



# PANUI NEWSLETTER

  
Te Mātauranga  
9th February 2024

Kia ora, Talofa, Mālō e lelei, Bula, Namaste, Kia orana, Hello.

Welcome back to 2024. It is great to see all our awesome tamariki back at school. A special welcome to our new whanau and tamariki.

This year our focus is MORE THAN. I want us all to look behind what is immediately in front of us. I have asked all staff to take time to see each tamariki for who they are, not what they present as. Too often we all make judgments about individuals based on what we see.

At Te Mātauranga tamariki come first. It is important that we completely understand your tamariki and we allow them to dream big and enable each tamariki to grasp any opportunity that comes their way and succeed.

We want to build an even stronger partnership with you - whanau. You are the first navigators of each of your tamariki's lives. The knowledge you have is invaluable and without you we wouldn't have fantastic tamariki at Te Mātauranga.

This year, we will have a number of special events planned including race day, market day, holidays around the world, showcase and celebrating our 20th anniversary. Please keep an eye on the school website and in your child's bag for newsletters for the date and times of these events throughout the year.

Please contact your tamariki's teachers if you have any worries or concerns or just want to catch up with your child's progress.. You can either pop in to school, email or phone them. All teachers email addresses are on the school website. My door is always open and I am happy to help with any problem or just for a catch up.

## Stationery

This year stationery can be purchased from the office. We have worked really hard to keep the price down as we know how expensive the start of the year is.

If you have problems purchasing the stationery just give the office a call on 0800 11 99 22 and we will sort something out.

## Hats

This summer has been extremely hot.

Break 2 is extremely hot at school. If your tamariki have a hat, please send it to school with their name on it.

It doesn't need to be the flashiest hat, just something to protect them from the sun.

*Nga mihi nui*

*Debbie Woolliams  
Tumuaki / Principal*

## Learner of the Week

Each Panui we will have a list of students who received a 'Learner of the Week' certificate at assembly.

*I want to congratulate them for their hard work.*

Harama Hapeta-Heremaia - Rm 1

Naira Sharukh - Rm 2

JayJay Teu - Rm 3

Paki Murupaenga - Rm 4

Rythum Tongariro - Rm 5

Xavier Maxwell-Tihi - Rm 9

Jeremiah Taupange-Rakitu - Rm 10

Tiarrah-Leigh Poa-Konelio Fox Rm 12

Logan Marsh - Rm 13

Taaraz Khan - Rm 17

Yvonne Pastor - Rm 19

Simone Vea - Rm 20

Malaki Masoe - Fetulele 1

Maria Amituana'i - Fetulele 3

Tara Aumalesulu - Fetulele 4





## Attendance

Last year attendance was a major focus.

We got close to 90%, with our highest being 88%.

This year we are going to hit 90%.

Starting on Monday the pizza challenge is back.

Every class who has 100% attendance, which includes if a whanau member calls the school to explain why their tamariki is not at school, will go into the fortnightly draw for pizza on Friday.

Let's make 2024 the year we have the best attendance ever.

## Contact Details

Please keep your contact details up to date for all your tamariki. We now do a lot of communicating through text and email. If you have changed your mobile number or email address, please give the office a call on

0800 11 99 22 or email [office@fms.school.nz](mailto:office@fms.school.nz).

We often get queries from whanau saying they didn't know about an event or meeting. We must have the most up to date contact details so we can keep you informed.

## School Organisation

I would like to welcome to Te Matauranga three new staff. It is great to have them on board.

Whaea Gita - Room 2

Whaea Sadna - Room 12

Whaea Navneeta - Room 19

## Fundraising

Last year a team from Te Matauranga won a spot to compete at Long Beach, USA in a Robotics Competition. They will be competing against 90 teams from around the world in May.

We are extremely proud of them.

However, we need to raise a huge amount of money so they can attend the event.

On Wednesday 14th February we will be selling ice blocks for \$2 and little bags of plain potato chips for \$1.

Keep an eye out for the flyer.

## School Organisation 2024

### Senior Leadership Team

Debbie Woolliams  
Tumuaki / Principal

Jane Wallis  
Operations  
Co-Ordinator

Sarah Aumalesulu  
Associate Principal

Shamala Mudali  
Acting Associate Principal  
& Room 5 Kaiako

### Kaiako / Teachers

Zamar Isaako	Room 1	Tina Ah Kiau	Room 10	Navneeta Prakash	Room 19
Gita Kumar	Room 2	Dianne Macdonald	Room 11	Shayala Malik	Room 20
Atua Ake	Room 3	Sadna Prasad	Room 12	Rosa Isaako	Fetulele 1
Vita Tulaga	Room 4	Vinodhan Mudali	Room 13	Koroseta Idirisova	Fetulele 3
Shamala Mudali /	Room 5	Georgie Davis	Room 15	Ola Otineru	Fetulele 4
Anna Maharaj	Room 5	Jess Sorensen	Room 17		
Seona Utupo	Room 9				

### Support Staff

Tuli Moresi  
Teacher Aide

Jenny Maxwell  
Teacher Aide

Marie Toefoi  
Teacher Aide

Lusia Gallahar  
Office

Tracey Beach  
Office

Elijah Veiqaravi  
Caretaker