

Principal's Pen

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome back to school and to the 2024 school year. We have a very settled school and the mahi began on the very first day of the school year. The great weather has made every day one in which we can swim, bike, scoot, skate and play as much as we can in our break times. Swimming is an essential part of our Physical Education and Health programme and while the summer continues to be warm we hope to have daily swim sessions until Easter. The pool is open for years 2 -6 at lunchtimes and this gives our tamariki the added bonus of some extra pool fun.

School has begun well and we have established a consistent school wide daily timetable that includes the new government mandated 1 hour per day of reading, writing and maths. These lessons all occur before lunch and may continue for a short time after lunchtime. The afternoons are for the other learning areas and we are maximising the school day, ensuring that our tamariki are receiving a broad and balanced curriculum while upholding our legislative responsibilities. We have always ensured that our akonga receive dedicated literacy and numeracy teaching as well as through integration of these into all of the curriculum learning areas. School is so good we don't want anyone missing a day!

'Phones away for the Day' - New Government Policy regarding student cell phone use during the school day.

You may be aware that the government has introduced regulations that require all state schools and kura to have student phone rules in use. These rules need to be operational by Term 2 this year.

Currently at our school these are our rules:

- Tamariki should only bring a phone to school if it is necessary. Student cell phones are discouraged as at school we have many means of communicating with whānau from school.
- All student cell phones need to be handed in at the school office on arrival to school. They are cared for during the school day and students can collect them at the school office at the end of the day as they are leaving school.
- Student cell phones should not be used anywhere on the school site. There may be exceptions for class use. eg: when a student with English as a second language may need a device to translate their first language to English.
- A student who does not follow the rules and is found to have a phone in their possession during the school day, will be asked to take their phone to the office and parents/whānau/ caregivers will be notified of this. The phone will not be allowed in school for a period of time that will be agreed between school and home.

These rules will be formalised through an Auckland Point School Board of Trustees policy. This will be sent home very soon for whānau to give feedback on. In the meantime if you have any concerns or feedback initially, please see Sonya Hockley or email:

principal@aps.school.nz

Thank you for getting your tamariki back to school with their stationery and the gear to begin the school year with. This is truly valued and has made the start of the year, smooth. Please come and see Amber or myself in the office if you have any concerns or questions regarding start of year stuff. Have a great 2 weeks. I look forward to seeing you all at our 'Stay and Play' event this afternoon.

Ngā mihi nui,

Sonya

Things to Remember

Term 1, 2024 Dates:

Friday, 16 February 2024

Monday, 19 - Thursday, 15 February 2024

Wednesday, 21 - Friday, 23 February 2024

Tuesday, 27 & Wednesday 28 February

Friday, 8 March 2024

Sunday, 10 March 2024

Thursday, 14 - Sunday, 17 March 2024

Tuesday, 19 March, 2024

Friday, 29 March 2024

Monday, 1 April 2024

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

- **Road Works on Haven Road**

- **St Vincent Street Road Closure**

- Whānau Korero

- APS School Triathlon 10 am

- Weet-bix Kids TRYathlon

- Trafalgar Carpark closure

- **Whole School photos**

- Good Friday

- Easter Monday

- Easter Tuesday

- Whole School Beach Day

- Last Day of Term 1

- ANZAC Day

- Term 2 Begins

Auckland Point School Carpark & Early Collection

Whānau please remember that the school car park is strictly only available for Auckland Point School Staff and Kindergarten.

If the drop off / pick up parking on Haven Road is unavailable please park at the Trafalgar Centre and walk across the footbridge and road crossing with your child/ren.

Should you need to collect your child/ren early or during the school day, for reasons such as medical appointment, please phone ahead to the school office so we can arrange to have your child sent over from their classrooms. Parents are not permitted to go directly to the classrooms and must sign in at the office when visiting.

Collecting your child/ren from school before 2.45pm can be very disruptive for their class teacher and your child's learning without prior notice.

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Leading Light Focus



Friendship

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A Know what makes you a good friend and what your friends like about you.

P Include others and collaborative on learning tasks.

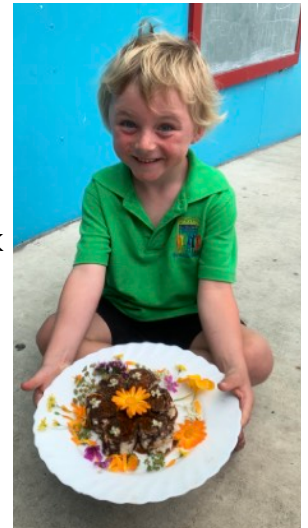
S Say nice and positive words to others (praise).



Trafalgar Class are enjoying the novel 'Runt' by Craig Silvey. Amelia has made an amazing 3D model of the motorbike that the main character, Annie's brother Max, used for his 'Rings of Fire' stunt.



A very big thank you to Ryan for making Mrs Strawbridge this fantastic Birthday Cake!



Parking - Drop & Go

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 kindergarten. 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 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.

BE YOU. BE GREAT! AWARDS

Term 1, Week 1



Trafalgar Room

Kaiden Simpson: For excellent self management and taking part in class activities

Joshua Hughes: For demonstrating excellent leadership and working hard on all class learning.

St. Vincent Tahi Room

Ryan Hyland: For starting the year with a positive attitude and great listening skills.

Layla Wiblin: For being a kind and helpful friend to our new tamariki.

St. Vincent Rua Room

Cohen Gear: For a great start to the new year and settling into your new class.

Dakota patterson-Daly: For your beautiful manners and great focus in class.

Nile Tahi Room

Linkin Roe: For reminding us of great APS values; respect, focus and giving it a go!

Tosiron Vitoa: For setting a wonderful example to our class by being a kind friend and a willing helper. Thank you, Tosi.

Nile Rua Room

Konrad Wiblin: For displaying great manners and following instructions.

Odin Willmott: For making great choices and being focused in the classroom.

Welcome:

Matilda Webster

Reilly Stott

Ruby Thompson

Angus Westall

Willow Woodward

Lilly Gornall

Lynda Sammon



BE YOU. BE GREAT! AWARDS

Term 1, Week 2



Trafalgar Room

Amelia Suttie: For excellent self management and accomplishing tasks to a high standard.

Mohammad Zeeshan: For working extremely well independently and demonstrating excellent citizenship in Trafalgar Class.

St. Vincent Tahi Room

William Smith: For making good choices and always trying your best.

Reilly Stott: For working hard in the classroom and having a positive attitude.

St. Vincent Rua Room

Marley Woodward: For having a great 'can-do' attitude in the classroom.

Hunter Eynon-Dixon: For showing 'The APS Way' in class everyday!

Nile Tahi Room

Aisha Osman: For being wonderful! You're welcoming to visitors and enthusiastic about your learning.

Jaxx Scott-King: For being fabulous! You're always so polite and do the right thing in class. Ka rawe!

Nile Rua Room

Almira Patterson-Daly: For making an effort to complete learning tasks in the classroom.

Jack Alhourani: For great fluency while reading with your reading group.

Fair Play Award

Sophie Lowden: For being supportive towards others when playing at break times.

Leading Light Award:

Legacy Takimoana-Herewini: For being a great friend to others in the classroom.

