

Newsletter

Greetings - Kia ora ra ki te whanau

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'Be You. Be Great!'

First Newsletter - Friday, 9 February 2024

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 2024 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 2024

Mrs Sonya Hockley:	Principal
Mrs Janeen Strawbridge:	Deputy Principal / Teacher Trafalgar Class Years 5 & 6 / SENCo
Mr Sy Baker:	Teacher Nile Rua Class, Years 3, 4 & 5 PB4L Coach
Ms Hetty Bradley	Teacher Nile Tahī Years 3 & 4 Within School Kāhui Ako Teacher
Ms Belinda Elley:	Teacher St Vincent Rua Class, Years 2 & 3
Miss Ashleigh McDonald:	Teacher St Vincent Tahī Year 0 & 1 (New Entrant) / Sport/PE Co-ordinator
Mrs Georgina Mattsen:	Learning Support Assistant
Miss Celia Mattsen:	Lead Learning Support Assistant
Miss Amber Carrington:	Office Administrator / Principal PA
Mrs Sarah Lewis:	Caretaker/ Edible Culture Garden
Craig Hockley:	Learning Support Assistant / Breakfast Club
Karla Samuela:	Learning Support Assistant
Monica Hailes-Paku:	Learning Support Assistant
Ms Lynda Sammon:	Learning Support Co-ordinator (LSC)
Hamish Angus:	Classroom Release Teacher
Mel Beckett:	Relief Teacher
Ms Liz Ray:	Outreach Teacher

Haere mai Welcome

A very warm welcome back to our current families and whanau and an extra special welcome to our new families and whanau. We hope that your relationship with our school is a long and happy one and we look forward to getting to know you.

APS Uniform 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 \$24.00 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 **every day**. 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.

Sports

If your child is interested in playing Ripa Rugby this term please let Amber in the office know before the 14th of February.

Games are played every Friday after school at Tahunanui feilds. Cost is \$5 per person.

For students wanting to enter the Weetbix TRYathlon on the 10th March, 2024 at Tahunanui Recreation Grounds, Auckland Point School will pay for the first TEN student to put their names forth to Amber in the office.

Office Hours

Our school office is open on Monday - Friday during the hours of 8.45am - 3.15pm. 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 Amber 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 school office on 03 5487970 or text 027 548 7970 before 9am on the morning they are going to be absent. Please leave a message, 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 & Pick Up

At the beginning and end of each day the Drop off and Pick up process is:-

- Dropping children at the gate before school (from 8.30am onwards);

We have a 'Drop and Go' area on Haven Road beside the main pedestrian entrance to our school and kindergraten. Every morning our children can be dropped off there and be met by Celia or another staff member. who will ensure that the children get into school safely. The idea for this area is for parents and whānau to be able to drive up and drop off quickly, without having to get out and accompany children into school. It is a faster way of getting our kids into school and is quick for whānau. If you wish to park and come into school please either park further around on Haven Road in the spaces past the pedestrian crossing or over at the The Trafalgar Centre. The pedestrian crossing is supervised every morning- 8.30-8.50am and again in the afternoon, 2.45 -3.00pm. Teachers cross children and whānau to keep them as safe as possible.

- Collecting children at the end of the day. From the playground at 2.45pm onwards.

Teachers will bring children out, to the basketball court starting at 2.45pm Children can be collected from this time up until 3.00pm when school officially closes for the day. 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. If you need to come to school during the school day for any reason please come to the office first. All visitors, parents and whānau must do this. For safety reasons no visitors must go to classrooms or be in the school grounds without signing in at the office first.

- Please remember that the school carpark is only available to Kindergarten whānau. Thank you for your ongoing support of these procedures. The safety of our tamariki is paramount.

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.

We have had a wonderful first day for 2024 at school today and we are looking forward to a fantastic year.

Kia kaha,

Nga mihi nui,

Sonya

Sonya Hockley
Principal

Upcoming Events....

Friday, 16 February 2024

Tuesday, 27 & Wednesday, 28 February 2024

Friday, 8 March 2024

Sunday, 10 March 2024

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

Friday, 29 March 2024

Easter Monday, 1 April 2024

Easter Tuesday, 2 April 2024

Friday, 5 April 2024

Friday, 12 April 2024

Tuesday, 25 April 2024

Monday, 29 April 2024

- Stay and Play after school 3-5pm.

- Whānau Korero

- APS School Triathlon 10 am.

- Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon

- Whole School Photographs

- GOOD FRIDAY

- EASTER MONDAY

- EASTER TUESDAY

- Whole School Beach Day

- Last day of Term 1

- ANZAC DAY

- Term 2 Begins

