



Dear Parents and Caregivers

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

## *Sāmoan Language Week*



**Tālofa lava! Afio mai!**

Talia e le Gagana Samoa Vaiaso mo le 2017. O le autu o lenei tausaga  
'Ma'au i lou ofaga; maua'a lou fa'asinomaga " la ola lou faasinomaga, e manuia ai.

Sāmoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le gagana Sāmoa took place this year between 28 May and 3 June.

The theme for this year was:

***Ma'au i lou ofaga; maua'a lou fa'asinomaga,  
Keep your identity alive, to thrive.***

Just some of the **Room One Super Learning Heroes** celebrating Samoan Language Week

O nisi o Toa Aoaoina I le potu numera tasi I le faamanatu ina o le vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa.



Getting into the spirit of **Samoan Language Week**



## 2017 National Young Leaders Day

Brooke, Mikaela, Ana-Lei, Mei, Von, Macky, Anna-Lisa, Lusie, Maris-Stella, Lau and Ewan attended this inspirational day held at Vector Arena in Manukau last week with about 2000 other students from across Auckland. National Young Leaders Day is an annual leadership event held in major cities around New Zealand. Since 2001, over 110,000 students have been empowered to become leaders. The day aims to develop student leadership and be both inspirational and practical. Today's young people are the future leaders of our nation – equip them with the skills and values to lead well.

Special thanks to Mrs Williams, Mrs Kelway and Mrs Tui who organised the day.



## My Coconut Scraping Experience

by Patience Room 5

*During Samoan language week my class did something special and very exciting.*

*My mum came to school with coconuts and a coconut scraper in a bag to teach us how to husk, open and scrape them. The day before, my teacher said we were going to learn different things about coconuts. For example "Where do they come from, how do we get the milk out and how to open them?"*

*My mum told me she would bring my cousin, Meckie from Samoa to demonstrate how to husk a coconut and get the coconut milk out. My mum chose him to do it because he has experience working with coconuts in his village in Samoa.*

*I was very excited to do it and I was a little nervous because **I ONLY JUST MET MEKIE!** But it was fine.*



*Firstly my mum said "Mekie will show us how to open a coconut." He got out a big, sharp knife and started it on the coconut and flipping it and it cracked open like glass and fell to the ground. He gave it to me and mum told me that the white inside was called the flesh of the coconut.*

*Next he showed us how to get the flesh out of a coconut. He sat down on the wood and started to scrape the coconut, turning it as he scraped it. Mum said that we turn the coconut so that when we scrape it, we only get the white flesh and not the brown shell bits. I sat with my legs to the side and had a go at*

*scraping. Meckie makes it look easy. She told us the coconut shavings in Samoan are called "Penu".*

*I really enjoyed having my mum and cousin at school. I loved learning new things about coconuts.*





## Throat Swabbing Whole School –

**Please read this special letter from Dr Alison Leversha concerning all our students.**

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Whole School Throat Swabbing**

There has been an increase of Strep throat infections in the school over the last few weeks. Because throat infections can spread between children and untreated infections cause Rheumatic Fever, we will be checking every child on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June for Strep throat infection.

Whānau who have not consented to the school health clinic will not be checked.

The School Health Team will contact you the following week if your child has the strep bug and provide free antibiotics.

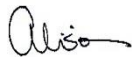
To prevent infections spreading it is important to finish all antibiotics, don't share drink bottles and regularly wash hands.

If your child develops a fever or becomes unwell please see your family doctor.

Just a reminder for parents and teachers – It is important for all whānau to have sore throats checked. There are free sore throat clinics in the area.

Please check the website:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/sore-throat/sore-throat-clinics>



Dr. Alison Leversha  
Community Paediatrician  
Starship Child Health



**Special thanks to all the staff and parents who were able to help the children this week.**

# Term 2 2017

June				
5 <b>Week 6</b> Queen's Birthday Holiday	6 R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Netball	7 Whizkids Y5/6	8	9 Strep Throat Swabbing Whole School
12 <b>Week 7</b> R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Class Photos BOT Meeting 7pm	13 Netball	14 Whizkids Y5/6	15 6.00pm Parent meeting Year 4-8 Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) Programme	16
19 <b>Week 8</b> R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) begins	20 Netball	21 Mr Coakley at NZCPPA Conference Wellington 21-23 <sup>rd</sup> Whizkids Y5/6	22 Year 8 Retreat (Postponed until Term 3)	23 Feast of Sacred Heart Learning Celebration Rm 5
26 <b>Week 9</b> R.E. Focus Holy Spirit Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) (cont.)	27 Netball	28	29	30
July				
3 <b>Week 10</b> R.E. Focus Imaginative Prayer	4 Last Day of Netball for term	5	6 12.30pm finish for school 3 Way Conferences	7 Last Day of Term 2 Normal finish time

Please Note these important dates:

- 15 June 6.00pm Parent meeting for Years 4-8  
**Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS)** Police Programme.
- 6 July **3-Way Conferences** School finishes at 12.30pm for Parent/Student/Teacher interviews.

Our **3 Way Student Goal Setting Conferences** are scheduled for **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. School will finish at 12.30pm with conferences starting at 1.15pm and finishing at 7.30pm. Children will need to be picked up from school at 12.30pm. We will have supervision in the afternoon available if you are unable to collect your child but there will be no formal lessons. We will be sending home interview sheets next week so please return these as soon as possible. We will allocate a time as close as possible to your preferred time and let you know well in advance. Only one reply per family, please.

