

**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 1 – 22nd February 2024 – Newsletter 2

*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 It is great to be back!

Walking through all our hapori spaces, our students have started the year well, very settled with an abundance of energy and a willingness to share their great ideas. I have had the privilege of listening to children reading and sharing their written stories, already! Mrs Webster has done an amazing job of leading the school in my absence at the start of this term. Teachers, learning assistants and our office staff have made a great start with students and their hapori.

Our Inquiry/Discovery Learning this term is *Ko Wai Au? Who Am I?* Students will focus on building relationships, teamwork and share with their peers the things they like to do, their dislikes, favourite things, their family, language and culture. Students have already produced some amazing portraits and artwork. We will finish this term's learning with our very first International Day, on the new date of Tuesday 9th April, where we will celebrate all our cultures. Teachers will discuss with their classes what this day could look like, and we will update you closer to the day.

To further strengthen our relationships in our school community we have some upcoming whanau meetings and events this term and throughout the year. We would love to see as many of you become involved in the life of the school and share your expertise as we continue to build our amazing school culture! Meetings for special events and cultural events will be held this term with our first **Culture Festival meeting for the year coming up on Tuesday 5th March at 6pm in the staff room**. We hope to see you there!

I am excited for the year ahead!

Noho ora mai - Stay well, look after yourself, good bye.

Mrs Latoa-Levi

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM WEEK – 4th – 8th March 2024

Get ready for our **Education Outside the Classroom Week** set to be full of new learning experiences and fun activities outdoors! The juniors will explore personal first aid, cycle skills, sports skills and a trip to Ambury Farm. The seniors will experience Cycle and Scooter Skills, sports skills and caring for their local environment at the Eco Hub. Notices for these activities will be sent home soon!



WELCOME BACK DUFFY BOOKS!

This fantastic program returns to our school this year. The program encourages children to read and build their library at home. Children receive free books and get to choose **2 books** in class from a catalogue of books **3 times** throughout the year and share these with you at home. During the year we have Role Model Assemblies where a special guest speaker from 'Duffy Books In Homes' visits our school to share their love of books. We also learn the special Duffy Song too!

Today we held our first special assembly to hand out a book box to each hapori and tomorrow students will bring their special Duffy books home to share and keep!



We have finally signed up the **Garden to Table Program!** This has been planned since 2018, when we started to design the new school with students. Mrs Webster is the lead teacher for this initiative this year and will visit Forest Hill School next week with Mrs Latoa-Levi, to see the program in action from garden to table! Our Gardens are looking amazing at the moment with fruit trees and herbs already planted. Thanks to Linda Sullivan and Miss Konia for caring for our gardens over the school holidays. If you'd like to help in some way with our gardens please see Mrs Webster or Mrs Latoa-Levi.

Onsite Health Services at our School:

*PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:



Rebecca Sinclair and Megan O'Neil are Nurses who visit our school regularly. Rebecca and Megan are available to discuss hauora (health) for tamariki, including growth and development, skin and ear infections, sore throats and Rheumatic Fever prevention, asthma, allergies, eczema, headlice, wetting and soiling, hearing and vision concerns, immunisations and nutrition. Public health nurses work together with whānau and the school to promote the health of tamariki. If you would like a referral to talk with the nurse, visit our office or call/text 021 241 7367

*SOCIAL WORKER IN SCHOOLS (SWiS)- We are also fortunate to have a Social Worker, onsite once a week to support children in Years 1 to 6.

"Kia ora, my name is Min and I am a social worker in schools (SWiS) from Family Works Northern. We support students and families/whanau to overcome challenges. This enables students to reach their full potential in learning."

Please feel free to contact me on 022 017 1247 / Min.Lee@fwn.org.nz

OS CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2024 MEETING - Tuesday 5th March at 6pm in the staffroom. Planning and preparing for this year's festival. Come and be part of our first committee!



HATS: Terms 1 & 4:

Hats must be worn outdoors during Term 1. Students without a hat will stay in the shade. Please name the hats.

No hat, No play, No fun today!

SUNBLOCK:

We do have sunblock available for the students to use at school and encourage the students to remember to use it before they go outside.



WATER AND DRINK BOTTLES:

Please bring a named water bottle each day. The drink bottles can be refilled during the day at school. We do have outdoor water fountains for students to also use.



WE WELCOME 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. Alternatively, you can complete the online Enrolment Form on our school website. This helps us to plan for staffing and classes. (09) 480-7469

Absences or Messages Line- ph. (09) 480-7469 or 022 5193610

Please call or text with a reason for your child's absence from school.

Dates for your Diary:

Date:	Event:
Monday 26th February	Year 5/6: Learning Basic First Aid with Hato Hone - St Johns BOT Meeting – first meeting of the year. All welcome.
Friday 29th February	Year 5/6: Cycle Skills - you don't need to own or know how to ride a bike to participate in this day
Monday 4th - Friday 8th March	<u>EOTC week: Education Outside the Classroom</u> Please look out for more information and specific dates for activities planned for each class coming out soon.
Tuesday 5 th March	<u>OS CULTURE FESTIVAL MEETING</u> – 6pm in the Staffroom All welcome!
Friday 29th March	Good Friday – School is closed
Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd March	Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday – School is closed
Tuesday 9th April Changed to this date!	Onepoto School International Day! A time for our school community to celebrate our cultures together!
Friday 12 th April	Last Day of Term 1