

NEWSLETTER – 4 August 2011

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



From the Principal ...

Kia ora tatou katoa, Annyong Haseyo, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Bula vi naka, Kia orana, Nga mihi nui ki a koutou, Namaste, Nihao, Greetings to you all!

I am really excited about leading the school this term and I'm excited about working with the teachers to provide you children with outstanding teaching and learning programmes. Sometimes I will be teaching and observing in classes but I want you to know you are always welcome to call or come in and see me with any family news or any concerns you may have.

Lots of exciting things are happening this term, like the Moonlight Disco and our "Maths+Games+Family=Fun!" family evening! I trust this will be, yet again, a successful term and that our Miramar South teachers and staff will continue to meet the students' learning needs and the parents' high expectations.



Learning Support Programmes

Our custom designed learning support programmes are up and running successfully again this term. Your child will be involved in one of these programmes. These programmes are:

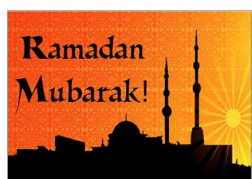
- ✓ "Spring" for numeracy support. Spring runs every day and the aim is to help students move from Stage 5 to Stage 6 maths more easily.
- ✓ "Jump" for reading support. Jump runs every day and the aim is to move students above Stanine 1 and 2 in reading.
- ✓ "Leap" for reading and writing support. Leap runs every day and is aimed at increasing students' levels in reading and writing.
- ✓ "Vasega Faasamoa - Gifted and Talented Group". Vasega Faasamoa runs weekly and the aim is to raise literacy levels in the students' first language.
- ✓ "ALiM" maths support. ALiM runs four days a week and the aim is to accelerate students' learning in maths.
- ✓ Our Reading Recovery programme continues to run every day.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated team of staff to deliver these special programmes to the children.



Welcome to Broadway North Mr Crafts!

We welcome Stuart (Stu) Crafts to Broadway North for Term 3. Stu will be teaching the Year 8 students this term while Jeanette is away on sabbatical, and I am Acting Principal. He is a valuable addition to the teaching staff and has already settled into the school routine. Stu grew up in Tauranga, has lived in Singapore, he has taught at Karori Normal School and a number of private International Schools while living overseas. He has a wife and young children, and is most keen for you to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome at the school!



Happy Ramadan!

Happy Ramadan to all of our Muslim families. Our prayer rooms opened on Monday. We have asked the children to follow the same rules of your prayer hall at the Mosque.

Mr Williams is Back on Monday!

After a long stretch away on sick leave, Mr Williams, our Room 3 teacher will be back on Monday! We all missed him while he was away, and hope he's got some new jokes for us. A big thank you to Ms Jo Rogers who relieved in Room 3 while Mr Williams was away. The children already knew Ms Rogers, so we were really lucky that she was available to take the class and do such a great job!



Thank You!

- ☺ KidsCan, Rugby Union, Adidas who sponsored eight of our students to attend the recent All Blacks game against South Africa.
- ☺ Lillian Kappely and Bumper for supporting Miss Ma'alo and Miss Boyes' Cultural Club.
- ☺ Jenny Moloney who has been taking cooking classes with some of our senior students in Broadway South.

Miramar South and Strathmore Education Initiative



Following on from our consultation evenings recently, we have come up with some recommendations that we will present to the Minister of Education. We have had a booklet published presenting your ideas. The Board is really pleased with the result, and feels that it honours our school community. We've included some photos of the children in the booklet. We have sent this booklet and an accompanying DVD to the Minister of Education to show her our vision. We want to thank you all for your commitment, time and ideas during the consultation process. The Board of Trustees will attend a final meeting with Ministry staff before the Minister of Education makes her decision on the schools' future.

We would like to invite you along to a special assembly next Friday, 12 August at 1.30pm to view the DVD and get the first copies of the booklet. Please come and see what has been produced from all of your hard work and wonderful ideas.

Parent Interviews

We recently had an opportunity for you to come to discuss your child's school report that was sent home at the end of Term 2. If you weren't able to make it then, we want you to know that the teachers are always willing to discuss you child's progress with you. Do come in to see us about your child's learning!



Can You Help? Please Contact Us

- ♥ Iron Brion - we need six adult helpers. You will get a free hamburger on the day! Of course we're happy for your pre-schoolers to be involved too!
- ♥ Moonlight Disco - we need a parent committee to help organise this event.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Reuben Va'a, Roderick Solo, and Tui Taliulu. As a result of recent rugby trials, Tui is in the Under 13 Open, Reuben is in the Under 13 Reps, and Roderick is in the Under 11 Reps. Well done to all of you. Please don't be shy to let us know of any achievements your child has, so that we can let people know in our newsletter!

What's Coming Up!

10 August	Eastern Zone Soccer Tournament
12 August	Iron Brion
17 August	"Maths+Games+Family=Fun Maths Evening
17 August	Eastern Zone Soccer Tournament Postponement Date
9 September	School Cross Country
6 October	Moonlight Disco
7 October	Last Day of Term 3!



Kaku noa na.

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