

NEWSLETTER – 1 June 2011

Kia Ora, Talofa, Kia Orana, Malo e lelei, Ni Sa Bula, Assalam Alaikum, Ni hao, Namaste, Buon Giorno, Mingalaba.

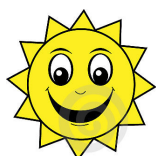


Welcome!

Hello to all our families! We've had a busy term so far. We welcome the following new students to our school since our last newsletter went out: Junior Haulagi and Tiani Leota who are both new entrants, Abdi Ali who is in Year 3, Rhysia Kelly who is in Year 7, and Tui Taliulu who is in Year 8. Welcome all of you to our school community.

Exciting Changes Ahead

We've recently sent home newsletters advising of changes that are to come. We see these changes as a positive thing for our children and their education. We will be holding community consultation meetings over the next few months. We will send notices home to advise you when these meetings will be happening. At these meetings you will receive lots of information that you will need to think about. You will also have a chance to ask us lots of questions, and we will be asking the Minister of Education lots of questions. This is a really good chance to be involved in your child's future education, so please be involved. Below are some of the positive comments that we've received about our school. A big thank you to all who are supporting our school and our Board of Trustees.



For the past two years I have been a proud supporter of activities at Miramar South School, presenting books to students and attending their special events and prizegivings. I have been so impressed by the atmosphere even though the buildings do need an upgrade. A school, however, is more than the paint job on the hall, and this school is a remarkable and spirited mix of cultures. The teaching staff are a dedicated group of people who believe their students are entitled to the best that a quality public education system can offer. Their approach is reflected by the students who appear to have a high level of motivation to participate in all school activities. My observations are purely anecdotal, but I keep going back to events at the school because of the warmth, energy and passion for learning that I observe. Whatever happens with the merger, let's not pretend low decile means low quality. These children represent a new cultural demographic and this school is bringing out the best in them. (Catherine Delahunty, MP Green Party)



All the best to both you and Pele, Jeanette. You have the support of us all as this will be a difficult time for both schools as they have to look at a different future for their schools. Warm Wishes (Wendy Esera, Principal, EBIS)

Dear Miramar South - A GREAT SCHOOL, I'm going to write to the Ministry of Education and tell them! (Beth, Superkidz)

Hi Jeanette - I've been thinking about you and yours at Miramar South and hoping that you are finding the support and positive responses that you deserve. Please let me know if you think I could be of help either as an Elaine or as a CYF worker. (Elaine Hope, CYF)



Mid Term Break and Queen's Birthday

Don't forget that Friday 3 June is mid term break, and Monday 6 June is Queen's Birthday. SO NO SCHOOL TOMORROW OR MONDAY!!! Term dates for the rest of the year are:

Term 2 Ends 15 July
Term 3 1 August July to 7 October
Term 4 25 October to 15 December



(Please note Monday 24 October is Labour Day holiday).

Rippa Rugby Playoff Tournament



Well done to all the students who participated in the Rippa Rugby Playoff Tournament yesterday at Te Whaea in Newtown. Our Year 5/6 team competed and finished *SECOND IN THE FINAL!* Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and encouragement during our games - the children and staff really appreciate your support.

Samoaan Independence Day

Our school celebrated Samoaan Independence Day on 1 June, and this week is officially Samoaan Language Week! We held a special assembly yesterday that everyone was invited to. The children and staff dressed in beautiful traditional clothing. We were treated to special performances by the children, and a kava ceremony! Samoaan food was prepared by some of our parents, and we have been practising our Samoaan language throughout the week. Thank you to all the parents and visitors who came and helped to make this a very special assembly.



What's Coming Up

3 June	Mid Term Break DON'T COME TO SCHOOL!
6 June	Queen's Birthday DON'T COME TO SCHOOL!
15 June	Eastern Zone Cross Country



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