



The Hay Park Spark

Tuesday 19th August 2025



Kia ora – Kia orana – Malo ni – Malo e lelei – Talofa lava –
Namaste – Xin chao – Fakaalofa lahi atu – Hwan young hap ni
da sindhi – Nī hāo – Bula vinaka – Salaam – Hello

Dear Parents and Carers

Mālō e lelei. Welcome Zhaniyah and Moirajulia and welcome back Angelina and Matthew to our Hay Park School whānau.

I would like to congratulate our new Hay Park School Board. We had enough nominations to fill the vacancies, so we didn't need to have an actual election. Our 'elected' parent representatives are Zakirah Nazim, Shabana Mohammed, Pamata Asafo, Joseph Skudder and Selu Mafi.

This week is Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga - Tonga Language Week. This year's theme is 'Ko 'etau lea, ko e fe'unu mahu'inga ia ki he mo'ui 'a e Tonga - Our language is a vital strand of our Tongan culture.'

Language is vital for any culture. It was with great concern that I heard the government wants to decrease the number of te reo words in our early readers, using structured literacy as an excuse, saying that it is hard enough to learn one language, let alone two. There is much evidence to show that learning more than one language is of great benefit and much easier for children than adults. Knowing more than one language helps the brain's 'neuroplasticity' - helps the brain to create new neural pathways and strengthen existing ones. Not everyone is stuck at the bottom of the world, surrounded by water. Most people in most countries around the world, Europe being a great example, learn more than one language as a matter of course. Also, the Welsh have done a great job of reclaiming their language, becoming a bilingual nation. There is so much possibility for us.

There is much going on in the world that is concerning. Humanity's actions can have huge consequences, such as many innocents affected by conflict, disease and climate change. Our thoughts and aroha go out to everyone touched by these.

Just a reminder that we have PUMs (Paid Union Meetings) tomorrow. Thank you everyone who could support us by picking their children up early, at 1.30pm from the school hall.

Tickets for our school production, The Hidden Sky, go on sale next week. There will be a matinee on 10 September and an evening show on 11 September. Single tickets are \$5 and a family pass for five people is \$20. Tickets go very quickly, so please don't leave it until the last minute, as you may be disappointed.

School Calendar

August 18-22 Tongan Language Week

August 21 Te Aho-White Class

Assembly

August 22 Tuakana Team SPEC

August 28 HPW Assembly

August 29 Teina Team SPEC

September 4 Patmore Class Assembly

September 10 School Board Elections

September 19 Staff only day - [School](#)

[Closed](#)



Report an Absence

3 ways to report an absence:

- Use Skool Loop Parent APP
- Phone: 625 9531 - Press 1
- Email office@haypark.school.nz

If your child is unwell, late or unable to attend school, please inform us by 8.30am on the morning of the absence.

You can either phone or text to leave a message 24/7 with your child's name, room number, and reason for absence.



A healthy lunch is provided for all our students, including students with special dietary requirements which caters specifically to their needs. Some children are having snack foods or junk food every day for morning tea or lunch. Just a reminder that these are treat foods and should be given to children occasionally, not daily. Children need 'real food' for their growing brains. Fruit is available at school for a morning snack, however please feel free to provide your child with a healthy morning tea. We also provide breakfast every morning.

Finally, a reminder that we have a Staff Only Day on the last day of term, Friday 19 September. There will be no school for the children that day. All staff will be doing first aid training. School will finish at normal time, 3pm on Thursday 18 September.

Faka'apa'apa atu
Sheree Campbell



CLASS AWARDS

Jackson Class: Conrad

For showing a positive attitude and enthusiasm towards his work. You are excited to learn new concepts and more confident with giving things a go. Keep up the amazing work you are doing. An awesome role model for Jackson Class. Ka Pai!



Tibbo Class: Damon

For showing resilience in his work with maths and giving things a go even when it was hard. You are improving in your ability to settle down and be responsible for your own learning with enthusiasm and becoming a good role model in Tibbo Class! Tino pai!



Flox Class: Kenneth

For settling into Flox Class so well. You have shown resilience, responsibility and respect since starting at Hay Park School. I love seeing you gaining confidence and making new friends. We love having you! Keep up the good mahi!



Te Aho-White Class: Sumaiya

For having a positive attitude and working hard to use your letter sounds to read new words. I love how you pause to sound out a word before spelling it and use the resources around the room to help you. Great work, Sumaiya!



Binney Class: Katie

For hard work, enthusiasm and determination in all subjects. Thank you for making the effort to use a range of digital tools to translate and present information. Awesome work!



Patmore Class: Angel

For showing incredible effort and amazing progress in her learning. She continues to show our school values through her respectful attitude, responsible choices and caring actions. Ka pai, Angel.



Bailey Class: Isabella

For showing resilience and determination towards preparing for the Film Festival. Ka Pai!

FLOXCLAS



We have been working with our buddy classes creating some wonderful items for Molley Green Day which is fast approaching! In this session we were in the art room creating customised wraps that will be going around bunches of flowers. Make sure you come and check it out on Saturday the 6th of September.



Binney Class

Malo e lelei,

Last week, our class worked with Room 1 and 2 to design bag tags. Students were asked to create designs promoting our Hay Park Way (HPW) values. They used Google Drawing and their imagination to come up with unique designs. The bag tags will be given out during our HPW assemblies. Take a look at our first attempts and let us know what you think. Thanks.

Mr Albert.



By Sita & JJ

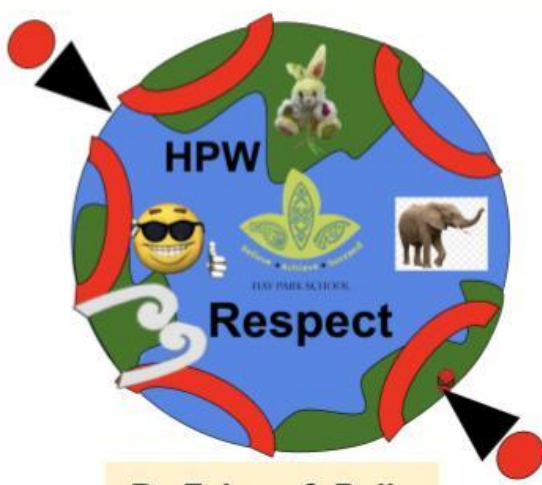


By Thomas

Responsibility



By LJ & Rose



By Falcon & Bella

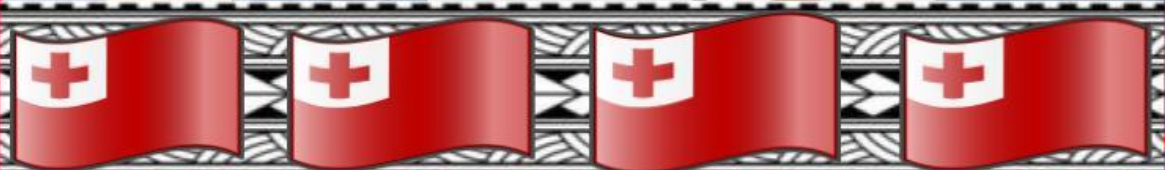


By Leqi & Eyvana-Li

Patmore Class

Tongan Language Week – Turtle Art

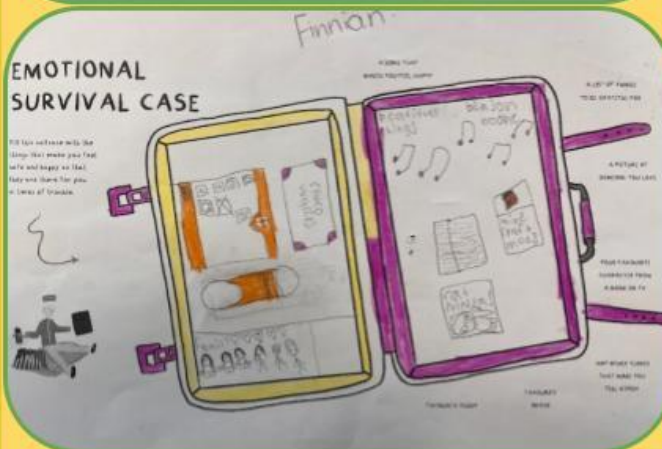
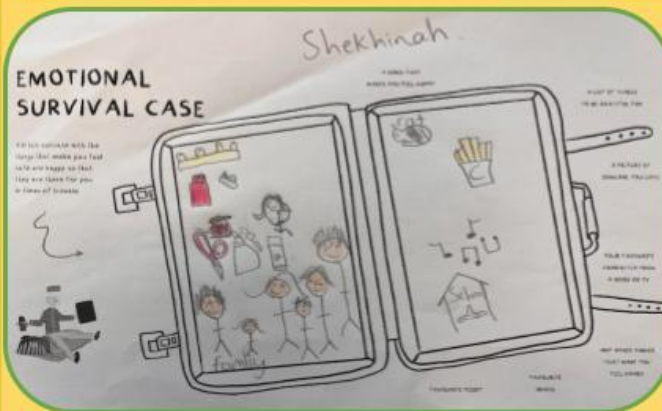
For Tongan Language Week, we explored art that connects to Tongan culture. Each student began by outlining a turtle shape, symbolising strength and protection. Inside the turtle, we added traditional Tongan designs and patterns that reflect the beauty of Tongan art. To finish, we carefully went over our work with permanent markers to make the designs stand out. The final pieces show both creativity and respect for Tongan culture.



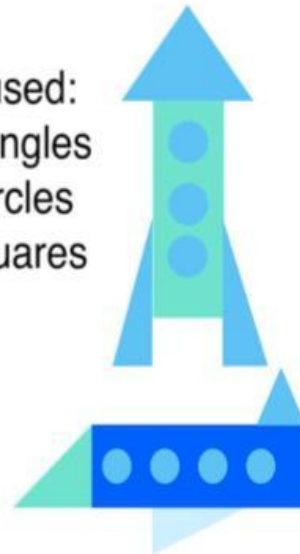
TE AHO-WHITE CLASS

Te Aho-White Class has been exploring the app Freeform to show our learning. We made faces out of go, grow and glow foods. We also used shapes to make transport pictures.

We have also been looking at feelings and strategies to help when we have tricky feelings. We made survival suitcases with all the things that make us happy or calm.



I used:
triangles
circles
squares



By Maryam



Go: bread,
pretzel
Grow egg
Glow: avocado,
strawberry

By Shekhiyah

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

MOLLEY GREEN

COMMUNITY DAY



FREE &
FUN FOR
ALL AGES!



SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER



11AM – 3PM

MOLLEY GREEN RESERVE

LOCAL WHĀNAU DAY • FOOD STALLS • GAMES
BOUNCY CASTLES • PERFORMANCES & MORE!



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