Kia ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e lele, Hello everyone. We would like to welcome the following students and their families to the school: Disaree Taufa, Ruta Levao, Stavros Deane & Nirvana-Jade Tauelima Tongia.

**Community Barbeque**

This will be held this Friday evening, starting at 5pm. Remember that the waterslide will operate on the hill by the pool from 5pm – 6pm only. A notice went home yesterday with details about this event. We look forward to seeing you on Friday and let’s hope we have better weather than we did last year!

**Cornwallis Trip**

Thank you to everyone who came along to the beach last Tuesday. It was lovely to see extended families there enjoying the day with their children and it was a great opportunity for staff to get to know children and their families and for children to get to know each other better.

**Junior Swimming Demonstration**

Rooms 1 - 5

This will be held next Thursday 12th March at 2.00pm at the school pool. Please come along and support your children on the day.

**Goal Setting Meetings**

Thank you to the 85% of families who attended the Goal Setting Meetings last week. We hope you found them beneficial. Mid Year Conferences will be held at the beginning of Term 3 and you will be given an update at that stage as to how your children are progressing towards their goals.

**Term One Costs**

Classroom programmes and activities are well underway now and we would appreciate you making arrangements to pay for these as soon as possible. Please see Julie in the office if you have not already done so.

**Year 5 & 6 Camp Meeting**

Our 2015 Camp meeting will be held next Wednesday evening 11th March at 7pm in Room 9. It is important that all parents of Year 5 & 6 students attend this meeting so that you are aware of what the camp will involve. We will also discuss ways that we can reduce the cost of the camp for each family.

**Parent Reading**

Thank you to the extra parents who have volunteered to help out with this worthwhile programme this term. It is greatly appreciated. If you are still interested in helping please see Ms Helen McGrath.
Property Update
Preparation for the relocatable classrooms will begin this weekend.
- Tree Pruning: On Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th March all trees on the left hand side of the driveway will be removed. The Arborist will also heavily prune the Pohutukawa trees on the right hand side of the driveway.
- Next week contractors will prepare and fence off the area where the temporary classrooms will be placed.
- The school grounds will be closed from Friday 13th March until Monday morning 16th March.
- Early on Monday morning (after midnight) 16th March the relocatable classrooms will be moved onto the school site.
- Contractors will take approximately 3 weeks to connect water and power and build decking and stairs.
- The temporary classrooms will be ready for students and teachers at the beginning of Term 2.

School Assemblies
These will now return to the original time of 2.00pm for the remainder of this term. We have also moved the location of the assemblies to under the Gum Tree outside the library where there is more shade. Classes running assemblies are as follows:

Week 5: Room 8
Week 6: Room 4
Week 7: Room 10
Week 8: Room 6
Week 9: Mrs Allen’s farewell assembly
(Please note that this will be held on Thursday 2nd April – last day of Term 1).

Published Writers
Our Day at the Beach by Room 4
I built a sandcastle with Mrs Law. I glided on my back. I picked up rubbish. I ate lunch. I peeked under the rocks. I came back to school. By Nathanael Laughter

I made a little sandcastle. I made a starfish. I floated on the water. I ate a susage. I ate lunch. We ate morning tea. I searched for rubbish. By Manisha Rai

I built a sandcastle. We peeked under the rocks trying to find crabs. By Faith Cagiaceva

The beach was fun and I built a big sandcastle. I searched for rubbish. By Ishaan Greenwood

Persuasive Writing by Room 9
I think that students should be allowed to go to other countries for educational reasons. Firstly students could visit and learn more about that country. It can teach them more about the culture and what they do in it. When they are there they can also have fun at the same time. Secondly, look at what they would be able to do there. They could see the statue of Liberty. They could try what their food is like and be able to see what the people and their traditions are like. By Kate Laughter

I think kids should use ipads instead of books at school because it would save a lot of space in the classrooms. Firstly kids make a lot of mistakes on their work, and it looks really messy, but with ipads it doesn’t look messy when they make mistakes because they can just press back space. When the kids make spelling mistakes the ipads can automatically correct it, and if teachers don’t want it to do that they can turn it off in settings. By Renee Hayter.

I strongly believe that students should use ipads instead of books, pens, pencils, rulers and vivids. This is a better choice for everyone. You would have memories from when you were five until you were ten. Books can get lost in the garage or anywhere easily. Papers have more chance of perishing than ipads. Work can be saved in ipads. Technology is growing but paper can’t so another reason is, that it saves the world. By Husna Nazari
Leadership Opportunities
Congratulations to the following senior students who have been selected for various leadership roles in 2015. You have a very busy year ahead!

- **Leadership Team**

- **House Captains**
  Kea – Ivan Kerr and Husna Nazari  
  Tui – Mireille Tuilata and Jaydin Jackson  
  Pukeko – Karen Wang and J.P. Pau  
  Ruru – Bradley Abraham-Maaka and Renee Hayter

- **School Librarians**
  Robert Sevele, Steven Uluave, Devesh Kant, Storm Raftstrand-Subritzky, Mireille Tuilata, Ofa Tupou, Virginia Faleafa, Caitlin Doolan, Ravena Tamate, Millar Mahoney, Joshua Hadnett, Benjamin Way, Ricki Li, Jed Kaue, Sione Bremmer, Safa Nazari, Rebecca Coutts, Francesca Raza, Lily Mao, Danish Amani, Kalana Longopoa, Charlotte Nagle, Renee Hayter, Karen Wang, Lydias Yong, Kate Laughter, Travis Noa, Maanov Bali, Renia Rajan, Taha Omeri, Lamech Uaisele, Matthew Hansen, Eshana Kumar, Husna Nazari, Richard Liang

- **Jump Jam Leaders**
  Ivan Kerr, Bradley Abraham-Maaka, Daniel Niva, An-Elizabeth Uaisele, Eshana Kumar, Husna Nazari, Karen Wang, Renee Hayter, Lydias Yong, Mireille Tuilata, Franchesca Raza, Emmanuel Tunai, Charlotte Nagle, Travis Noa, Ofa Tupou, Virginia Faleafa, Lamech Uaisele, Kate Laughter, Maanov Bali, Joel Taumoeanga, Sadie Caffery, Sione Bremmer, Rebecca Coutts, Caitlin Doolan, Lily Wilkins

- **Back Track Patrols**
  Rena Rajan, Virginia Faleafa, Franchesca Raza, Sunia Tupou, Eshana Kumar, Karen Wang, Jed Kaue, Ivan Kerr, JP Pau, Daniel Niva, Renee Hayter, Ravena Tamate, Jaydin Jackson

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**
Classroom teachers award merit certificates to students who have made an exceptional effort or have improved in a particular curriculum area. We would like to congratulate the following students who have received merit certificates in the last two weeks:

**Week 3 Term 1:** Demitrius Brun, Hepisipa Pamaka, Genesis Malton-Howe, Jessica Hansen, Ayva Siulepa, Zoe Symon, Brooklyn Lemoe, Leo Chen, Jasmine Wilkins, Lopeti Vakauta, Kiana Wihapi, Alfred Kerr, Kyana Teihotua-Gates, Kalana Longopoa, Joel Taumoeanga, Karen Wang, Shiya Vakauta, Lily Wilkins, Tau Longopoa & Sophia Visesio.

**Week 4 Term 1:** Steven Mitchell, Rael Noa, Ari McBeath, Aidan Morrison, Nathanael Laughter, Ama Mahaliyana, Gamado Shanko, Mercedes Tunai, Sifa Teisi, Izzy Reeve, Sylvia Huang, Ivan Taumoeana, Ravena Tamate, Danish Amani, Eshana Kumar, Charlotte Nagle, Johnathan Nadruku, Holly Mitchell, Nethya Weerasinge, Tanyah Pamaka

**Student of the Week**
Congratulations also go to Brittany Puletaha from Room 3, and Malissa Fifita from Room 5 for being selected as students of the week in the last 2 weeks. Well done!

**DUFFY CERTIFICATES**
Duffy certificates are values based and are awarded by classroom teachers to students who have demonstrated a key value such as kindness, respect, responsibility, empathy or honesty towards others.

We would like to congratulate the following students who have received Duffy certificates in the last two weeks:

**Calendar of Events:**

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**How Can You Help to Reduce Crime in the Mt Roskill Area?**

Join the volunteers setting up the Mt Roskill Community Patrol, as part of Community Patrols of New Zealand [www.cpnz.org.nz](http://www.cpnz.org.nz/) working with the support of the NZ Police. Being a patroller is a non-confrontational role and any caring citizen in the community may offer their services to help make their community safer.

Community patrollers usually patrol in pairs, once a month, acting as ‘eyes and ears’ for community, noting anything that could be suspicious and informing police immediately of incidents requiring urgent attention.

Applicants are vetted by the Police and are given full training by senior patrollers.

Each member must sign a declaration of confidentiality and agree to abide by a code of conduct before working with the patrol.

For more information contact Merril Bourne - 626 6600 or via e-mail mtroskillcp@gmail.com

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**Help us spend Kiwisport money in your community!**

Sport Auckland are currently engaging in a community consultation to set the priorities for Kiwisport funding of which we have distributed over $2 million into our local community over the past 3 years. To ensure we are providing the right sporting opportunities that meet the needs of your community can you and your son/daughter please take 2 minutes to fill in the survey applicable to you:


Primary School Aged Students - [www.surveymonkey.com/s/KSPPrimary](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KSPPrimary)


We appreciate you taking the time to complete these survey’s. If you are interested in having further input please check [www.sportauckland.co.nz](http://www.sportauckland.co.nz) for details on a local forum where you will have this opportunity. The survey’s will be open until Wednesday 11th March.

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**Variety Kiwi Kid Sponsorship is available for help with expenses such as**

- Medical
- School related costs like stationery, uniforms, camps.
- Essential items such as warm jackets, shoes for school, pyjamas, bedding,
- Extra-curricular costs like sports fees, uniforms and footwear, music/dance/swimming classes.

If you have any questions please contact the Variety office on 520 4111 or email kiwikids@variety.org.nz