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Term Four Newsletter, 2024 - MANA LANGI

Talofa lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia ora koutou,

As we journey through Term 4, we would like to update our PASS families on the exciting learning focus for our talavou. This term, we are guided by the powerful theme of **Mana Langi**, exploring indigenous knowledge, innovation, and our ancestral connection to the sky.

Senior Talavou

Our seniors are in the final stages of their curriculum and are preparing for external exams starting in Week 4. The term's guiding story is drawn from **Ngā Kete o te Wānanga (Tāne nui ā Rangi)**, with whakataukī and alaga'upu that remind us of resilience, leadership, and returning to our roots. Seniors are working with stories such as:

- *E lele le toloa ae ma'au i le vai* – "The bird flies away, but always returns home."
- *Kia fakamole kehe e tau kelea he matagi ne havili* – "All our troubles need to be vanished in the blowing wind."

We are seeing excellent completion rates throughout the cohort and encourage parents to support their young person as they prepare for exams. Senior talavou will soon be selecting their subjects for 2025, so have talanoaga with them at home about their aspirations and pathways.

Junior Talavou

Our juniors are busy working toward completing their Junior Diplomas by the end of Week 6. They, too, are engaging with the **Mana Langi** theme, reflecting on their connection to the sky and well-being through experiences like waiata and learning about Polynesian wayfinding. This helps them see the connection between their heritage and future ambitions.

Attendance and Progress

Attendance has improved since last term, which is fantastic! However, we still need to ensure our talavou are here every day, ready to learn. If your child is planning to be away, please notify the

office immediately. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter's progress, reach out to their Village Parent or their teacher for guidance and support.

Urgent Reminder: After-School Safety

We kindly remind parents to ensure their children go straight home after school. We do not want talavou hanging around Otahuhu township after school hours. All talavou should be off school grounds and heading home promptly, with no talavou seen around the area by 4pm. Your support is crucial in keeping our tamariki safe and focused on their responsibilities.

Acknowledging Our Staff

We want to thank our amazing staff for their dedication to our programmes this term. Their commitment to both the senior and junior curriculum has been instrumental in ensuring our talavou succeed.

Upcoming Events

We have several key dates and events to note:

- **Talanoa Ako Whānau Consultation Fono:** Tuesday, 29th October at 6pm. All talavou must be represented on the night.
- **Y13 Hawaii Fundraising Events:**
 - Corporate Dinner: Saturday, 2nd November
 - Bingo Night: Saturday, 16th November from 2pm to 6pm
- **Senior Exams:** Begin in Week 4
- **Senior Prizegiving:** Thursday, 28th November
- **Senior Sports Prizegiving:** Friday, 29th November at 1pm
- **Senior Ball:** Friday, 29th November
- **Junior Prizegiving and Last Day of Term:** Thursday, 12th December

Thank you again for your support, and please continue encouraging your tamaiti to make the most of this special term. Together, we can ensure their success and well-being as they navigate their learning journeys under the guiding stars of **Mana Langi**.

Ngā mihi nui,



Alaimalo Falefatu & Parehuia Enari
Tamā ma Tinā
Co-principals