ST. LEONARDS
– ROAD SCHOOL –

"EMPOWERING TAMARIKI TO THRIVE"

Weekly Newsletter
No 3 Term 4
28 Oct 2026

Hello • Tena Koutou • Talofa Lava • Malo e Lelei • Namaste • Ni sa bula vinaka • Fakalofa lahi atu
Kia Orana • Ni hao • As-salamu-Alaikum • Noa'ia'e Mauri

Fakaalofa lahi atu. We extend a warm welcome to our new tamariki and whānau and look forward to working with you to ensure a successful educational outcomes. Congratulations to all tamariki who were recognised at last Friday's assembly for your achievement, efforts and progress - our superstars!

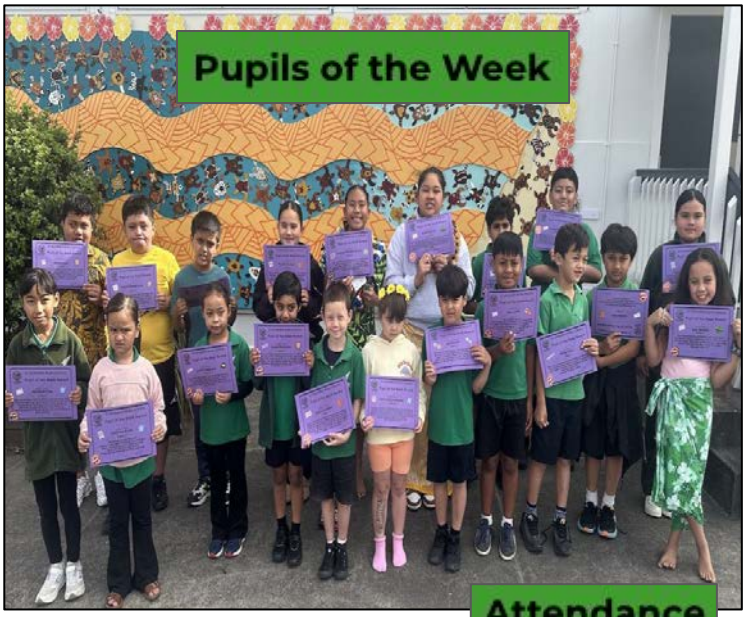
Last week was a hive of activity at kura as we celebrated Vagahau Niue language week. Enjoy the photos that are a peek into the learning shared.

Featured in this newsletter:

- ➔ *Term 4 2026 and 2027 school year dates.*
- ➔ *Kelifest Niue Performance Group*
- ➔ *Vagahau Niue Language Week 2026*
- ➔ *Friends of Arataki - Kids Day*

***RUBBISH AND LOST PROPERTY BLITZ** …*
We are focussed on working together to model and demonstrate responsible behaviour for our clothing and to keep our environment rubbish free. Parents and caregivers can support us by ensuring all all clothing, swimming togs, towels, hats and drink bottles are named. Named items can be returned to the owners, unnamed items makes this hard. Our tamariki are being reminded to pick up their clothing when they remove it and put it into their bags.

Fakaalofa lahi atu,
Sharon Fuemana - Tumuaki











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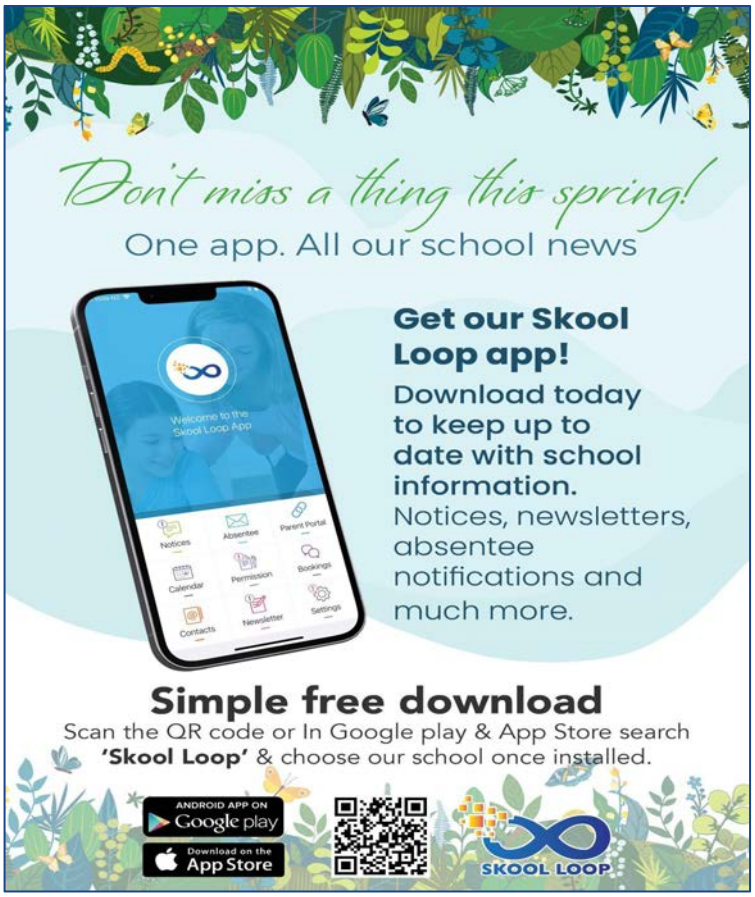
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Important 2026 Dates

2026 Term 4 Events	Dates
Tokelau Language Week	Mon 26 - Fri 30 Oct
Interschool Football *…Save Date*	Wed 28 Oct *Thu 29 Oct*
9.10am - School Assembly, R12	Fri 30 Oct
Parihaka	Mon 02 - Fri 06 Nov
5pm Lumana'i Fono	Wed 04 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R9	Fri 06 Nov
Diwali	Mon 09 - Fri 13 Nov
Armistice Day	Wed 11 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R8	Fri 13 Nov
4pm Y2 Teachers Graduation	Thu 19 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R14	Fri 20 Nov
FOTS Bake Sale *(Reo Rua bringing baking)*	Fri 20 Nov
Athletics *…Save Date*	Mon 24 Nov *Thu 26 Nov*
6.30pm Board Meeting	Wed 25 Nov
9.10am - School Assembly, R21	Fri 27 Nov
9.30am-1pm Y5 Road Patrol Training	Tue 01 Dec
Last Vagahau Niue Class for 2026	Thu 03 Dec
9.10am - Pupil of the Term Assembly	Fri 04 Dec
Market Day / Whanau Christmas Picnic	Fri 04 Dec
Road Patrol Trip to Rainbows End	Wed 09 Dec

2026 Term 4 Events	Dates
9.10am - Pupil of the Year Assembly 2pm - FOTS Sausage Sizzle	Fri 11 Dec
9:30am - Y6 Graduation	**Tue 15 Dec**
LAST DAY 2026 - 1PM FINISH **9.15am - Carols Assembly**	**Thurs 17 Dec**



2026 School Year Dates:	2027 School Year Dates and Public Holidays:			
Term 4 - 2026 **Mon, 12 Oct to Thurs. 17 Dec.** ***Holidays:*** *Labour Day - Mon, 26th Oct*	**Term 1 - 2027** **Wednesday 3 Feb to Friday 9 April** ***Holidays:*** *Waitangi Day (observed) - Mon, 8th Feb; Good Friday - Fri, 26th Mar; Easter Monday - Mon, 29th Mar; Easter Tuesday - Tue, 30th Mar*	**Term 2 - 2027** **Tuesday 27 April to Friday 2 July** ***Holidays:*** *King's Birthday - Mon, 7th Jun; Matariki - Fri, 25th Jun*	**Term 3 - 2027** **Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September** ***No Holidays***	**Term 4 - 2027** **Monday 11 Oct to Friday 17 December** ***Holidays:*** *Labour Day - Mon, 26th Oct*

Kelifest - Niuean Group



Back in week 1, the 2026 St Leonards Road School Niuean Group rocked the stage with their confident voices and beautiful smiles!

Our group consisted of 18 girls and 5 boys who were proud to learn how to koli Niue and celebrate Vagahau Niue, sharing the culture with the Kelston community.

Fakaaue lahi to all our talented students for their dedication and commitment throughout Term 3. They gave up their lunch breaks every day to practise and rehearse for Kelifest.

I am incredibly proud of their hard work, enthusiasm and cultural pride, and it was so rewarding to see all their efforts come to life on stage!

A special fakaaue lahi to Whaea Nicole Harrison and our Principal Sharon Fuemana for organising the uniforms, and to Meleveti Makaola for making the lau ti for our group. A big thank you to Loa Vilisoni and our students' families for their continued support!

Monu Tagaloa! Chehoooo! - Miss. Kelly







Niuean Language Week

Monuina e Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue – Happy Niuean Language Week!



Last week, our school celebrated Vagahau Niue through a range of fun and activities. It was wonderful to see our students participating with pride and enthusiasm as we celebrated the Niuean language, traditions, and identity.

Aho Gofua (Monday): We kicked off the week with a Niue Flag Raising Ceremony led by Room 23.

Aho Ua (Tuesday): Students put their knowledge to the test with our Niuean Kahoot Trivia. A big congratulations to our winner, Ayla Lomi from Room 22!

Aho Lotu (Wednesday): We took part in Toho Toume, a traditional Niuean land skiing game that was super fun and had everyone getting involved!



Aho Tulotu (Thursday): Things got delicious with our Falaoa Niu (Niuean coconut bread) workshop. What a yummy way to celebrate Niuean culture!

Aho Falaile (Friday): We finished the week on a high with our Kelifest Niuean Group rocking the stage at assembly, hosted by Room 23. We also announced the winners of our Find the Niue Flag challenge - Congratulations to Room 24! To wrap up our celebrations, everyone joined in our Niuean Celebration Parade. Kalaga mai! Chehoooo!

A huge fakaaue lahi (thank you) to all our students for participating with pride, and to Miss Kelly, Ms Tigifagu, and Ms Smith for their support in making the week such a success. It was a fantastic week celebrating and strengthening our connection to Vagahau Niue and Niuean culture!

















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Monuina e faahi tapu he Vagahau Niue - Happy Niuean Language Week!

As part of our Vagahau Niue celebrations, students took part in an exciting art competition inspired by this year's theme, "Gahua auloa ke fakaako fakamalolō e Vagahau Niue" – Working together to diligently teach and strengthen Vagahau Niue.

We received a whopping 180 entries altogether! Chehooo! It was wonderful to see the creativity, thought, and effort our students put into their artwork, celebrating the beauty of Vagahau Niue and our rich Niuean culture.

Choosing the winners was no easy task, with so many wonderful entries showcasing our students' talent and understanding of the theme. A huge fakaaue lahi to everyone who participated!

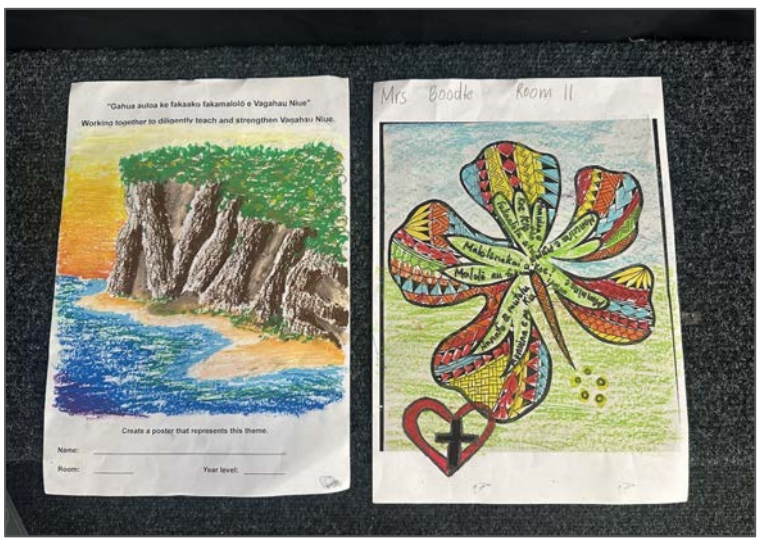
Congratulations to our winners and runners-up!





Winners (from left to right)
Shailja Singh, R7 (Middle School Winner)
Sage Samuela, R23 (Senior School Winner)
Siliika Cheesman, R11 (Junior School Winner)

Runners-up (from left to right)
Gabriella Manu, R7 (Middle Runner Up)
Mahonri Faagutu, R23 (Senior Runner Up)
Deanna Allport, R11 (Junior Runner Up)



Staff entries that we just had to share!
From left:
Mr O'Brien, R7
Mrs. Boodle, R11

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