

Hello      Tena koutou      Talofa lava      Fakaalofa atu      Namaste  
 Talofa ni      Malo e lelei      Kia orana      Konnichiwa      Malo ni  
 Ni sa bula vinaka      Bula      Selamat Pagi      Nin hao



# Te Kura o Wairau

Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Kia ora Whanau & Friends of Te Kura o Wairau

Welcome back to kura and to our last term of the year. At this time it is always very busy as we celebrate in various ways all the hard work we've all done during the year, and get ready to farewell our Year 6's as they head off to Intermediate.

## **Teacher Only Days - Structured Literacy and Mathematics & Statistics PLD**

We have 2 TODays early in Term 4.

In Week 2 on **Tuesday 14th October** all kaiako are attending professional development on how to integrate reading, writing and oral language through whole class teaching.

In Week 3 on **Friday 24th October** all kaiako and kaiawhina are attending the 3rd Mathematics and Statistics professional development.

## **Team Newsletters**

On Monday all tamariki got a Team Newsletter that outlined the main focuses that the Team have during this term, any dates of importance, and any information that helps you know what is happening at Te Kura o Wairau and particularly in your children's Teams.

## **Term 4's Major Learning Focus/Big Idea**

This term in each of our teams our ākonga are learning through our big idea - '*Kaitiakitanga*'. This is also one of our Uara/Values. It is during this term that we really focus on 'giving back' in some way and to show what 'service' looks like, sounds like and feels like.



## **Whole School Assemblies**

This term our whole school assemblies will be led by our Student Leaders. They will all take place this term on a **Monday**. They will start at 9:05am. Our first one will be in Week 3 on **Monday 20th October**. Our second one will be in Week 6 on **Monday 10th November**, and our third one will be in Week 9 on **Monday 1st December**.

In our final week of school on **Monday 15th December** at 9:05am we will gather to give out the last Uara Awards to our tamariki.

## **Pacific Language Weeks**

During the holidays it was 'Te Gana Tuvalu' (Tuvalu Language Week).



This week it has been 'Vosa Vakaviti' (Fijian Language Week). We started our week and the term off with our Fijian flag raising ceremony in the hall. It was made even more special as our whānau who are Fijian came to support us. Some shared who they were, and gave us a good understanding about using the words 'bula' and 'vinaka' (bula = hello and vinaka = thank you). All ākonga have been learning about the Fijian culture throughout the week which ended with a lovely flag lowering ceremony.



In week 3 is Vagahau Niue (Niuean Language Week). We will celebrate this week and raise the flag during our whole school assembly.



In week 4 after Labour Day we will be learning about and celebrating 'Te Gangana Tokelau' (Tokelau Language Week) starting with a Tokelau flag raising ceremony on Tuesday 28th October. This will be our last Pacific Language Week that we will be learning about this year.



## **Plant to Plate**

Room 8 will spend a day with the Plant to Plate Team tending the raised gardens, learning about healthy food and preparing a healthy meal to eat together.

## **Big Shake Out - Earthquake Drill**

On Thursday 16th October all schools and organisations who have signed up to take part in the Aotearoa Big Shake Out Earthquake Drill will take part in this at 9:30am. We will play the pre recorded audio drill that goes for 1 minute. At this time we will 'Drop, Cover and Hold for 60 seconds. During the drill we will be encouraging our ākonga to take notice of what might be happening around them in a real earthquake, and after the drill discuss what we might need to think about to be better prepared next time.



## **Big Brothers & Big Sisters Fundraising**

On Friday 17th October we will be supporting the 'Big Brothers & Big Sisters Team' who support lots of tamariki in schools across the Manawātū. They are an organisation that volunteers their time to support the lives of young people. We will help raise money for this by having a 'Dress Up In Purple' or 'Dress Up As Your Favourite Role Model' on Friday. Bring a 'gold coin' donation on this day so we can send this onto our Team of Big Brothers & Big Sisters to say 'Ngā Mihi Nui' for the mahi they do.

## **School Photos**

On Thursday 30th October Photolife photographers will be taking our students photos and staff photos in the hall. There will be an online system in place for you to order these. A leaflet will be sent home with information regarding ordering and sibling information. Please fill it in and return it to school if you want sibling photos taken. They are such treasures that hold so many memories for whānau and friends.

## **Uara/Values Target**

We have reached 7539 Uara points. Our target is 8000 points. We only need 461 Uara points and then we can celebrate this goal with a Wairatanga Celebration. I wonder what we will be doing this time?

Nga mihi nui  
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