

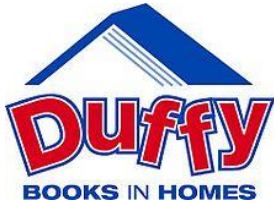


Dear Parents and Caregivers - **Ngā mātua aroha, me te Kaitiaki**

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Bula vinaka, Warmest Greetings to you all.

What a fantastic time we had at school last week celebrating Tongan Language. This follows on from previous Samoan (May), Maori (July) and Cook Island Language Weeks (August). It is Niuean Language Week in the first week of next term. We will then celebrate Fijian Language early in Term 4, as the Fijian Language official week is in the holidays. It is great to see that we are now able to acknowledge so many more of our families' cultures. We have so many of our children who are bi-lingual and so it is very important not to let them lose this gift. As teachers, we are always encouraging our families to continue to keep their own language alive at home. We don't need families to speak 'English' to their children, we need them to speak as much as possible to their children. This is the best way to help language development. It is the depth of language that the children need, particularly before they start school. We can teach them the vocabulary when they get here. You will hear me repeating this message constantly. **'Speak to your children about everything'**. Ask them questions about their learning, read to them and with them as often as you can. This is the best way parents can help their children learn. This message comes through in just about every report we write about student progress. Good teaching is important but parent involvement is vital.

Talk to your child! Read to your child! Read with your child!



As part of our Duffy Books in Homes Programme we invited two old boys back to school to speak to the children about why reading is so important. We were very privileged to have **Rick**

Kaufusi and **Isitola Maka**, both now in Year 13 at Sacred Heart College, tell the children how important reading was for them and how it is so necessary for their futures. We also asked our present students to make sure they come back when they are in Year 13 to speak to the children at that time.

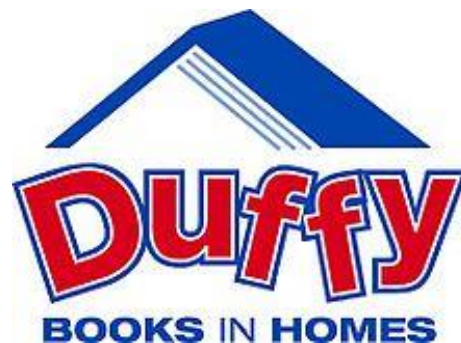


At this assembly we also awarded the **'Caught Being Good' Dad Award**. This award goes to one of our fathers who always supports his children and gets involved with their learning. This year the award went to **Mr Talataina**. Here he is seen receiving the award with his two sons Osilese and Manu. Mr Talataina also helped when we were putting up and taking down the swimming pool earlier in the year. Well done.

Caught Being Good

The following students received 'Caught Being Good' awards this week and will receive Duffy Books as their reward.

Rosiephine Room 3	Thomas Room 4	Paula Room 1
Iverson Room 4	Krystal Room 1	Patience Room 4
Salote Room 7	Savior Room 1	George Room 5
Beni Room 5	Alfred Room 4	Sakapo Room 4
Langilangi Room 1	Kamaea Room 1	Arvey Room 1
Taniela Room 1	Jabez Room 1	Krystal Room 1
Paula Room 1	Langilangi Room 1	



Cross Country Results

Last week we held our annual Cross Country event which was a great success. We used a different course this year which meant running through the park on East View Road rather than the traditional roads around the school. The change happened because of all the construction happening around the school. We had a good group of parents supporting us so thank you so much for attending. Special thanks to Mr Slade, Mrs Tui and their team of organisers for making the event so successful. We have now selected our school team to compete in the Cluster Cross Country at Bailey Road School later in the term. Congratulations to **KIWI House** which won the House Shield.

5 yrs Boys	Amihuti	1 st	6 yrs Girls	Silia	1 st
	Aniseko	2 nd		Seine	2 nd
	Taniela	3 rd			
6 yrs Boys	Sebastian	1 st	7 yrs Girls	Lili	1 st
	Nikos	2 nd			
	Iverson	3 rd			
7 yrs Boys	Diego	1 st	8 yrs Girls	Rosiephine	1 st
				Helena	2 nd
8 yrs Boys	George	1 st	9 yrs Girls	Telesia	1 st
	Laki	2 nd		Mei	2 nd
	Charis	3 rd			
9 yrs Boys	Opi	1 st	10 yrs Girls	Courtney	1 st
	Mackey	2 nd			
	Samuel	3 rd			
10 yrs Boys	Motu	1 st	11 yrs Girls	Henrietta	1 st
	Alan	2 nd		Alecia	1 st
	Falakiko	3 rd		Malia	2 nd
				Von	3 rd
11 yrs Boys	Samuiela	1 st	12 yrs Girls	Folauhola	1 st
	Fano	2 nd		Tokilupe	2 nd
				Salote	3 rd
12 yrs Boys	Patrick	1 st	13 yrs Boys	Misiotei	1 st
	Justin Tyler	2 nd		Justin	2 nd
	Frank	2 nd			

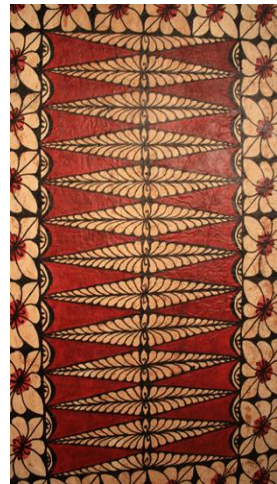
These results are for Age Groups not Year Groups.

Tongan Language Week Celebrated at St Pius X.

After focusing on the Tongan language all week we then had a special mufti Day on Friday to support Caritas. The children and staff were encouraged to wear Tongan clothing. They looked fantastic.



Some of the children looking splendid. Thank you parents for supporting the children and school.



Term 3 2015

September					
7 Senior Oral Presentations	Week 8	8	9 Cluster Rugby	10	11
14	Week 9	15	16	17 Duffy Theatre 1.40pm	18 Grandparent's Mass 9.00am
21	Week 10	22	23 Cluster Cross Country	24	25 Last Day of Term 3

