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AN INNOVATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR PASIFIKA BY PASIFIKA

Term 3, 2024 School Newsletter - MANA MOANA

Talofa lava, Kia ora, Malo e lelei, and warm Pacific greetings!

This term, our theme is **Mana Moana**, inspired by the guiding story of the Blind Navigator of Tonga. His name was Tuita Kahomovailahi, or Kaho who navigated by the feel of the wind and the touch, taste and smell of the sea. He would ask the waka crew where the sun was, and what birds could be seen before capably guiding his vessel to its desired destination.

Our journey this term will be guided by the whakatauki/alaga'upu:

- **Holo pe tuu he koe ngalu fasi** (Remain steadfast amidst the crashing waves)
- **Ua fa'apōpō aso ua ae le tu'ua aso folau** (Cherish past achievements but remain focused on future voyages)

We encourage talavou to take heed of these proverbs as we enter into the business end of the year, whereby they will need to be steadfast in their learning journey and possible challenges towards completing their final tasks and assessments of the term.

Highlights from Term 2:

- **Mana Whenua Theme Culmination:** Our PASS Matariki Makeki night was a resounding success. Villages created business plans, crafted products, and provided services, raising approximately \$5,000 for the Year 13 Hawaii fundraiser. This event showcased our talavou' entrepreneurial skills and community spirit.
- **Junior School Programmes:** Our Year 9-11 talavou sat their first Common Assessment Activities (CAAs) as part of the new NCEA change programme, testing their literacy and numeracy skills. We eagerly await the results.
- **Senior School Programmes:** Students completed half of their year's courses, with assessments being modified. The year 11 teachers focused on the new NCEA Level 1 changes, ensuring talavou are well-prepared.
- **Fa'a Pasifika Programme:** Our talavou were tutored in traditional Pasifika songs, enriching their cultural understanding. Year 13 talavou attended the "Red, White and Brass" production, adding to their cultural experiences.

- **Ōtāhuhu Kāhui Ako (OKA) Events:** We successfully hosted the Stewards Mix 'n' Mingle event and the OKA Conference, fostering unity and collaboration among Ōtāhuhu schools.

Important Dates:

- **5 August:** Cook Island Language Week
- **12 August:** Community Tree Planting
- **19 August:** Mid-year Reports / Tongan Language Week
- **4th and 5th September:** Staff Only Days (Noho)
- **16 September:** Māori Language Week / School Photos
- **23 September:** Fijian Language Week (early) / School Production

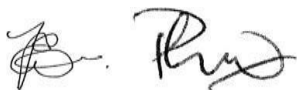
Key Messages to Our Talavou:

As we embark on this term's journey, remember the strength and resilience of our ancestors who navigated the vast Moana with determination and purpose. Let their spirit guide you through your studies and activities this term.

- **Manawanui | Steadfast:** Stay committed to your goals. There will be challenges, but like the Blind Navigator, remain focused and steadfast.
- **Whakatau | Determination:** Your determination is your greatest tool. Use it to overcome obstacles and push through any difficulties.
- **Marino | Calm:** Keep a calm mind even when things get tough. A calm spirit can help you find solutions and stay on course.
- **Agava'a | Canoe:** Your journey is like navigating a waka. Work together, support each other, and move forward as a united team.
- **Ta'unga | Landing:** Every effort you make brings you closer to your goals. Celebrate each small success as a step towards your final destination.

Let's navigate together, drawing strength from our Mana Moana. Remember, you are part of a proud legacy of navigators, warriors, and leaders. Embrace this term with courage and passion.

Ngā manaakitanga,



Alaimalo Falefatu & Parehuia Enari
Tamā ma Tinā
Co-principals