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Talohani, Talofa Koutou, Namaste, Salaam, Sawasdee, Hallo Allemaal,
Nihao, Sidaytahay, Konichi wa, Ayubowan, Greetings!

Dear parents and families

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 2. This is the term when we turn on the heaters because the weather starts to become much colder. If your children are sick, please keep them at home so that we do not spread colds. Now is a good time to check that we have your correct phone numbers so that when we need to contact you we can! You could also check that children's clothes are named so that when we find clothes we can return them to their owners.

In this newsletter we are delighted to acknowledge a lot of people for a lot of very good contributions to their own learning and to our school.

Our school values...

Our four values are Whanaungatanga pono (Positive relationships)
Respect
Trust, and
Personal Excellence

Each term we emphasise one of the values so that we can help our children to know what is involved in showing each of the values. Last term our emphasis was on Respect. We find children who are showing respect and put their names in a special box, then at each assembly we select a few children to receive a special prize. At the end of each term the children who have consistently shown this value are invited to a special morning tea with the principal and deputy principals.



AVONDALE CHRISTIAN CENTRE
"A heart for all people" "A church for all nations"

Meeting every Sunday, 10.30am in the Rosebank School Hall, a multi-cultural,
contemporary, friendly church serving your
community: Crèche, Children's programmes, Regular youth
programmes: All enquiries phone 820-0411

Last term children from Room 26 recorded their suggestions for how to show respect. Here are two examples.

Respect ourselves: Look after yourselves. Do what is good for you.

Respect others: Look after people in your families. Help them when they need help to be greater.

Respect the environment: Never stop picking up rubbish. Never forget the environment.

By Kiki Y4

Respect: Eat healthy fruit. No drawing on your body. Treat your body nicely. Drink water every day.

Respect others: Be nice to people when they have no friends.

Respect the environment: Don't litter the sea because that is bad. Don't disrespect books – treat books like your friends.

By Amelia Y4

Training...

In Room 14 the children have been learning how to write paragraphs. Here is an interesting piece of writing which clearly shows how each paragraph has a main idea. Jordan must be a strong runner if he can run while he is carrying 20 kg of sand in a vest.

You would not believe this.....

My brother Jordan was carrying a 20kg vest full of sand for training. He wears the ankle and wrist weights as well. There were 30 people in his team. He was the third fastest in his whole team.

We were jogging around the field. It was easy to keep up with the team and we played a little game of "Held". Then we did some stretches. After that we did more training and my brother was still wearing the gear and every time we went for a jog he was still in third place.

Then I was getting bored so I rode my scooter around the car park just doing tricks. It was almost time to go home, so I ran and did some stretches. We did our own stretches and then I went down the hill to ride my scooter on the footpath.

We went home and had dinner of fish fingers and potatoes and a hot milo. Afterwards I watched a movie. It was so interesting I wanted to watch more of that movie. I was inspired. In the morning I got up, did my business and went in a taxi to school. I'm at school, writing paragraphs and listening to paragraphs.

By Tyrone, Y6

Professional training and staff success – yeah!!!!

Our staff members never stop learning, and this year we're proud to share in the success of three of our staff members and one ex-staff member. Ongoing study for additional qualifications is time consuming, expensive and extremely rewarding, and shows that we are all learners. Special congratulations to our four latest learning heroes!

Miss Luisa Tohi graduated with a Graduate Diploma of Teaching English in Schools to Speakers of Other Languages (Dip TESSOL), Miss Italia Taouma, graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Mrs van Niekerk and Mrs Stephanie Blampied both graduated with a Graduate Diploma in Literacy.

Stephanie Blampied was one of our very special Reading Recovery teachers last year while she was doing some advanced training as a tutor.

Here is a photograph of Miss Tohi, Mrs van Neikerk and Mrs Blampied taken at the graduation.



Cirque Grande...

We were very fortunate to have a visit from some of the performers from the circus that is currently up in Avondale. Four young girls performed at our assembly last week, and they were incredible! Their gymnastics abilities were outstanding, and the way they worked together was inspirational. The manager, Kevin, who first asked if the group could come and visit us, explained carefully that our children should not try the acrobatics themselves. He explained that the girls (who ranged in age from 7 to 10 years) spent many hours each day in training. Their performance was awesome! The circus will be in Avondale for another few weeks, so please use the information we've given and go to one of the many performances. We have some free vouchers if you would like to call in and use them for your family!

Caught Being Good Mother...

Mrs Schuster in Room 29 is our Duffy Books in Homes coordinator. To celebrate Mother's Day, Duffy Books has sent us a special gift to present to a caught Being Good mum. Mrs Schuster decided to have a writing competition so that children could write and nominate their mothers. She had a good response and had to have some help in selecting the winners. Here are four of the winning letters, and the mums concerned will quite rightly be proud of their children's acknowledgement of them.

Dear Mum

I love you because you have a beautiful personality. I love you with all my heart. You are the best mum I could have in the whole wide world. I know you are beautiful and unique because you say nice things about me, like I'm a good singer, and I'm the most beautiful girl in the world. You give me some of your food when I ask and I get lovely presents. I hope you have a fantastic Mother's Day this year.

By Natasha R31

Dear Mrs Schuster

My mum is the best super mum ever. She always cares for me and loves me. When I'm upset she is the one who comes to me and talks with me. I love her because she is funny, kind, helpful, faithful and special to me. She is the best, best super mum in the whole wide world. My mum is a hard working lady. She works really hard all day and night. We have mother and daughter time when she comes home, and that is my favourite time.

By Elenna R

Dear Mum

You are the best because you cook delicious food and look after me. I love you because you are kind, fun, happy, nice and helpful. Thank you for teaching me Samoan and taking me to Samoa for the vacation.

Mum, you look after me and you are very pretty. Thank you for giving me money when I do my chores. Mum, you are really good at yoga. You always encourage me to run with you so that we can get skinny and fit. Happy Mother's Day, Mum.

By Peter, R31

Dear Mrs Jethnder

My mum certainly deserves this prize because she is a hard worker. I personally think that my mum deserves it more than anything. It would be very nice if she could receive the prize. My mother is a very kind, willing, funny and special lady. My mum and I do such special things together just from her hard work. My mother spends so much time with us to help us with school work. She is a very lovely woman who has somehow been blessed with seven kids (six girls and one boy). My dad totally deserves a woman like her. My mum totally deserves A PRIZE!!!!!!

By Tiare-Anne, R12

Unfortunately we can't award prizes to the mothers of all of the children who responded, but their mothers can get the best prize of all – the love of their children that has been so sincerely shown!

Waipareira Trust initiative...

Engaging Priority Families is a free Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust service for whanau who have 3 and 4 year olds who are not attending early childhood education centres or kindergartens. Waipareira staff can work with whanau and find out what kind of ECE they would like to attend, and what barriers if any are in the way. They support parents to take advantages of the 20 free hours offered. They empower whanau to engage in their children's early learning. Once tamariki are enrolled in an ECE they will support whanau until the children successfully transitions to school. Another positive for whanau is that parents have more time to pursue other endeavors.

Staff from Waipareira will be visiting our school and would love to meet with any interested parents and families. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 May at 2:30pm in our Community Hub, so please come along and share your views.

Portable Pool arrives...

We are part of a *Pools in Schools* initiative that allows us to have a portable pool for one term per year. Three other schools 'share' the pool with us, and there are 18 such portable pools all over New Zealand, and even in Rarotonga now. Our pool arrived on Saturday and we had a team of superb workers who constructed the pool from its stored condition. We are extremely grateful to the teachers, family members and our Board of Trustees chairperson who came along to help – without your help our wonderful Mrs Martin and Mike might still be trying to get the pool ready. Because it was a Saturday it was hard for some people to help, so we were really grateful to the group who were there.

HIPPY update...

The HIPPY team is off to a flying start. We have three (fairly) new tutors – Onotolu Sopoaga, Batul Void and Avanthi Sriram who work with parents and their children and support our coordinator, Elisa Niovara. If you know of any families who have children less than five years of age who would be keen to help their children, please get them to contact Elisa. There will be a group meeting at 10am – 12 noon on Wednesday 17 May. We hope that everyone will be able to attend.

DUFFY Sponsors...

We would like to acknowledge our generous sponsors for their support :

Bryan Curtis and Family

AND

The Warehouse - New Lynn

We all know how incredibly valuable the Duffy programme is and doubt that we'd be able to continue without their generous support!

COMMUNITY NOTICES...

King's School Scholarships

We have received information about two Kings School scholarships. There are four Endeavour Scholarships open to Maori and Pasifika boys in Year 6. The scholarship covers tuition fees, uniform allowance and other costs and the amount of the scholarship depends on each family's circumstances. There is one Buchanan Charitable Foundation Scholarship is open to any boy who is currently in Year 4 and pays for his fees for Year 5 – Year 8 at King's School and then onto King's College.

Applications close on 15 August. For further information please check the website www.kings.school.nz or phone Gabrielle Smith on 520 7774.

Free English lessons

The Charitable Trust *English Language Partners New Zealand* works with refugees and migrants and offers free English learning lessons. The group works from the Avondale Community Centre from 9:30am to 11:30am, and at New Lynn from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. The group also provides classes which have a small charge. This group helps English language learners to learn English that is for work and everyday life.

For further information please check the website www.englishlanguage.org.nz or phone 827 7882. The local office's direct email is aucklandwest@englishlanguage.org.nz.

Changes to West Auckland bus services

Starting on Sunday 11 June, Auckland Transport will be providing new routes, timetables, bus operators and better information for customers.

More information is available at the following websites www.AT.govt.nz/NewNetworkWest; www.AT.govt.nz/journeyplanner; www.AT.govt.nz/fares and Auckland Transport is arranging to have a series of public meetings to explain the changes.



[Pform.nz developing Skills for Life...for kids](#)

We teach **Dance, Drama and Singing to Kiwi kids**. They learn how to perform and how to present themselves onstage but what they really learn is **Confidence, Communication, Cooperation, Concentration, Courage and Character** - life skills worth developing!

We have been offering quality performance classes and shows for children for over 15 years and we have 106 classes all over Auckland - There will be a class near you.

Bookings for TERM 2 are still open and classes are filling up quick!

Special Offer for your School: Book in for Term 2 and mention this ad to receive your free Pform Sweatshirt! Phone Melissa on 09 476 4045 or email info@theperformance.net to chat about class options.

COMING EVENTS...

Monday 15 May	6:00pm Board of Trustees meeting
Tuesday 16 May	ESOL trip (Group 1)
Thursday 18 May	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme ESOL trip (Group 2)
Friday 19 May	school assembly hosted by Manawa team
Tuesday 22 May	ESOL trip (Group 3)
Thursday 25 May	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme
Friday 26 May	singing assembly
Monday 29 May	Samoan Language Week starts at school
Tuesday 30 May	Y5/6 Rugby League tournament
Thursday 1 June	9:30am Family Forward Budgeting programme
Friday 2 June	school assembly hosted by Tupulaga
Monday 5 June	Queen's Birthday holiday – school closed
Tuesday 6 June	2:00pm Senior Constable Taina Keeping Ourselves Safe parent meeting