



Mua I Malae

Tuputupu A'e I Le Tino E Tasi

NEWSLETTER

Kuata 2 Vaiaso 7 | 14 Iuni 2017

## SAMOAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION THURSDAY 1 JUNE



**Above- Left to right:** Lily ma Italia

Fa'afeiloaiga o Malo Fa'aaloaloga

**Below -Left to right:** Kaylani, Lily-Jean, Ta Fesilafai, Videll, Italia

Manaia puletasi ma foliga mata 'ata'ata o teine Samoa!



## TALOFA LAVA

Ua faalia le alofa o le Atua ona o lenei ua tatou aulia mai le vaiaso 7 o lenei kuata ae o lo'o maua pea e I tatou le manuia.

E ui lava ua toesea le Tina Matua ia Losa Migo, o le pele ia Italia McLeay ae o loo fa'alototeleina pea le aiga fa'anoanoa I le mafanafana mai o lo tatou Alii. Ia fa'amaise le Atua ia Sue, Mark ma le aiga atoa.

A big thank you to all our parents, grandparents and families who joined us to celebrate our Independence Day as part of our Samoan Week special event. The children worked hard to learn their siva, tala, sasa, fa'ataupati and pese to welcome you all and to showcase their culture in style. Our senior management, staff and children thoroughly enjoyed our celebration. Also, a special thank you to our families who provided some 'yummy' Samoan food for our shared lunch. Our children can't get enough of panikeke, koko-alaisa, sapaui, kalo, panipopo, oka, keke pua'a and fa'alifu. Fa'afetai tele lava!

### IMPORTANT EVENTS

**Wednesday 21 June- Wig Wednesday-** Child Cancer Foundation Fundraising

**Thursday 22 June, 11.30-12.30pm-** School Senior English Speech Competition

**Tuesday 27 June and Wednesday 28 June, 6.30pm** – School Production at Mercury Theatre (**School Production Tickets are on sale on RRS shop (link on RRS website). General Admission \$15, Premium Tickets \$25**)

**Thursday 6 July** – Goal sheets going home

**Friday 7 July** - Last day of Term 2



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**Above-** Tama ma Teine o le A'oga Fa'a Samoa ma le latou taupou o Tanifa Rankin.

Manaia lau kuiga Tanifa!

**What we loved about Samoan Week:**

**Videl-** Samoan week was really cool because we got to teach our language to other classes and learning new dances.

**Italia** – Samoan culture is really delicate and at the same time feisty and competitive.

**Maea-** I love how I can show my passion to other people and show them what we learned.

**Lily-Jean-** I enjoyed that we got to show and share our Pacific culture with our entire school.

**Oliana-** I love people's happiness and their passion during Samoan week. It shows people who I really am and what I love to do.

**Philipp** – We taught people, had fun and spent time with my friends learning the dances. What I loved the most was showing what we practiced with my friends.

**Nani-** I learned that you should always love any other culture even though it's different from your own. People will still love you the way you are. Samoan week means a lot to me because it shows who we are and what we can do to impress you.

**Andee-** I loved the dances and spreading the language with everyone.

**Silvano-** I liked seeing the kids trying their best to learn their performances.

**Dante-** I loved all the dances that we learned, the food that we ate, Aoga Fa'a-Samoa's item and Miss Novena's class performance.



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**Above-** Left to Right: Israel, Xavier, Alesana, Noah, Nico, McKenzie, Ally, Nathaniel, Tiare, Costa

O foliga matagofie nei o tamaiti ua fa'alia lo latou mitamita I le latou gagana ma le latou aganuu.

**What we loved about Samoan Week:**

**Alani-** *I love performing and entertaining in front of the school with our Pacific culture.*

**Jada L-** *It's all about Samoan language and dances.*

**Kaylani-** *We got to celebrate the Samoan language and showing off our culture to the whole school. Everyone participated in all the dances. I love it!*

**Alesana-** *I love Samoan food.*

**Luella-** *Everyone in the school participated in the Samoan week and I hope they learned about Samoa. I love dancing in front of people.*

**Piri-** *We could participate in the learning and performing in our cultural dances, singing and acting.*



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## English Speeches

### **The Housing Crisis**

Have you been watching the news lately? Have you heard or seen the heartache of most families who do not have anywhere to live? I have. Children have suffered because their parents can't afford to live comfortably and haven't got enough money to survive. I think it is heartbreaking and we need to do something about it.

Families who do not earn a lot of money are suffering the most. Some ended up living with other family members in a 1 or 2 bedroom house because they can't afford to rent. It is important for children to thrive in their own homes. They need their own home to be themselves and do their homework. Overcrowding has caused a lot of sickness in children and parents do not have control over it.

Why is the price of buying or renting a house keep going up while people's pay stay the same? It doesn't make any sense. Did you know that New Zealanders have minimum pay rise? People work really hard here but they do not get paid enough to pay for everyday needs. Each person who works should get a pay rise every year. Unfortunately, some have a great increase while others are the complete opposite. It is not enough to pay for expensive rent, feed their children and pay the bills. If these families choose to pay their bills and not having enough to feed their children, they are going to starve. Some people ended up living on the streets, garages, cars and even shipping containers.

In the last year Auckland reached 10,000 homes consented. The previous two years were 8,650 for the year ending 2015 and 6,900 in 2014. Just because a home is consented, it does not mean it will actually be built. Unfortunately, some of our struggled families are left to fetch for themselves.

State housing is a system of public housing in New Zealand offering low cost of rental housing to people on low income. Some 69,000 state houses are managed by Housing New Zealand. A lot of former state houses are now privately owned after our government sold a whole lot of houses to business investors for bigger profit. Wouldn't it be better to save these houses for our low- income earners to rent or help families with children to buy these houses? I have finally understand the saying; 'The rich gets richer and the poor gets poorer'.

I believe good pay rise is urgently needed for the poor to help them pay rent while they're waiting for more affordable homes to be built.

**Lily-Jean Va'aelua**

### **Bees**

Do you like pizza, pasta and lasagna? Did you know you wouldn't have that without bees because bees pollinate tomatoes? Sadly, bees are dying out and that's a big problem that we have to fix.

Bees are responsible for food production. Honeybees and wild bees like bumble bees are the most important pollinators of most of the fruits and vegetables that we eat. Out of the 100 crop species that give the world 90% of its food supply, 71% are pollinated by bees. Animals like cows and chickens also depend on plants that are pollinated by bees, which means no bees, no chocolate!

Bees are also important for pollinating wild plants and trees which grow big and strong and their leaves soak up the pollution in the atmosphere caused by cars and factories. The roots of these trees and plants hold the soil together to stop erosions and slow the flow of water through the ground and helps reduce flood.



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Sadly, bees' existence is being threatened and we should be worried. The amounts of bees are greatly reducing because of poisons, parasites and loss of habitats; Insecticides and herbicides kill bees even in small doses. It can confuse them so they forget how to navigate the world and die in the wild alone. Loss of habitat due to forest being cut down and wild flower meadows being dug up has also reduced the number of bees.

If all bees die there will be a decline in food supply for people and animals. Millions of people will starve, get sick and die. So what can we do to protect bees? Stop using insecticides and herbicides. Protect these habitats. Use Varro, treatment stripes.

Bees know how to keep themselves and their hives healthy by collecting resin from plants and pasting it in their hives to propolis. It is a natural antibiotic that people have been collecting for their own use. We need to plant bee friendly plants native in our areas such as clover and alfalfa. Campaign to plant these plants in public gardens.

Are you going to let bees die? If you do, all you'll be eating is corn rice and wheat because those are the only things that aren't pollinated by bees. We will all get sick and most of us will die. Grow bee friendly plants in your back yard to welcome more bees.

Remember to look after bees!

**Silvano Berking**



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## Community Matariki Celebration Monday 3rd July 7:00 to 8:30am

Coming up on Monday July 3rd is our annual Matariki Celebration. This year we will be gathering on the bottom courts from 7:00am in time for sunrise at 7:30. We will start with a Karakia and signing. Then look for the Matariki star cluster. Kai will be shared in the hall from 7:45. This will be provided and you are also welcome to contribute.

As this is a community event all are welcome. Mai katoa.

Matariki, as well as welcoming the New Year, has been a time to acknowledge Tupuna, the ancestors who have gone before us. Some Māori did this by flying kites as it was a way of connecting with the spiritual world. Some kites were enormous and very beautiful like the one shown below.



During the rest of the day tamariki across all of our rōpu will be involved in learning activities that have a Matariki focus. These learning activities will include making Matariki kites, korowai (Māori cloaks) and Matariki stories. You are welcome to join the classes during the day. This may be for 20 minutes or 2 hours. We are flexible.

Follow this link to learn more about Matariki.

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/classroom/matariki-maori-new-year>

The link below is an invitation to this event. Please indicate your intention to participate and numbers attending. Mai katoa.

<https://goo.gl/ytT566>



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