



Thursday 25 May 2023

## This week's PB4L Focus: Digital Citizenship Power of Words and Actions



In a world where digital technology is increasing and learners are part of a global community we need to understand how to communicate positively online. This week classes have discussed the power of their words and actions online, the importance of engaging in positive online interactions and an awareness of risks when making connections with others online. Please continue these important conversations with your son or daughter and remind them about keeping gaming experiences fun and friendly too.

**He aha te aha? What's on top? - with Mr Kaiser.**

## Mid Term

We are now at mid term, with 5 more weeks of Term 2 ahead of us. Currently our teachers are assessing learning progress for children, across the whole school. Information from these assessments will inform teachers' judgments for end of term mid-year reports.



## Readathon

Families should have seen Readathon learning brought home by children this week. Please encourage your children to practise and learn their readathon facts, and talk with them about any sponsorship or donation you will be prepared to make to motivate their learning. A key part of Readathon is doing reading at home, either with an adult or independently. Either way, a family member needs to note this on the reading mileage chart.

Every child will receive 2 tickets for prize draws for doing their Readathon at school and at home. Then, they may earn more based on the sponsorship that they and their family send to school. Children will receive 1 ticket for every 2 dollars sponsorship. These tickets will go into the prize draw buckets.

Please support your children and the school with this big fundraiser. We hope to raise over \$10,000 to buy more books and ipads for learning.

## Keep your eye on a possible Teacher Strike Day - 31 May

Please note that there are plans for a possible strike day by primary teachers for an improved pay offer from the Ministry of Education. This is scheduled for Wednesday 31 May and will affect every primary and intermediate school in New Zealand. At this stage the strike action has been temporarily suspended but it is possible that it may still happen. Be prepared!

## Going on Holiday or Travelling Overseas to see Family?

I remind all families that we ask you to notify school in advance if you are planning to travel overseas for a holiday or to see family. Schools are required to keep information about student attendance and absences, and to have an explanation why a student might be away for several weeks. Please email either the school office or the class teacher directly.



### Away Sick for More than 4 Days?

Please note that you may be asked to supply a medical certificate for your child if they are away for more than 4 school days. Schools are required to have explanations for long absences, including a doctor's note. This is part of the national strategy to more closely monitor student absences from schools, and to improve overall student attendance.

### Samoa Language week

Next week is Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa. There are over 180,000 Samoan Kiwis, representing 4% of our population. At Tirimoana School we have 51 children who identify as Samoan.

#### *About Samoa Language Week*

Samoa Language Week / Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa is organised by the Ministry for Pacific Peoples to maintain and promote the language and culture of Samoa. Gagana Samoa is the second most spoken language in some cities like Auckland and Porirua, and the third most spoken language across New Zealand.

Samoa Language Week celebrates the identity, language, and culture of students from Samoa and students whose families are from Samoa; supporting this group of learners to engage and achieve success.

This special week helps all New Zealanders journey towards shared cultural understandings.

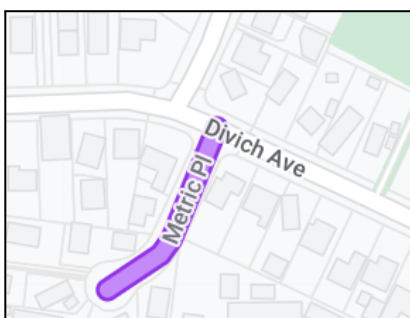


#### **Parking on Metric Place -**

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Kia ora and Welcome to  
Tirimoana School



Year 1: Saige Sky Sifa	Evelyn Zhong
Year 3: Costa Zalyubovskiy	Winnie Situ

### Future Leaders Day

Some of our student leaders participated in The Future Leaders Day hosted by Sport Waitakere at Massey Rugby Football Club. They took part in workshops that focussed on qualities of leaders run by high school student leaders and olympians. Looked at school improvement options. Took part in team building building activities and took part in activities run by The Halberg Trust looking at how to adapt games to increase enjoyment for learners of all abilities



### PTA Notice

On Tuesday evening we had our PTA meeting. During this meeting we discussed fundraising events for the year.

The Readathon that is happening at school was discussed.

To encourage learners during the Athon we will have prize buckets on display in the library. For every \$2.00 that is brought to school the learners will be given 1 ticket to go in the prize bucket.

We have approached local businesses for a donation and have received many prizes. If the prizes are not suitable for the buckets we will put them away for the Quiz night or the Christmas Raffle. **We are now asking if any parents can ask their own workplaces for any donated prizes for our Readathon.** We are raising money for extra ipads for learning, and for extra library books.

Thank you  
PTA Committee

Reminder

# PhotoLife



PhotoLife

Please order your class photos this week.

All learners were sent home an Order online card and an individual Access KeyCode.

**We will contact you when the photos arrive at school.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 1 and 2 Swimming Thursday 1 June Thursday 8 June Thursday 15 June Thursday 22 June Thursday 29 June	A colorful illustration of four children swimming in a pool. One child is on the surface, another is partially submerged, and two are underwater. A ladder is visible on the right side of the pool.	<b>More information will be coming soon.</b>
Friday 16 June	Book Character Parade A group of children dressed in various costumes, including a knight, a witch, a ghost, and a wizard. They are holding pumpkins and other props. <b>Storybook Character Parade</b>	<b>More information will be coming soon.</b>
Tuesday 27 June	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	<b>School is closed for instruction.</b> You come back to school for your conference time. <b>More information will be coming soon.</b>
Friday 30 June	End of Term 2	
Monday 17 July	Term 3	
Tuesday 19th Dec	Last day of school for 2023 <b>School finishes at 12.00pm</b>	<b>Please Note : NEW DATE</b>

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