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TERM 2 WEEK 2

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Student Friendships & Conflict

Primary school children go though many stages of making friends and along the way they will experience conflict at some stage. It is very normal for children to experience conflict from time to time as this is a way of children discovering what works with friends and what doesn't - put simply children are developing their social and emotional skills. Some children may get confused when they have a disagreement or conflict with another person and may call this bullying. There is a great difference between conflict and bullying and here is a simple way to differentiate between them:

- · Misunderstanding usually problems around communication.
- · Disagreement do not agree on something and both want their own way.
- · Conflict people usually want to solve the problem. Can be over a period of time if not sorted properly.
- · Bullying threatening, repetitive, targeted, deliberately wanting to harm, abusive, no attempt to resolve the issue.

If your child does experience conflict, this is a wonderful teaching moment to guide them and help them learn about how to get along with others. Sometimes children can resolve conflict themselves, particularly as they grow into the upper years of primary, but when they are young they may need guidance, and most importantly emotional support.

The best way to give emotional support is to use 'reflective listening'. When we practice this type of listening, we listen to the content of what your child is saying and listen for the emotion and then we reflect back what they are saying e.g. "it sounds as though that really frustrated you when you did not get to play your game". We can then try to help them problem solve the situation by giving them lots of opportunities to brain storm a solution without stepping in too early to solve it for them.

Conflict teaches kids:

- \cdot How to give and take
- · How to come to an agreement
 - · How to compromise
- · How to solve problems
- · To understand others and their needs · How to get along in a group
- · How to develop successful, loving and healthy relationships as adults.

Remember if you need any help or support please do not hesitate to contact us.

BELL TIMES

School starts 8:55am

10:55-11:15 Interval

12:45-12:55 Lunch eating

Lunch playtime 12:55-1:45 End of day 3:00pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR TERM 2

Week 3

16.05.24 FIAFIA Night

Week 4

20.05.24 TWA Whanau Hui @ 5.15pm 21.05.24 CCSA Boys Rugby

24.05.24 Poitarawhiti Tournament

Week 5 Samoa Language Week

27.05.24 Samoa Language week opening 28.05.24 Counties Boys Rugby

30.05.24 Samoa Independence Day Celebrations

31.05.24 Mufti Day - TWA Fundraiser

03.06.24 King's Birthday - Public Hoilday 04.06.24 Teacher Only Day - No School

10.06.24 MPSSA League

13.06.24 Night Market

Week 8

19.06.24 Photolife Photos

20.06.24 Manulua Market Day

21.06.24 Reports go home











Exciting Water Adventures at Vector Wero Whitewater!

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from our school's recent outings! Our Year 5-8 students have had the incredible opportunity to visit Vector Wero Whitewater, and the experiences have been nothing short of fantastic!

Over the next few weeks, classes will embark on unforgettable journeys at Vector Wero Whitewater. The park isn't just a place for fun; it's a learning ground where students enhance their water confidence and understanding of water safety.

At Vector Wero Whitewater, our students dive into immersive activities that teach them invaluable lessons. From building confidence in water to understanding how to navigate the force of moving water, every moment spent at the park is a chance for growth and discovery.

The park provides a dynamic environment where students not only have a blast but also learn crucial life skills. By experiencing the force of moving water firsthand, they gain insights into water dynamics and learn essential techniques for staying safe in water environments.

The feedback from the classes that have already visited has been overwhelmingly positive, with students raving about their fantastic experiences. These outings are not just recreational; they're educational adventures that leave a lasting impact on our students.

As we look forward to the upcoming weeks, we're excited for more classes to embark on their own adventures at Vector Wero Whitewater. We have no doubt that they'll come back with unforgettable memories and newfound confidence in the water.

We extend our gratitude to everyone involved in making these outings possible. Together, we're providing our students with opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive in exciting and enriching ways.







OUR PEOPLE



Netball Grading Day Success!

Our Year 5-8 netball teams had a blast at Grading Day last Saturday at Browns Road Netball Court! They played 5-6 games, showing off their skills and teamwork throughout the day.



Big thanks to our coaches for their hard work and dedication, and to the parents for their support in getting our kids to their games. We're proud of our players and can't wait to see our Year 3-4 teams play their first game this Saturday!



Good luck to all our teams this season. Let's keep up the great teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the court!

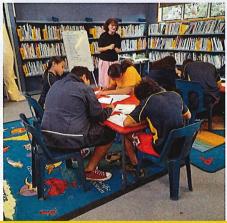
EXCITING VISIT: WRITING WORKSHOP WITH KATE DE GOLDI!

This week, our Year 7/8 students had a special writing workshop led by the talented New Zealand writer, Kate De Goldi. During the session, students learned about crafting poetry and improving their writing skills with Kate's expert guidance.

We're grateful to Kate for sharing her time and knowledge with us. Her visit has inspired our students and encouraged them to explore their creativity through writing. We hope to have more opportunities like this in the future to further enrich our students' learning experiences.

Thank you, Kate, for an unforgettable workshop!





Exciting Developments Around the School!

You may have noticed a buzz of activity around our school lately, and we're thrilled to share some of the exciting updates with you!

Firstly, we're in the process of laying down astroturf for our basketball court. This upgrade includes a new hoop, providing a top-notch training facility for Matua Faenza and his basketball teams. We can't wait to see our athletes hone their skills on this revamped court!

Additionally, we've replaced our netball poles with brand new ones. To ensure their longevity, we kindly ask everyone using them to refrain from swinging or twisting the poles. Let's work together to maintain these improvements for years to come!









But that's not all—get ready for a new addition to our school! We're expanding with the construction of a whare kai, separate from the kitchen. This dedicated space will allow us to enjoy sit-down meals together, fostering a sense of community and connection among students and staff.

We're excited about these enhancements and look forward to seeing everything completed in the coming weeks. These upgrades will undoubtedly enrich our school environment and provide even more opportunities for learning, growth, and togetherness.