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# Talofa




Thank you very much for your support with Teacher's Only Day last Friday. I hope you enjoyed the long weekend with your children. The teaching staff were all taking part in Maths Professional Development about the new Maths Curriculum. From 2027 all schools in New Zealand are required to teach the new curriculum. This is available to have a look at online if you are interested. This year has been a bit of a change over time and the Ministry provided us with Prime Maths Activity Books which some of the classes have been using. These are actually written for the Australian Curriculum so teachers have been selecting what activities to use or not. They also require a certain level of reading ability and maths understanding for students to be able to complete them independently. Therefore when you receive your child's book home at the end of the year it is definitely not expected to be completed and some books may not have been used much at all. However, they still contain lots of great maths practice sheets and students may want to 'practice' their maths over the summer break. The Prime Maths Books have now been re-written for the new New Zealand Curriculum and therefore the books we get next year will align much better. So we do not need our spare unused copies. These are on a table in the School Office. If you would like some of them please just come in and help yourself.

As I have mentioned before we have a major building project happening at school over the holiday break. This requires us to have the whole main block of the school completely empty and loaded into containers to be taken off-site by Monday 14 December. This is why the students are all finishing on Friday 11 December at 3pm. This is also why if you have been into the classrooms in the main block you will notice that the walls are already starting to look a little bare and there are piles of boxes starting to appear around the place. Part of the project is the removal of asbestos in the ceiling voids of this building. This means that from Tuesday 15 December until Thursday 24 December NOBODY IS ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE AT ALL - THIS IS 7 DAYS A WEEK AND 24 HOURS. The school is going to be fenced, there will be signs up and there is also going to be an asbestos supervisor onsite who will be moving people on. After Christmas the rebuilding work begins and this will be ongoing right until the end of January. During this time the areas being worked on will be fenced and there will be a large group of contractors working onsite. Please do not let your children come to play at the school during this time. The school will be a construction site and therefore there are dangers present. Also because of all of this work, unfortunately we are unable to fill or open our swimming pool until the new year. This means we will NOT be leasing keys for the pool this year.




Enjoy the rest of your week. Take care and be kind to one another.

Kim Theyers - Tumuaki



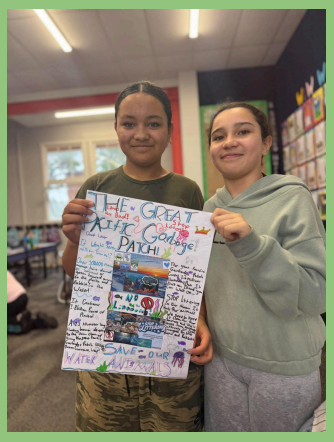

# Upcoming Events

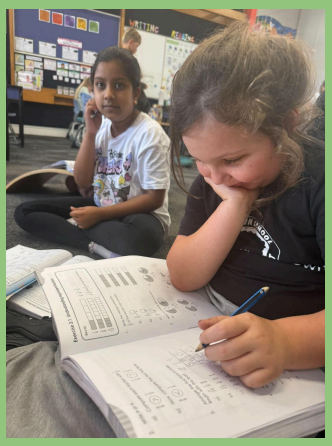
20 November - 9.10am - School Assembly in the Hall - Virtual Ukulele Jam & Rm 6 sharing - all welcome
25 November - Year 6 Road Patrollers Appreciation Day
27 November - 9.10am - School Assembly in the Hall - Rm 11 sharing - all welcome
27 November - 1pm - School Fun Run
2 December - Senior Day Out - Rm 12 & 13
4 December - 9.10am, - Last School Assembly for the year in the Hall - all welcome
7 December - Montessori Day Out - Rm 14
9 December - Little & Middle Day Out - Rm 6, 5, 10 & 11
10 December - Reports come home
Friday 11 December - 10am - Year 6 Graduation & School Prizegiving - the last day of school for all students - school finishes at 3pm

# THE CALENDAR ART ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED

Please come into the school office to pick up your order as we do not give these to the students to bring home as we do not want them accidentally getting damaged or wet.







Room 12 have been working hard learning about sustainability, the great garbage patch and fractions!




# Update

Thank you very much to everyone who has already sold their raffle tickets and come in and picked up extra sheets to sell. Please keep selling as this is an important fundraiser for our school. The funds raised help pay for the "Days Out" all of the students go on at the end of the year and the printing of our wonderful school magazine.
WE URGENTLY REQUIRE DONATIONS OF ITEMS FOR THE PRIZE HAMPERS. It would be great if every family could donate an item. Please bring these into the school office asap.
Our last PTA Meeting for the year is on Monday 7 December at 5.30pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome.

Christmas Raffle




**Term 4 Week Best Class Attendance Room 10**