birthday – Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	LEARNING CONVERSATIONS
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Photolife Day! School photos!
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Last day of Term 2