



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

2 March 2023

Tēnā koutou e te whānau

We congratulate our whānau, kaimahi (staff) and talavou (students) for your admirable response to the disruptive start to our term and we also acknowledge those who have been severely impacted by recent natural disasters here in Tamaki, across the motu and of course in our neighbouring island nation, Vanuatu. School programmes and classes have made an excellent start because of your support. We ask that we continue the momentum together with alofa and regular communication between home and school. Mauriora ki a tātou katoa.

Pō Talanoa mo Matua

On **Tuesday 14th March at 6pm**, we will be hosting an evening for fanau to come and meet your PASS teachers/staff. Come along and share kai and talanoa.

Hauora - Health & Wellbeing

We wish to acknowledge Pasifika Futures, The Fono and The Village Trust for their ongoing support of our PASS whānau and community who quickly came to our aid to prepare for Cyclone Gabrielle with food and meat packages. Fa'afetai, fa'afetai lava.

This week, a number of staff and students have been very unwell and tested positive with COVID. We are doing our best to remind everyone to use all hygiene methods for all potential bugs and bacteria around school. If your son or daughter is sick, please keep them home until they are well again. If you need any support with your family's health, Pasifika Futures can help. Please call Mama Jeanie at the office.

PPTA Strike Action

We have received notification from the PPTA (the secondary teachers union) of a one-day national strike on **Thursday 16th March**. As half of our teachers are union members, we will not be able to run classes that day. PASS staff will instead use this day for professional development.

Talavou will be given homework packs for distance learning, and of course if the Government comes back to teachers with an acceptable offer, it may be called off. However, this notice allows advanced warning of this industrial action. We will inform you if anything changes.

Skool Loop Communication

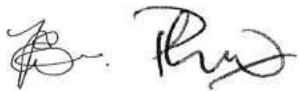
The Skool Loop app allows you to communicate to school through a phone app. If you haven't yet signed up please go to this [link](#) for more information.

Other Important Dates

Thursday 6th April - Last Day of Term 1

Monday 24th April - First day of Term 2

Kia haumarū tātou katoa



Alaimalo Falefatu & Parehuia Enari

Tamā ma Tinā

Co-principals