

**Tena koutou! Malo e Lelei! Fakalofa Lahi Atu! Talofa lava! Kia orana! Bula Vinaka!  
Namaste! Kumusta! Rojbas! Hola! Salam Alaikum! Hai! Xin chào! Ayubowan!**

*Term 4 - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Newsletter 18*

*Welcome to this week's newsletter. A warm welcome to our new students and families,  
we hope you enjoy your time at our school.*

### **Tena Koutou Whanau**

**END OF YEAR REPORTS** - Teachers are writing End of Year Reports and will then share them with the Senior Leadership team for moderation. The reports will be sent home with students on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Celebrating our Learners Event 2023** - This event will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 11am until 1pm, in the school hall. This is our special End of Year event where we honour our students and their learning achievement this year and farewell our Year 6 School Leavers. We are looking forward to this event. All welcome.

### **Helpers Morning Tea**

As a thank you to our many support services to our school and parent helpers during this year we held a Helper's Morning Tea on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. A small group attended due to the time of the year, but it was a great opportunity to say thanks for all that you do for our students and school.



### **OMEXOM SANTA VISIT**

Santa made an early Christmas visit to our school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Formally Electrix, the team from Omexom, who support our school throughout the year for education outside the classroom activities including bus transport for trips. They arrived on Monday for a Christmas Party lunch and gifts. We are extremely grateful for their amazing and ongoing support. Thank you!



### **Apology for late notice of the Teacher Only Day**

I would like to apologise for the short notice given to parents and caregivers of the Teacher Only Day held on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> November. This was an oversight by me and I have since reviewed our processes and can reassure you that this will not happen again. Thank you for your understanding in advance.

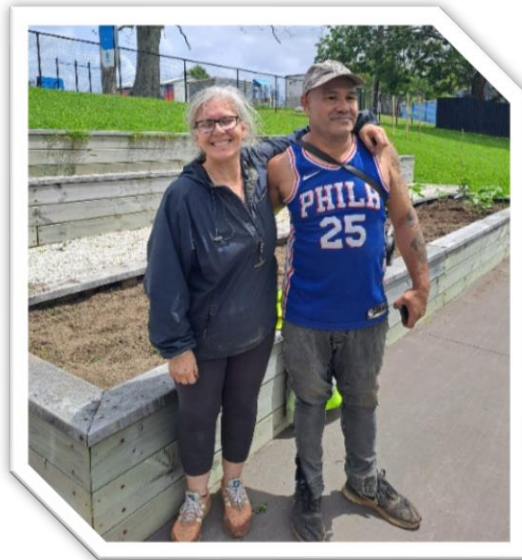
### **ONEPOTO SCHOOL CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2024 - MEETING**

Our festival is back in 2024! Our biggest and only fundraiser. We invite all interested parents and friends of the school to a meeting next **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm** in the staffroom. New ideas and enthusiasm welcome! Come and be part of this amazing event!

## SCHOOL GARDENS UPDATE



The vision for our school gardens started with a conversation in 2018 to plant a community garden. This garden was a way for students and whanau to learn how to plant vegetables and fruit trees, nurture and grow them and harvest the fruits of their labour. The garden became a reality in 2021 as part of the new school build. Finally, this year we have started to plant fruit trees and North Harbour Rotary has built a new garden shed. We now have an orchard growing fit for a King – Fejoia's, Apricots, Pears, Apples, Oranges, Mandarins, Plums, Lemons, Limes to name a few and hopefully in the not too distant future we will reap the rewards. Thank you to our special supporters and contributors: **North Harbour Rotary** for the garden shed and garden clean up, **Linda Sullivan** for designing the garden landscaping, donating and planting the trees, **Kingdomcity Church** for their generous Kings Plant Barn Vouchers, **Kaipatiki and Robyn Foran** for gardening advice and Pili Tupou for helping to plant the recent fruit trees. Thank you all again!



Nga mihi nui,

*Mrs Latoa-Levi*

**TERM 4 - SUN HATS!** - Students must wear a sun hat this term for all break time and outdoor activities! *No hat, No play, No fun today!*

As part of our Health and Safety Policy at school, **all** students must wear a hat to school for sun protection this term! Students without hats will stay in a shaded spot chosen by the Duty Teacher. **So, name your hat and bring it to school!**

**BREAKFAST CLUB** 8:15am to 8:40am everyday! If you've missed breakfast remember you can always have breakfast in your studio!



**WATER & DRINK BOTTLES** - The weather is getting warmer so bring a water bottle every day, to stay hydrated. The weather is getting warmer. Students can refill their bottles throughout the day. **Bring your drink bottles!**

## NEW ENROLMENTS

If you have pre-school children who will turn 5 years old at any time or you are 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>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Disco tonight at 5pm!
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Cultural Festival Meeting 6pm Staffroom
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Celebrating our Learners Day 11am – 1pm</b> Reports out
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term 1pm
<b>2024</b>	
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School Office opens
<b>*Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Juniors – NE – Year 3 Meet the teacher day Seniors – Years 4 – 6 - Goal setting interviews with teachers. Students must also attend.
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	School starts
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	WAITANGI DAY – Public holiday
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School returns