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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Talofa and greetings to you all.

This day, last year, we were in a state of fear, uncertainty, and deep grief when 147 loved ones perished in the Tsunami. So firstly, we would like to once again send to our school families, whose loved ones were taken, our sincere sympathies. We remember with kindness, Mrs Tui Annandale – Edward's grandmother, and Mrs Simati's many relatives from Lalomanu. We also sympathise with all the other families that lost loved ones and homes in this disaster. Ia faamaise pea le agaga o le Atua ia te outou uma.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Our sincere congratulations go out to **MRS LANI WENDT-YOUNG** in winning the Pacific Writers Award for her book of short stories. We also congratulate her on her latest release **O le Galu Afi**. Mrs Wendt has two children in the Primary and two in the Secondary. She is a current member of our Trust Management Board. **MALO LAVA LANI!**

### FAREWELL

We say **bon voyage** to Melina Opperrer and her family a very safe journey to the Carribeans. Ia manuia lava le malaga.



### SPORTSDAY

Two weeks ago we had our Athletics and Novelty Sports Days here at school. It was good fun for all and I'm sure those parents who joined in the fun, did a lot of reminiscing after! Thank you all for your support.



### SAMOAN WEEK

This week is SAMOAN WEEK and different classes will be doing different Samoan cooking. Yesterday, Years 1 & 2 made SUAFA'I – this taster (Ms Devoe) reckons you made the most beautiful suafa'i!! WELL DONE!! Today, Years 3 & 4 are making VAISALO and tomorrow, Years 5, 6 & 7 will prepare a UMU. On Friday, we will finish off our Samoan Week with our usual **Samoan Assembly**. This will be held at the Marist Hall at 11:00a.m. It will probably take about an hour and a half. If you are free, you are welcome to join us then you may take your children home afterwards. All students, **unless their teachers have advised in writing**, are asked to wear a puletasi / lavalava.

### **DAYLIGHT SAVING**

This novel concept is creating disorder for some children and families. We are monitoring our arrival times for these last two weeks of term, then determine whether we need to put back the school's starting time next term.

### **TEACHERS' SWAP DAY**

Last Tuesday, all teachers took on a different class for the day to allow them to experience older or younger children for a day, and for the students to have fun with a different teacher for a day.

### **ABSENCE**

We have found this term that there were a lot of absences due to illness. Thank you to those parents who advise us when their children are sick or go overseas for whatever reasons. We would like to encourage all other parents to do the same, please.

### **MASKS**

Some children have been wearing masks to school as a preventative measure. We would encourage that for now, especially with the swine flu around. We have masks available for \$1.00 at the office.

### **MESSAGE TO BJ MALIELEGAOI**

One of our students, BJ Malielegaoi of Year 3K, is seriously ill in the Starship Hospital, Auckland. **We ask for your prayers for BJ** and would like to send to BJ our **GET WELL WISHES** and we hope that he will be strong and fight to get better soon.

### **WELCOME BACK**

We welcome back **TIA'I SOFARA** of Year 1V who has been away in Hawaii undergoing surgery. Malo lava onosa'i, Tia'i.



### **OPEN SORES**

We would like to ask parents to please have children's sores properly treated and covered. Doctors have advised that serious diseases can be caused by viruses / germs entering our bodies through uncovered sores.

### **HEALTHY LUNCHES**

We would like to remind all parents that **packed healthy lunches and water go a long, long way for your child's health.**

*E tata logo atu pea Masefau.*

### **MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

Next Friday, our last day, we will have a Music Assembly at 11:00. If you are a musically talented parent/family, we will welcome your participation at our Assembly.

### **END OF YEAR EXAMS**

The End of Year Exams for the Senior students – Years 5 – 7 will be held in Week 3 of next term. English Written Expression will be done on Thursday Week 2 and Samoan Tusigatala will be done the next day (Friday). We hope students will use the one week break studying for exams.

### **TERM DATES**

Term 3: Ends next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct

#### **1 WEEK BREAK**

Term 4: 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

la manuia lava aso o loo totoe o lenei kuata.

Fiaapia Devoe

**PRINCIPAL**

