



Friday 6 June, 2025

Tālofa lava,

Samoan Language Week Celebration

Week 6 was a fantastic and vibrant time for our school as we celebrated Samoan Language Week. The lead-up to the week was filled with energy and anticipation, and the celebrations truly reflected the spirit of community and culture.



Throughout the week, our classrooms have been immersed in exploring the Samoan language, arts, and culture. Students engaged in a range of meaningful activities, from traditional art and storytelling to songs and language lessons. By the end of the week, each class shared their learning with others.

Thank you to Mrs Nineta Nimo for her incredible support and for working closely with our Samoan families in preparation for the week. It was wonderful to see so many parents actively involved—supporting their children, participating in activities, and joining us at school to celebrate. Fa'afetai tele lava, Nineta, mo mea uma ua e faia.

We had a wonderful start to the week with a street parade on Monday, followed by a flag-raising ceremony. On Wednesday, we held our Ava Ceremony, a special cultural event that brought our school community together in celebration.

We're also incredibly proud of Lina Alesana, Mafutaga Iosefo, and Jesiana Kilisi, who represented our school at this year's Celebration of Samoan Language speech event for primary and intermediate schools. Each of them spoke with confidence and pride, beautifully showcasing both their language skills and their deep connection to Samoan culture. **Fa'amālō le lelei, tamaiti!**



Anau Kupa
TUMUAKI

STUDENT NEWS/SPORTS

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L): Respectful Language

At our school, we are committed to fostering a respectful and inclusive environment for all students. As part of our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) expectations, students are reminded to always use respectful and appropriate language—whether in the classroom, on the sports field, during games, or at off-site school events.

Lately, we've noticed an increase in swearing and disrespectful language—particularly when students lose a game, feel frustrated or angry, or are trying to provoke others. Swearing, teasing, or making hurtful remarks—including “your mumma” jokes—is not okay. This kind of language can damage relationships and does not reflect the respectful culture we aim to uphold.

We encourage you to speak with your child about the importance of using respectful language in all situations.

VAI AWARDS - Week 6

Congratulations to the following students who have received their VAI certificates.



VOICE/To korero

“Everyone has a voice that can change the way things are”

Kycen. Dolan
Roaa Thani



ACTION/ Ngā mahi

“Learners make a difference”

Kristie McGregor
Freya Louez
Joseph Shephard
Chozen Ruhi



IDENTITY/Tuakiritanga

“Know who you are, be who you are, show who you are”

Genesis Fugalei Va'al'ii
Tuni. Toalei
Tuaine. Wichman
Jonathan Iosefo
Makarios Fa'atau
Keisa Togafiti Seuseu
Lina Alesana
Darren Togafiti
Mafutaga Iosefo
Laupau Sinamaitai
William Edmonds
Enoch Tanoi



SPORTS

Netball Tournament @ Mungavin Netball Courts

On Tuesday, 10th June, three Years 5-8 teams will be participating in the Netball Tournament at Mungavin Netball Courts.

WHANAU NEWS

Life Education

Next week, we welcome Marsha, a facilitator from Life Education. Her sessions will focus on digital citizenship,

staying safe online, and looking after our *hauora*—with a particular emphasis on personal safety, well-being, and, most importantly, getting enough sleep at night.

Approaching Children at School

If your child comes home and tells you about an incident they've had, please speak to their teacher to get a full understanding of what happened. Please do not approach the child or group of children involved—this can make situations more complicated and is not appropriate.

Mobile Phones (Students)

Please remind students to hand their phones in to Jo at the office each morning. Ideally, phones should be left at home to avoid any distractions or issues during the school day.

Wet Days

Winter has certainly settled in! Not to worry—we're making sure the heaters are on and classrooms are warm so our children stay comfortable throughout the day.

College Enrolments and Open Evening for 2026

Aotea College Open Evening: Thursday, 12th June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Session 1: 3:30pm – 5:00pm ○ Session 2: 5:30pm – 7:00pm Closing date for Year 9 enrolments in 2026 of Wednesday, 23rd July 2025	Bishop Viard College Open Day: Wednesday, 18th June, 12:30pm – 2:30pm (for students entering Year 9 in 2026)
Mana College Open Evening: Tuesday, 10th June at 5:30pm Closing date for Year 9 enrolments in 2026 of Wednesday, 23rd July 2025	Tawa College Open Evening: Tuesday, 17th June 2025 (Details to be confirmed) Closing date for Year 9 enrolments in 2026 of Wednesday, 23rd July 2025



BOARD NEWS

School Board Elections

Every three years, school communities elect parent and staff representatives to help govern their schools. This year's Board elections will be held in September. We encourage you to think about putting yourself forward—it's a great opportunity to contribute to the future of our school.

Calendar Dates - Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June

- Tuesday 10th June - Netball Tournament
- Wednesday 11th June - Talanoa, Korero mai, Talk together 2.00pm and 6.00pm
- Wednesday 18th - 27th June Life Education (Health Education)
- Friday 20th June - Matariki (holiday)
- Monday 23 June - Board meeting at 5.00pm
- Tuesday 24th June - Regional Cross Country Yr 4-8
- Friday 27th June - Term 2 Ends