



YOUR PASS TO YOUR POTENTIAL

PACIFIC ADVANCE SECONDARY SCHOOL

AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

24th July 2023

Talofa lava Fāmili,

We extend a warm Pacific greeting as we welcome talavou back to school for Term three. We acknowledge the challenges faced during the past two terms, with natural disasters and teacher strikes causing disruptions to our learning journey. We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support of our parents and fāmili during these trying times.

We are delighted to extend a warm and hearty welcome to three new exceptional staff members joining the Pacific Advance Secondary School community. Let us warmly greet Tarl Stock, our diligent caretaker, David Afoa, our Health/PE teacher, and Kenneth Setiu, our Classroom Release Teacher. We are immensely grateful for their presence and contributions to our school. May they find success and fulfillment in their roles, and we wish them all the best as they embark on this new journey with PASS.

As we venture into the winter season, we encourage talavou to take care of any niggly coughs and colds. Continue to perform RAT tests to check for Covid-19 symptoms and remember that the school is here to assist you with RAT tests, gloves, and sanitizers if needed. Also, we have good news! Free medicine prescriptions are now available at Unichem Pharmacy, Chemist Warehouse, and Zoom Pharmacy. For more information, please visit our school website. If you require support in accessing low-cost primary care through GP's, don't hesitate to reach out to Jeanie for assistance.

We have noticed that a number of talavou are arriving to school late. Please remember that the school day begins at 8 am sharp. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, and we aim for talavou to attend at least 90% of the time. If you are facing issues with lateness, kindly contact the school office for support. Together, let us stand strong – kia kaha tātou.

Our theme for Term 3 is "Mana Langi - Reaching for the Stars." It's a time to review and reset our 2023 goals, ensuring a strong finish. Talavou, please take this opportunity to talanoa with your parents and guardians about your progress. Discuss your learning program, assignments, and assessments. Share what you find easy and challenging in your studies, and don't hesitate to seek help when needed. Set your academic goals and career aspirations, as we support you in achieving them.

During the week of the 14th August we will be holding our Talanoaga Fāmili (Matua, Talavou, Teacher Interviews). These interviews provide a valuable opportunity for parents, guardians, and talavou to come together and discuss academic progress, goals, and any other concerns. Starting from Monday, 31st July, you will be able to access the Skool Loop app to schedule your interview time. Skool Loop offers a convenient and user-friendly platform to select a time that suits you best. To learn

how to sign up and set up your interview time on [Skool Loop](#), please refer to the instructions available on our [school website](#).

"Right time, right place, right attitude" remains our daily mantra at Pacific Advance Secondary School. We kindly ask parents and fāмили to reinforce this expectation with their sons and daughters every day.

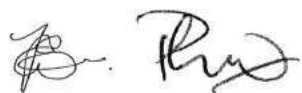
Upcoming Events:

- 31 July to 4 August: Cook Islands Language Week
- 31 July Vision Bus Aotearoa - mobile eye checks
- 14-17 August: Talanoaga Fāмили (Matua, Talavou, Teacher Interviews)
- 3-9 September: Tongan Language Week
- 11-15 September: Māori Language Week
- 22 September: Last day of Term 3 (12 pm finish)
- 9 October: Term 4 Begins

Let us continue our journey with determination and resilience as we strive to complete the final internal assessments for NCEA and the Junior Diploma. Together, we will reach for the stars and embrace the future with hope and ambition.

Fa'afetai tele lava for your continued support.

Ma le fa'aaloalo lava



Alaimalo Falefatu & Parehuia Enari
Tamā ma Tinā
Co-Principals