



Samoa Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Talofa lava. Malo le Folau.

A very warm welcome to all our Samoa Primary families. We have had a challenging start to 2022 but we were happy to provide learning for the children in the first two weeks of the term. Notification of the packages was sent out on the Samoa Primary Face book Page, as well as teachers sending out information about the packages using their chat groups. All lessons for all classes were also put on the Samoa Primary website. We are most grateful for the support from parents and caregivers for the great response in providing for our operational needs. The amount paid for packages is of course deducted from the term fee.

Full payment of the Term One fee is due at the end of Week 5, on Friday 25th February. This is Week 4 of Term 1. For new children who have enrolled this year, the Building Fund fee (a fee of \$300, paid only once per child) is due on **Friday 25th March, Week 8, of Term 1.** Management apologises for any inconvenience caused to parents/caregivers during the Lockdown period and we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you all for bearing with us.

- Fa'amalo le onosa'i ma le lava papale i le Mamalu o Matua. Talu ai le Fa'amai, ua tele ai ona le mautonu le polokalame aoga a fanau. Ae fa'afetai, i le Atua olo'o saogalemū pea si o tatou atunū. E taumafai lava le tatou aoga e fa'afeso'otai i atu matua i auala televavave fa'aneionapo aemaise foi le feso'otai atu i le tatou "web page".*

O le vaiaso lona 4 lenei o le tatou Kuata muamua. E fa'amanatu atu tatou Pili Aoga mo lenei Kuata, aemaise foi mo Tamaiti fou na a'e mai i lenei tausaga, le toto'ogiina o le Pili mo Faleaoga e \$300.00 pe a ulufale mai SPS mo le taimi muamua.

TERM DATES: There is a slight change in term dates from the dates printed in the Parent's Information Booklet, due to the Lockdown for COVID.

Term 1 : 31st January to Friday 8th April .

Term 2 : Tuesday 26th April to 1st July.

Monday 25th April is Teachers' Only Day.

Term 3 : 19th July to 23rd September (Teacher Only Day, Monday 18th July)

Term 4 : 11th October to 16th December

There is no Teacher Only Day for Term 4 as the 10th October is White Monday- White Sunday holiday.

CLASS TEACHERS AND ROOMS:

Due to the increase in class numbers for some classes this year, six new Teacher Aides have been appointed to assist teachers in the classroom. We welcome all our new Teacher Aides and we are sure that they will all do their best to assist the teachers in providing additional

support for group and individual learning and as much of an additional layer of safety as we can afford.

Preparatory 1 in Room 10. Teacher : Mrs. Fa'agalo Enari and Assistant Teachers: Mrs. Susitina Manu'a and Mrs. Taimamao Tui.

Preparatory 2 in Room 9. Because of the sad passing of Ms. Maria Pelasio in the Christmas holidays, Ms. Theresa To'o is working alongside Ms. TalaTuala with the assistance of Sualua Makisua, a new member of staff.

Year 1 Manono in Room 8 - Mrs. Vine Maulolo & Ms. Muta Meafou. Teacher Aide: Mrs. Talatalaga Iese.

Year 2 Tutuila , Mrs. Leulua'iali'i, - Room 5.

Year 2 Savai'i; Mrs. Marina Sulamanaia - Room 4.

Year 2 Upolu; Mrs. GaluegaTogia'i with Mrs.

Falefaomatanofa Iakopo as Teacher Aide – Room 3.

Year 3 Mosooi; Ms. Makerita Sulupe is with Ms. Sauleone Asoauassisting in Room 12..

Year 3 Teuila - Mrs. Tofioaiga Levale in Room 11

Year 4 Nu'ulopa -Mrs. Sola, assisted by Mrs. Irae Mo'a - Room 1

Year 4 Nu'utele - Ms. Maria Paulo; assisted by Mrs. Baker Room 2.

Year 5 Manutagi - Ms. TafaleTa'aseu & Teacher Aide: Ms Emmaliza Koki Mate - Room 14

Year 5 Segavao Mrs. Malu Vou and Co-Teacher, Mrs. Tineleti Akerei. - Room 13

Year 6 Toloa : Mrs MatalaooTaioalo & Teacher Aide, Ms. Gloria Fa'amanu Sakalia, in Room 15,

Year 6 Manumea - Mrs. Ane Augafa, & Teacher Aide: Ms. Tutoatasi Tuleiese, - Room 16.

Year 7 Fito : Mrs. Laina Toga & Teacher Aide, Ms. Marie Atapana - Room 18.

Year 7 Silisili Mrs. Ailigi Pomare & Teacher Aide, Ms. Mataina Lavea, - Room 17

Year 8 Lanoto'o in Room 19, Form Teacher, Mr. Reupena Selau.

Year 8 Mafane in Room 20, Form Teacher, Ms. Vi Isaako. Year 8 classes Mathematics is taught by Ms. Isaako and Mr. Selau & Ms Isaako co-teach Samoan & Science.

Mrs. Leauga teaches Year 8 Mafane English and Mrs. Iakopo teaches English to Year 8 Lanoto'o. Mrs. Sua takes both Year 8 classes for Social Studies.

Mr. Omana Sua teaches Computer Studies to all levels except Preparatory. (Preparatory 2 will have lessons beginning in Term 3.) Classes from Year 1 to Year 5 have one lesson per week and Years 6, 7 and 8 have two one hour lessons per week.

Interval for **Years 1 to 4** is from 10.30 to 11.00 am and for **Years 5 to 8**, interval is from 11.00 to 11.30 am. On Tuesdays and Thursdays a nutritious vegetable soup is made at school and sold for \$2 tala a cup.

HYGIENE / SILI LE PUIPUIA I LO LE TOGAFITIA

Teachers are checking children's fingernails and all nails must be kept trimmed and clean.

When children go out to play sport they must have a spare T-shirt to play in which will be put in their bags after play and they change back into their dry school shirts and uniforms. Children should also wear hats on sunny days.

It is encouraging to see children wearing masks.

If children have a cold it is advisable that they stay home to rest and recover. We cannot risk other students being exposed to germs as well as exposing teachers. If children are sent to school unwell with a fever or headache, the school will contact parents to come and collect their child.

We are encouraging children to constantly wash hands with soap and water before eating PLUS especially avoid touching their faces.

Fa'amanatu le taua o le tumama o fanau. Fa'amolemole, ia iai lava se mitiafu po'o se ofu e sui ai i taimi o ta'aloga. Fautuaina foi le iai o se pulou aemaise pea la aso. Ia mataitu le soifua maloloina o fanau. Fa'asufi ina ia tausami paleni fanau. A fa'ama'ima'i, taofi i le fale. Fa'afetai.

HEALTHY LUNCHES.

It is very encouraging to see many of our students with healthy lunches of sandwiches, fruits and savouries. On Mondays, the tuck shop sells pizza at \$2. Tuesdays and Thursdays, the school sells healthy soup at \$2 a cup. The tuck shop sells sandwiches on Tuesdays & Thursdays at \$2.50. Sushi is available on Wednesdays at \$2.50. On Fridays, the children get a treat of barbecue with rice at \$3.50. Fruit ice pops are also on sale at the tuck shop as well as water.. Fruits, coconuts, vaisalo and suafa'i are on sale whenever available.

A gentle reminder to parents who have birthdays at school to please provide sandwiches, savouries and fruits instead of cakes and ice cream as we would like the children to have as little sweets as possible.

Fa'amolemole Matua, e taua le tausami paleni o fanau.

CAMPS

A decision has been made to have the **Year 6 Camp** this term to foster bonding amongst students and provide an educational experience they can enjoy. It will take place in **Week 9 on Friday 1st April** and conclude on **Saturday 2nd April**. It will be held in the grounds at Samoa Primary School.

Year 7 will also have a Camp in **Term 2**. Details are yet to be finalised.

The Year 8 Camp has been put back to **Term Three** and we will let parents know further details when the COVID situation becomes clearer.

SCHOOL PREFECTS

Students in Year 8 will be considered for the role of a prefect. Staff will discuss candidates and make a decision on the Prefect team. There will be a Head Girl and Head Boy as well as their Deputies. Other students can be considered during the course of the year if they exhibit the desired qualities.

LEO CLUB

Year 8 students are invited to join LEO CLUB. There are LEO CLUBS around the world. Samoa Primary has the only LEO CLUB in Samoa. L stands for Leadership, E stands for Experience and O stands for Opportunity. The children meet once a month and elect a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Twister, from the Year 8 student body. Children learn the procedure for a proper meeting. They discuss and vote on community projects, helping people in need in the community and helping keep the environment clean and green. A letter of information will be sent out in Week 5 inviting students to join the Club. It is voluntary and run during school hours. It has proven excellent in offering educational opportunities for students. Parents need to sign the letter and return it to school before the end of Week 5 please. The only fee to be paid is a registration fee which is a very small amount that the children themselves decide on in their first meeting. They will receive a badge and a certificate at the end of the year to say that they have been a member of the LEO CLUB.

FAREWELLS

Management and staff would like to extend our fond farewell to families who are leaving to take up positions overseas. We wish you all the very best. Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you sometime in the future.

THANK YOU

A most sincere thank you to Elroi Harrison (in Preparatory 2) and his family for their wonderful donation of educational and fun toys. The children are enjoying them so much. Thank you also to Esther Tuala's family for the donation of toys for Preparatory 2. Fa'afetai tele lava.

SCHOOL EXERCISE BOOKS

We ask that all books used by the children for schoolwork are covered and neatly labelled with the child's name, the subject and class please.

Children visit the library twice a week to select and change library books. Library books are read for pleasure and parents may read these books to their children as they may be too difficult for the child to read. Readers, however are selected by the teacher to provide reading material suited to the child's reading level. The children should be reading a reader every evening. We ask please that library books and readers are handled carefully and kept dry so that they are returned to

school in good condition. If library books or readers are damaged or lost, we ask that parents/caregivers please buy a replacement book.

SCHOOL HOURS

It is very important that children are present for the beginning instructional lessons of the day. The school day begins at 8.30am. Children who arrive earlier are encouraged to sit quietly in class and read. As we all know, reading is the “Key to Success.”

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL

No cars are permitted on the school grounds 5 minutes before 8.30am until 5 minutes after 8.30am to ensure that all children are able to walk safely to their rooms. The same applies to the end of the school day: no vehicles are to come on to the grounds 5 minutes before 1.30pm until 5 minutes after 1.30pm to ensure that children have departed safely by bus or have been picked up by parents. Remaining students should be seated in the allocated areas by this time.

Preparatory children can be dropped off outside the Prep classrooms and picked up when parents choose, as long as there are no cars coming on to the field for the times given above.

Duty teachers remain on duty until 2.00 pm to give parents time to pick up their child/children under close supervision. After this time however, the children are not supervised by Duty Teachers as Management feels that reasonable time has been given for children to be picked up. The secretaries remain in the school office until 4.00pm but they are very busy with school administrative matters. Their role is to provide telephone service if the children should need to phone home. Children are asked to be seated on the verandah outside Room 1 if they have not been collected by 2.00pm. For the safety of the children, we ask parents to please arrange for their child/children to be collected by 2.00pm.

Mrs. Iakopo’s bus transports children to and from school leaving from Chan Mow’s supermarket in the morning at 8.00am. Matalasi bus is used after school to help with transportation. We are most grateful to the Chan Mow family for allowing us to use their sheltered premises for children to wait. A teacher travels on the bus/buses with the children after school and they supervise children until 2.30 p.m. They always remain with younger students so we ask for parents’ consideration in picking up their child/children on time please.

A gentle reminder to parents to please walk over to Chan Mow’s supermarket (on the side where the bus drops off your child/children) to pick up your child instead of waving from the other side. It is very dangerous for children to cross over when the duty teachers are trying to manage everyone to make sure all are safe. We have been very fortunate that there have been no accidents with children crossing when cars are zooming passed

We are most grateful to parents who stop to say thank you to duty teachers who are there after 3pm looking after your child when their time of duty has long past.

Should you have any enquiries or concerns, we appreciate meeting with you in person. Please phone the school on 29763 or 84-29764

to organise a convenient time. Feedback from parents/caregivers is always appreciated.

Afternoon Class:

Year 8 will have afternoon classes for one month beginning on **Monday 28th of February, Week 5**, from 1.45 pm to 2.45pm.

The timetable is as follows:

Mondays: English for Yr 8 Mafane & Maths for Yr 8 Lanoto’o.

Wednesdays: English for Year 8 Lanoto’o & Maths for Yr 8 Mafane.

Thursdays: Mathematics for both classes.

Aoga Afiafi mo le Vasega 8

Vaiaso Iona 5. Amataina aso 28 Fepuari mo le 4 Vaiaso
Aso Gafua – Gagana Fa’aperetania Vasega 8 Mafane & Matematika Vasega 8 Lanoto’o - 1.45 – 2.45pm.

Aso Lulu- Gagana Peretania – Vasega 8 Lanoto’o & Matematika Vasega 8 Mafane – 1.45 pm - 2.45pm.

Aso Tofi Matematika mo le Vasega 8 Mafane & Vasega 8 Lanoto’o. 1.45 – 2.45

FA’AMANATU TAU

- Fa’amolemole Matua, e ao lava ina fa’amalosia i tamaiti ina ia toaaga e faitau tusi, fa’amae’a lelei faiga o meaaoga, ma unaina ina ia a’o fa’atele mo le Numera.
- Taua le fa’ava’a uma o api aoga a fanau. E fa’avasegaina e le Faiaoga, ia api e fa’aaoga i mataupu ta’itasi.
- O le Fanau mai le Vasega 8 e filifilia ai Ta’ita’i mo le Aoga.
- E taua le tausisi i le taimi amata ma taimi e tuua ai fanau, ma ia mautinoa lelei e lou alo poo ai e pikiina ia, pea fa’aaogaina le pasi a Mrs. Iakopo.
- Tautuana fanau I lenei vaiata o timuga. Manaia pa iai se ofu fa’atimu po’o se fa’amalu. Fa’amolemole fa’aigoa uma mea totino a lou alo, fa’afetai.
- Fa’amloemole matua fa’amanatu atu ma le agaga maulalo le unia o fanau ina ia taumafa I meaai paleni ona o loo maitauina lava e o loo taumafaina keke, chips, konati ma isi taumafa suamalie. Fa’amanatu atu I matua ina ia saunia taumafa pei o sanuisi ma savouries poo fualaauaina e fa’amanatu ai aso fanau nai lo keke ma aisakulimi. Taumafai lava si a tatou aoga e mataitu le taumafa tatau mo lou alo ina ia soifua maloloina.
- Na o ta’avale a fanau o i le Vasega Amata ma Faiaoga o le Aoga e fa’ataga ta’avale i totonu o le lotoā, ae ia utagia mai taimi, 25 minute e te’a ai le 8 ma le 1.20 – 1.45.
- E avanoa pea le Pulega mo le fa’atalanoaga o ni mataupu fa’atatau i le agai i luma o le a’oa’oina o lou Alo, ae ao lava ona fa’aioa mai se taimi talafeagai, ona e faiaoga fo’i le Pulega.
- E taua le totogiina o Pili Aoga i Kuata ta’itasi. E momoli atu le fa’afetai tele i Matua ua mae’a ona totogi pili mo lenei Kuata.

Fa’afetai tele mo le faitauina o lenei Feso’otaiga Taua.

Thank you for reading this Newsletter.

Pulega/Management.