

Celebrating Samoan Language Week was so important to us. It was a time of learning, respect, and fun.

Showing Respect and Kindness By celebrating this week, we showed our respect and kindness to our Samoan friends. We wanted them to know that we value their language and culture. It's important for us to ensure everyone feels included and loved at our aoga (school).

Learning about new cultures For those of us who aren't Samoan, it gave us the opportunity to discover and appreciate the wonderful Samoan culture. We learned about their language and traditions which helps us understand and respect different cultures, making us more open-minded and accepting.

Making memories Thanks to our kind matua (parents) we all enjoyed yummy Samoan food, and learned new things.

Building a stronger community We learned from each other, appreciated our differences, which enables an even more supportive environment.

Expanding our knowledge Learning about the Samoan language and culture expands our knowledge and makes us smarter! We learned new words and phrases in Samoan from our Samoan friends. It's good for us to to learn new things and become more knowledgeable about the world and diverse cultures around us, making our school an even better place. Thank you to all our tamaiti for embracing this Fri 16 June

**School Assembly** Hosted by the class that learn with James 2:15pm start We love it when whanau ioin us!

Fri 30 June **Last Day of Term 2** School finishes at our usual time.



For further dates and events please check 'What's coming up' on the back page of this newsletter.

















## A special welcome to all the new children who have started at Kahurangi recently

Clyde has moved here from Samoa and joins one of our senior classes with his cousin Rafael.

Faiza is Mohamed's younger sister and joins our New Entrant

Noah is year 5 and joins Waka Rā Rua. He and his whānau are new to our school.

A very warm welcome to a new Somali family who have just moved to New Zealand. Brothers Ahmed, Nasir and Abdul join our senior classes and their sister Amal joins one of our junior classes.

It's a big deal starting at a new school so we wish all the children a smooth transition. It's lovely to witness our children, teachers and staff doing everything they can to support their transition.

#### Welcome to a new teacher

We have welcomed a new teacher to Kahurangi. Merryl Scott, originally from Canada, has been living in New Zealand for the past six months. Since her arrival in early December, she has been working in various



schools across Wellington, gaining valuable experience and familiarising herself with our education system and New Zealand's approach.

After meeting with Merryl, I felt confident she would be a good match for our Kahurangi students. She also comes highly recommended with very good references. Those who know her well describe her as a teacher who quickly builds rapport with her students, establishes strong relationships, and possesses the ability to deliver engaging and tailored lessons to cater to every child's needs and abilities.



## **Goodbye Amy**

Amy Frankland left us last week to return home to Scotland in time to start the new school year. We were sad to see Amy go as she was wonderful with our tamariki and had a genuine affection for them. She also worked hard to deliver a settled and engaging learning environment.

# Manawatia a Matariki!





Our tamariki are enjoying visiting the 'Manawatia a Matariki' exhibition. The exhibition allows them to discover new ways to celebrate and connect with friends and whanau and look towards the future and make pledges for their whānau, community, or the environment.



















### Oh no! Nits are back in some of our classes!

We would like to draw your attention to a common concern that affects many school-aged children: the spread of nits.

Please help us by regularly checking your children's hair. By doing this you can detect the presence of nits or lice early on,

for prompt treatment and minimising the allowing risk of them spreading throughout your whanau as well as your child's class.

We have nit treatment that we give out for free. You just need to ask at the office. Phoning or emailing your request through is totally fine too. We'll pop it in an envelope and send send it home in your child's bag.

## **Starting next week...**



Even if you have enough breakfast food at home for your tamariki it's okay for them to still come to 'Breakfast Club'.

## Success at the Eastern Zone **Schools' Cross Country**



Recently 36 of our children had the chance to test their long distance running ability at the Eastern Zone Primary Schools' Cross Country event. Well done to all our athletes who competed in this event. A special congratulations to the following tamariki who made it into the top 10!

> Rusty - 3rd Sacha - 8th Sophia.B - 6th Saffron - 9th Leif -5th Maya - 6th Austin - 9th Lili - 9th Ollie.J - 8th Mackenzie - 7th Eden.F - 4th Jada - 9th Eden.H - 10th Rāwiri - 6th



















### Another important health message: Sore throats are also on the rise with our tamariki

Rheumatic fever often starts with a sore throat or skin infection caused by a bacteria called Group A Streptococcus (GAS).

Most sore throats get better on their own, but if strep throat is not treated with antibiotics it can develop into rheumatic

fever where the heart, joints, brain and skin become inflamed and swollen.

If your child has a sore throat or skin infection take them to the GP. If prescribed antibiotics, make sure your child takes the full course.

If you can't get a doctors appointment, Tracey our school Health Nurse can organise a swab so your child can be tested for Strep Throat. Remember she is at school every Thursday morning but can also pop in other days if we make contact with her.

#### What's coming up

#### Monday 12 June Te Papa Matariki Trip

For the classes who learning with James. Maddie.B. Brynne and Claire.

#### **Tuesday 13 June Swimming**

For our tamariki in the junior school.

#### **Board Meeting**

7-9pm

Whānau are welcome to come to this meeting and listen. Please just let us know if you're planning on coming.

#### Friday 16 June School Assembly

2:15 pm start

This assembly will be hosted by our class who learn with James.

We love it when whanau join

#### **Thursday 22 June Eastern Zone Miniball Tournament**

A notice will be sent home with children who are keen to join in.

#### Friday 30 June Final day of Term 2

**Monday 17 July Term 3 starts** 



Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

Tracey Hilt our school Health Nurse will be at our school each Thursday morning from next week onwards. Tracey is able to any questions you may have about your tamariki's health and well being.



WHEN YOU CAN'T GET A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT THIS COULD BE A GOOD ALTERNATIVE

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Tracey will also be supporting the delivery of some basic health and hygiene lessons as required. We are grateful for Tracey's support of our kura.

## News from the Community

















