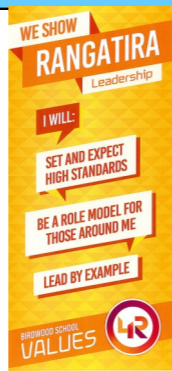


Birdwood School Newsletter Week 7 Term 2, 2020



Birdwood School PB4L



Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, talofa lava, fakalofa lahi atu. malo e lelei, bula vinaka, naumaste, Ni hao, Ahn nyong ha se yo, Sawasdee, Xin Chao, Malo ni, Fakatalofa atu, Ayubowan & Sawubana, Greetings to you all.

Thursday 29th May 2020

Welcome to our new students: Carlos Felise Te'o, Daniel Lotomau, Taylor-Ri Witehera, Te Manukura Turner-Q Currie, Sage Hawea, Nevada Rihari, Aiyana Rose Tautari, Qwasha Stealey-King and Aldon Feliciano

'Tapena sou o'so mo lau malaga' - 'Prepare yourself a gift for your travels'.



This week we celebrate Samoan Language Week.

Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa is organised by the Ministry for Pacific Peoples to maintain and promote the language and culture of Samoa. Gagana Samoa is the second most spoken language in some cities like Auckland and Porirua, and the third most spoken language across New Zealand.

Samoa Language Week celebrates the identity, language, and culture of students from Samoa and students whose families are from Samoa; supporting this group of learners to engage and achieve success.

This special week helps all New Zealanders journey towards shared cultural understandings. Here are some simple phrases you may like to practice with your children:

- Tālofa lava: Hello (formal)
- Mālō le soifua: Hello/Good health
- 'O ā mai 'oe? How are you? (to one person only)
- Manuia fa'afetai: Good, thank you
- Manuia le aso: Have a great day

At Birdwood School we encourage all students to learn their pepeha in Maori. This week the teachers will be helping the students learn their pepeha in Samoan. I would like to share a brief introduction or in Samoan 'Folafolaga pu'upu'u' with our community.

Talofa Lava

O lou igoa o Jenny Bernard

O lou tama o Filipo Bernard

Na fanau inei Levili Samoa

O lou tina o Moana Bernard

E sau mai le nu'u o Alepata Samoa

O a'u ole tama'ita'i pule a'oga i totonu o Birdwood.

Fa'a manuia mai le Atua

Fa'afetai te le lava



Fa'afetai Lava to all our leaders who have been teaching the Samoan language to our Birdwood Learners.

NEWSLETTERS - Every 2 weeks we send a hard copy newsletter home to all our families. During the lockdown all our newsletters have been electronic - they have been on our website, skool loop or emailed. We would like to continue doing this but also understand some families would like a hardcopy of the newsletter. If you are one of these families can you please contact the office so Vicky can give these letters out on newsletter week to your children. We will continue to supply a hard copy until the end of term 2.

PARKING ON KAREPO CRESCENT - Just a reminder about parking outside the school. There are signs opposite our school which clearly state no parking between 2.30 to 3.30pm. This is a safety issue so please do not park there. We want our children to be safe crossing the road and we need clear visibility to see any cars coming down Karepo Crescent. I have noticed cars parking on grass verges - this is also a safety issue. Remember to keep driveways clear. It is important we park our cars in the correct place at all times. Constable Murray will be visiting soon so please adhere to correct parking at all times.

If your child is absent, please remember to call 833 8479 or text 0275694305 or submit on website

Unite against COVID-19

Birdwood School has reopened for all students from Monday 18th May 2020.

We are operating within strict Health and Safety Protocols for the safety and well being of all our students and staff.

LEVEL 2

STAY SAFE, BE KIND

COVID 19 - Thank you whanau for following the level 2 protocols and your support over the last few months, as together we united against the challenges of Covid-19. We have had a smooth transition into level 2 and everyone in our school is practising the 3 key messages:

- Wash your hands often
- Social distancing - keep 2 metres apart outside and 1 metre inside.
- Contact tracing register - anyone who visits the school needs to report to the office and sign in.

Alert Levels 3 and 2 brought relief for many families and whānau, as it was once again safe for their children and young people to physically attend school. Getting back to a normal routine is important for the health and wellbeing of your children, and being around their peers and teachers will help them feel in control and reassured. We are looking forward to welcoming all our tamariki back to school and making it a positive experience for them and for you. Regularly attending school really matters when it comes to your child's learning and their future. We are here to help and will be happy to talk about any challenges you have in ensuring tamariki are back at school. At the moment we have 76% of children who have returned to school. We would like all our children back at school as soon as possible. If they are unwell, please let us know so we can support you. Otherwise, we look forward to hearing from you to advise when they will recommence their learning at school.

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS - Learning Conversations or student led conferences will be held on **Wednesday 24th June 2020**. Since Covid 19 we have been exposed to the online world and many things have changed for teachers. We are very proficient at doing zoom or google hangout meetings. This year we would like to try the online tool Skool Loop to book interviews. The preferred option is for parents to book online. However, if you have not downloaded the app on your phone you can contact the school office 09 8338479 and Vicky or Debbie will be able to organise the interview times for you, or you can email your class teacher. The skool loop app will go live on **Tuesday 2nd June** at 3pm.

Learning conversations will be an opportunity for your children to share with you their learning over the lockdown as well as parents sharing the learning they noticed with their children during this time. This is also a time for families, children and teachers to have a shared understanding of specifics around where effort and energy needs to be directed. Student led conferences are not the forum for parents to raise issues that are sensitive in nature that potentially should not be discussed with the child present. If there is anything you wish to discuss of a sensitive nature with your classroom teacher please make a separate time to do this away from this triadic interview forum. The learning conversations will not come with a formal report but provide an opportunity for parents and the child to talk with the teacher about their learning, social, cultural and sporting involvement from the start of the year. **School will finish early on Wednesday 24th June at 12.00pm. The first interview will be at 12.15pm** Forms are being sent home today so you can book your interview. Please return them to school as soon as possible. We will try our very best to accommodate everyone's request.

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Request to schools to place in their school newsletters/communications:

During COVID-19 Alert Level 2, the Children's Community Dental Service has reopened some of its clinics for children with urgent dental care needs. We will be in contact with you if your child requires an urgent appointment. Alternatively, if your child is in pain, or you have immediate concerns about their teeth, please phone 0800 TALK TEETH to speak with one of our therapists. We are not able to offer routine appointments just yet, but we will let you know as soon as this changes. This means that your child's routine appointment may be delayed. For more information, search for 'ARDS' on the Waitemata DHB website. The Children's Community Dental Service.



**REMINDER/
Queens Birthday**

**Monday 1st June
is a public holiday,
there is no school
on this day.**

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS/SKOOL LOOP

ONLINE-LIVE

On Tuesday 2nd June, bookings for Learning Conversation times will be available on Skool Loop. Please book your online interview on Skool Loop as soon as possible to secure a time (Limited Spaces). You can also contact the office for more information or to make a booking.

ATTENDANCE

At School	CURRENT
On Time	ATTENDANCE
All Day	70%
Everyday	TARGET—90%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Evelyn Fruean, Bayleigh Tangaroa, Vanancia Rapana, Myra Young Yen, Joseph Faiva, Rebekah Afualo, Ashtyn Pasene-Muavae & Rosanna Apoligasio-Sofe.



School website: www.birdwood.school.nz