

# Newsletter

Greetings - Kia ora ra ki te whanau

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'Be You. Be Great!'

## First Day Newsletter - Wednesday, 2 February 2023

Tena koutou katoa. Happy New Year! Welcome back to school. We hope that you had a fantastic summer break, have enjoyed the amazing weather and that you are all recharged and ready for the 2023 school year. We began the day with a school assembly, welcoming everyone, our new children and staff to APS. The teachers have been busy in their classrooms and have lots of exciting learning planned for our kids for this term and year. It has been a great day of getting the year underway today.

### School Personnel 2023

Mrs Sonya Hockley:	<i>Principal</i>
Mrs Janeen Strawbridge:	<i>Deputy Principal / Teacher Nile Rua (2) Class Years 5 &amp; 6 / SENCo</i>
Miss Ashleigh McDonald:	<i>Teacher Trafalgar Class Year 1 (New Entrant) / Sport/PE Co-ordinator</i>
Miss Katrina Raven:	<i>Teacher St Vincent Tahī (1) Class Years 2 &amp; 3, Within School Kahui Ako Teacher</i>
Ms Belinda Elley:	<i>Teacher St Vincent Rua (2) Class, Years 3 &amp; 4</i>
Mr Sy Baker:	<i>Teacher Nile Tahī (1) Class, Years 4, 5 &amp; 6 PB4L Coach</i>
Mrs Georgina Mattsen:	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Miss Celia Mattsen:	<i>Lead Learning Support Assistant</i>
Ms Deborah Morris:	<i>Office Administrator / Principal PA</i>
Mrs Sarah Lewis:	<i>Caretaker/ Edible Culture Garden</i>
Craig Hockley:	<i>Learning Support Assistant / Breakfast Club</i>
Karla Samuela:	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Schan Crowther:	<i>Learning Support Assistant</i>
Mrs Karilyn Cribb:	<i>Learning Support Co-ordinator (LSC)</i>
Perry Mills:	<i>Relief Teacher</i>
Mel Beckett:	<i>Relief Teacher</i>

### Haere mai Welcome

Special welcome to our new Deputy Principal, Mrs Janeen Strawbridge who is in Nile Rua Class and Ms Belinda Elley who is in St Vincent Rua Class.

Also a very warm welcome back to our current families and whanau and an extra special welcome to our new families and whanau and those families who are joining us for Terms 1 - 3 from Switserland, Germany & Chile.

We hope that your relationship with our school is a long and happy one and we look forward to getting to know you.

### APS Hats & T-Shirt Orders

We take pride in our school and our school uniform. It is an expectation and an understanding that when your child is enrolled as a student at our school that she/he/they will wear the school uniform every day. This is a T Shirt, a school hat and a school hoodie. All of the school uniform is available in a variety of colours for purchase at the school office.

T-shirts \$22.00 each, Hats \$14.00 each and Hoodies \$40.00 each. There is a display at the school office for choice of colours and sizing.

### Being 'Sun Safe'; Hats and Water Bottles

Summer is well and truly upon us so it is very important that your child is protected from our harsh Nelson sun. For Terms 1 & 4 all students need a hat. A school hat is the only hat for school. It is wide brimmed and protects the face, ears and the back of the neck. Caps and trilby style hats are not acceptable for school wear. Please save these for the weekends. Every child must have, along with their lunch, a filled, named water bottle at school every day. We have bottle fillers in our drinking fountains so students can refill at anytime. Also a good idea for additional sun protection is to have sunblock applied at home. School has some sunblock that can be used to top up during the day.

### Swim Sessions

All classes have a swim session every day with their class. Please ensure your child has their togs and towel packed **everyday**. Swimming is an essential part of the Health and PE curriculum and is a requirement for children to participate. If your child is unable to swim for any reason, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

## Office Hours

Our school office is open on Monday - Friday during the hours of 8.30am - 3.00pm. If you need to contact the school office outside of these hours please leave a message on the school answer machine. 03 548 7970.

Please notify Deborah at the office of any change of contact details. It is very important that we have your contact details up to date in case of an emergency.

## Absentee Procedures

If your child is absent from school please either inform us via the schoolstream app or phone the school office on 03 5487970 / text 027 548 7970 before 9am on the morning they are going to be absent. Please leave a message on the absence line or in your text , giving your child's name, the classroom name and the reason why your child is absent. We have a Ministry requirement to record this information.

## School Car Park Drop Off at the beginning and end of each day

Drop off and pick up process:-

- Dropping children at the gate before school (from 8.30am onwards);
- Collecting children from the playground at 2.45pm onwards. Teachers will bring children out, starting at 2.45pm.

Enter the playground through the Haven Road gates.

If your child needs to be collected early from school, for reasons such as medical appointments, please phone ahead to the school office and we will arrange to have your child sent to the office for collection. You are required to sign your child in/out. Please remember that the school carpark is only available to Kindergarten whānau. The Trafalgar Centre and our 5 minute drop off carparks on Haven Road are the available options. Thank you for your ongoing support of these procedures. The safety of our tamariki is paramount.



## Mash After School Care

After school care is available in our school hall from 3.00pm each day. For enrolments and enquiries please contact Carla Soundy, Mash Regional Manager [nelson@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:nelson@mashkids.co.nz) .

## Breakfast Club

Craig Hockley will be running Breakfast Club again this year, every morning, in the school hall from 8.30 to 8.50am Monday to Friday. Children can come to the hall and have toast, cereal and milo. Any child who arrives at school before 8.30am needs to go to the hall until 8.30am. They can then go to their classroom or playground, as these areas are supervised at this time. Children who need to be in school between 8.00-8.30am can do so with agreement by Mrs Hockley. Please contact the office to arrange this.

## Waitangi Day - School Closure

Our school will be closed for Waitangi Day, Monday 6th February. School will resume the following day Tuesday, 7 February at 9.00am.

We have had a great first day at Auckland Point School and we are looking forward to a wonderful year.

Kia kaha,  
Ngā mihi nui,

*Sonya*

Sonya Hockley  
Principal

## Upcoming Events....

Monday, 6 February 2023

Tuesday, 7 February 2023 @ 5.30pm

Friday, 10 February 2023 3.00pm-5.00pm

Wednesday, 2 March 2023

Wednesday, 1 March 2023 @2.15pm-7.00pm

Thursday, 2 March 2023 @3.15pm-5.30pm

Tuesday, 21 March 2023 @9.00am

Friday, 31 March 2023

Thursday, 6 April 2023

Friday, 7 April 2023

Sunday, 9 April 2023

Monday, 10 April 2023

Monday, 24 April 2023

Tuesday, 25 April 2023

Wednesday, 26 April 2023

- Waitangi Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

- BOT meeting

- Whanau Stay & Play BBQ and Pool

- School Early Finish @ 2.00pm

- Whanau Korero (evening one / two)

- Whanau Korero (evening two)

- Whole School Photographs

- Whole School Beach Day

- Last Day Term 1

- GOOD FRIDAY

- EASTER SUNDAY

- EASTER MONDAY

- Teacher Only Day

- ANZAC DAY

- Term 2 Begins

