



# Homai School Newsletter

Term 1, 2023 No. 6

## Kia Ora

Kia ora koutou, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia Orana, Bula Vinaka, Aweh, Kia orana, Namaste, Talofa lava and warm greetings to all our friends and whanau. A special warm welcome to all our new families who have joined Homai School.

### Student Learning Conferences

Thank you to all our parents, students who made the time to come into school and visit their classroom teacher. We had an overwhelmingly positive response from our whanau with 95% of our parents and students coming into school to meet with their child's teacher. This was a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning goals for 2023 and we will have a follow up student learning conference in Term 3, Week 2. We look forward to continuing to work together to support our tamariki.



### Aroha Diversity Festival

The Aroha Cultural Festival will take place next week on Thursday 30th March at **10.30am-12pm**. This is a day where our students will be showcasing their talents in the different diverse cultural groups. We will start the show with our Junior students, Senior students, Vasega Samoa and then Te Moana nui a Kiwa will end our performances.

This Aroha Diversity Festival will also be a day where we farewell our two staff members, Mrs Nirvana Rao and Whaea Levi who have served our school community for the last 5-6 years. We will miss them both dearly and we wish them both well on their new endeavours.

We look forward to seeing our whanau come out and celebrate with us next week.



### CARPARK SAFETY

Please beware of trucks that are coming in and out of our school carpark. We will have a lot of concrete trucks coming in and out of the school carpark on Monday 27th March from 6am-12pm. Please be mindful of the trucks when you are dropping your child to school in the morning.

Our students' safety is important. Please be kind to our staff who are monitoring the school gate as they are ensuring safety for all our students.

The school gate will be closed again to ensure the safety of our students. The gate will open at 2.45pm for parents to drive into school to pick up their children. Thank you for keeping all our students safe.



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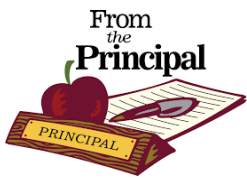
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## Important Dates for Term 1:

Please make sure your calendar is up to date on the different activities that take place at school.

Date	Activity
Thurs 30th March	Whole School Cultural/Diversity Festival
Thursday 6th April	Last Day of Term 1 - 1.30pm finish
<b>Wednesday 26th April</b>	<b>Term 2 begins</b>



Talofa lava and Kia Ora Koutou e te whanau.

Thank you to all our whanau who came in to meet with their child's teacher. It was an amazing turnout and our children were the stars sharing their learning with their whanau. We look forward to the hard work and progress that our students will be doing this year with the support of their whanau. We will have Student Learning Conferences again in Term 3, Week 2.

**New School building** is coming along nicely. The concrete foundation has been poured and the steel brackets are now being installed. Parents please be patient as there are lots of trucks coming in and out of school. Please be careful when driving into school as the safety of our students is important.

**School Attendance** - Thank you parents for ensuring that your child comes to school everyday. Our students need to be at school everyday to support them in their learning. Our school attendance percentage so far is 87% which is fantastic and this is because of our whanau who ensure their child is at school everyday. Thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing our whanau at the Aroha Diversity Festival where we will farewell Mrs Nirvana Rao & Ms Levi Johnson. Mrs Florance Mouatt also finished her position at Homai School in February, 2023. We wish all these lovely ladies all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

**Last thoughts:** *Every child has a different learning style and pace. Each child is unique, not only capable of learning but also capable of succeeding. Keep encouraging and supporting your child!*

Fa'afetai lava, Arohanui  
Christina Patea  
(Principal)



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