



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025

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Fakafeiloaki • Ni Sa Bula • Noaia'e Mauri • Kia Orana • Asalam Alykum • Ni Hao • Konnichiwa*

***“Kia pono, kia māia, kia whakakotahi ai tātou”
“Let us be honest, let us be brave, so we all unite”***

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Finally, we have made it to Spring! Hopefully the weather starts to warm up and we can enjoy getting outside a bit more. Please stay vigilant with sickness and illnesses. In recent weeks, there has been a spike in influenza-B so we need to ensure we remind ourselves and each other to use healthy hygiene practices including:

- Staying home if you are unwell
- Washing hands before eating and after using the wharepaku/toilet
- Coughing and sneezing into our elbows

These are the practices that we use at school and remind the children to use on a regular basis. This helps us to stay happy and healthy and ensures we can come to school everyday - ready to learn!

Car Park Safety - please help us by doing the right thing

This is still an ongoing issue and concern for our school. It is important that we observe the correct safety rules to avoid any potential accidents between cars and people/children.

There are 3 simple rules that must be observed by all:

1. **Please do not park in the staff car park, this is for staff cars ONLY. This INCLUDES the grass mound out the front of the school.**
2. Do **NOT** walk through the carpark. The gate nearest to the school letterbox is always open. Use the gate to walk through and use the footpath.
3. Drop-off zone. When cars have stopped to pick up their child/children, do **NOT** double park or attempt to go around other cars. Children are unpredictable at the best of times and we can not guarantee that they will always follow the rules and do the right thing.

“Wear your culture to school” day - Friday 12 September

On Friday 12 September, we are having a “Wear your culture to school” day. This is to celebrate the wonderful diversity we have at APS and to promote pride in our culture and heritage. Children are encouraged to come to school in clothing that reflects their culture.

Language of Learning at APS

We have a set of 6 statements in Reading, Writing and Mathematics that are used across the school from Years 1-6. These statements are shared with students so they know what is expected of them when learning in the 3 core learning areas. They encourage a strong learning culture to reflect excellence in learning and high expectations for all. These statements, or norms, are seen and heard in every classroom. It would be fantastic for whānau to know what these norms are so you can use them at home too.

Reading:

1. When we learn to read, we need to practise a lot to become successful
2. Reading is enjoyable and is a positive, fun thing to do
3. Reading different texts strengthens what we already know and helps us to build new learning and knowledge
4. Learning to read doesn't always follow a straight path and that's OK
5. Reading is learning to understand what has been written
6. Reading is participating in conversations to express our thoughts, ideas and opinions



Writing:

1. Writing is a way of expressing ourselves
2. Everyone is a writer and we can all learn to love writing
3. Writing is about good ideas and painting a picture in the reader's mind
4. Handwriting and spelling are a part of writing. We plan, we revise, we edit in writing to make it even better than before
5. There are many different types of writing and we write to share with others
6. Believe in yourself, it changes what you can do!



Mathematics

1. Everyone can learn maths to a high level
2. Maths is looking for patterns and asking lots of questions
3. Making mistakes, taking risks, challenging yourself and never giving up are the best times for your brain
4. Explain your thinking, justify your thinking. You can even change your thinking
5. Maths is about using maths language and sharing your ideas
6. Believe in yourself, it changes what you can do!



Dates to remember.....

- Friday 12 September - "Wear your culture to school" day
- Monday 15 September - Friday 19 September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- Tuesday 16 September - Duffy Role Model Assembly
- Wednesday 17 September - Transition to school visits for 5 year olds
- Thursday 18 September - School Board Meeting
- Friday 19 September - Last Day of Term 3
- Monday 6 October - Term 4 starts
- Monday 13 October - Book Week starts with the Book Character Parade (please get this ready over the school holidays).

Ngā mihi nui

Tracy - Tumuaki/Principal