

NEWSLETTER – 30 April 2010

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



Welcome!

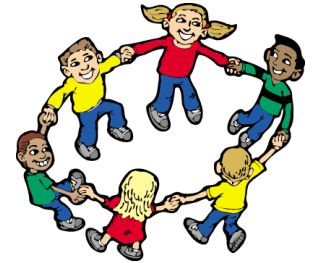
Welcome back to school for Term 2! Technical problems held up the newsletter last week but we are back in print this week! Welcome to four new students who started at our school this term. Jorjah Kameta-Hiroki, Cherie Miller and Folesi Tafili joined us as new entrants. Breahn Kimura has joined us as a Year 4. Welcome to your new school. We are sure you will have fun learning and making new friends at Miramar South School.



Miramar South School - Expectations

With a new school year starting, new children and parents coming to our school, and Board of Trustee elections, we thought it timely to restate Miramar South School's Expectations to our community. These are as follows:

1. We Talk Together To Sort Out Our Troubles
We can ask the teacher for help, and we cooperate. We act with integrity.
2. We Treat Each Other With Respect
No fighting, pushing, hitting, kicking, spitting or bad touching. No racist or sexist language. We speak kindly.
3. We Care For Our Environment
Look after sports equipment, recycle and use the rubbish bins and care for our school grounds.
4. We Follow Instructions
When a teacher asks us to do something we do it the first time.
5. We Play Safe Games
We do not play tackle or wrestling games. We use play fairly.



Miramar South School Annual Meeting

Miramar South School's Annual Meeting will be held this year on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held in Room 1. All are welcome to attend.



Breakfast Cooperative Survey

The Breakfast Coop are running a survey to gather feedback on how the programme is working for you. Please read the survey that has come home with this newsletter, fill in and return to the school office as soon as possible. We need to know how the Coop is working for the people who can benefit from it, so please take the time to fill in the survey and return it to us.

SUPAKidz Programme

Scripture Union runs the SUPAKidz Club in our hall at lunchtimes on a Thursday in the middle weeks of term time. They are hoping to film their session here on 20 May. They need to know if any parents do not want their children involved. The children will bring home an information sheet about this next week. Please read it carefully and sign and return the attached slip if required.



Board of Trustee Elections

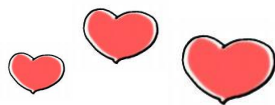
At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled (five), I hereby declare the following duly elected: John Evett, Karen Evett, Elaine Hill, Wayne Lowther, Sulu Sheck. Margaret Hudson, Returning Officer.

“Kickstart” – New Entrant Programme

We encourage you to bring your four year olds to Miss Boyes “Kickstart” programme in Room 2 this term. This is a fun programme to introduce your pre-schooler our school. You are welcome to bring along your pre-schooler every *second Thursday* from 9am to 11am – the next opportunity is on Thursday 13 May. Please mention this to other parents you know of with children due to start school soon. This is a great way for the children to see what school will be like when they start as a new entrant.



Creative Writing



Sweet Savana

“The baby’s coming, the baby’s coming!” I repeated. It was the 12th of March 2009 which is a date that I would always remember. Why? It was the day my baby sister was born.

My sister Khanya and I got home from school to find my Mum in pain. So I quickly rang my Dad and told him to come quickly because the baby was coming!!! I felt excited that the baby was coming but scared at the same time to see my Mum in pain. I gave my hand to my Mum so she could hold it. “Ow, ow, ow, ow!” I thought as she literally squeezed my hand.

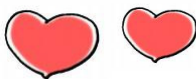
Suddenly my Dad came home, he quickly packed the bags in the car (the baby was due on the 13th of March so we were prepared). “You two go to your Grandparents’ house and wait for Mikayla” (my older sister), but I think Dad had forgotten that my Grandparents were in Samoa!! So me and my sister Khanya waited for my oldest sister to come home. My sister came home and it was about 6.00pm when she got a text saying “The baby’s not here yet.” But the funny thing was that not long after my Dad texted, my cousin texted saying “Ohhh your baby is soo cute! What is her name?” We were totally confused!

As we waited we went to get some dinner and watched TV and all I could think was “Is she born yet? What will her name be?”

We didn’t know anything until my Mum stepped into the house. “False alarm” she said, “What!” We all said in disappointment. Suddenly my Dad came in with a car seat. “Is that her?” I asked. We rushed to the car seat, and there she was. The newest addition to the family. “What’s her name?” I whispered (because she was sleeping). “Savana Vaimanuia Sheck” my Mum whispered back. We got her out of the car seat and I got to hold her first. “Welcome to the family” I said.

My sister is one year old now and loving the world even though I tell her off! I love my sister Savana with all my heart. I am proud to write about my sister.

By Kaira Sheck - Year 5



What’s Coming Up

5 May	Eastern Zone Netball Tournament (Postponement Date 12 May).
12 May	Annual Meeting 7.30pm - Room 1.
18 May	School Cross Country (Postponement Date 19 May).
20 May	Whole School Trip - details coming home.
26 May	Eastern Zone Cross Country (Postponement Date 2 June).
4 June and 7 June	Queens Birthday holidays.



Jeanette De La Mare
PRINCIPAL
MIRAMAR SOUTH SCHOOL



Community Notices

We have a cellphone for you to **text** your child’s absences to. Text your child’s full name, class and reason for absence to 0277-480100. If you need to speak to the school Secretary please phone the school office on 04-3886070. Please do not call the cellphone or try to leave voice messages. All absences are kept on record as part of Ministry of Education policy. Children who are absent often are referred to Truancy Services and then if necessary to CYFS.

