



## The Rise UP Academy Newsletter

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# A Word from our Principal

Fakaalofa lahi atu,

Iehova vaha loto, for his protection over our school! We have levelled up and down and worked hard to keep our staff and students safe, and continue with quality learning experiences. Fakaauae lahi for your ongoing support, grace and prayers during the term. No doubt Term 4 will have a mixed bag of events and we're aiming to provide more whanau support in order for everyone to 'BE PREPARED, NOT SCARED' in the event of more level 2 & 3 scenarios. I hope you have time and space to slow down over the school holidays and may-be visit some of Aucklands beautiful parks and walkways with the children.

Amongst all the changes we have continued to deliver the Word with zeal and I want to acknowledge our Rise UP dads, Des Ng Shiu, Bruce Levi, Rob Holloway, and Mike Fe'ao for stepping up and helping the staff carry the load during level 3.

We have much to be thankful for including our Grandparents day, Waatea Reading partnership, PATH plans, Synergy programme, new students and their Whanau:

Hannah Muelu, Kiutau Beckham Taufu and Jacob Piutau

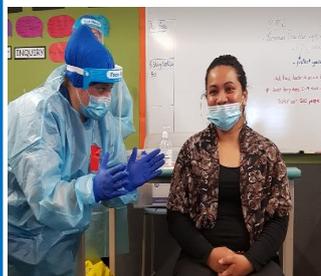
We also welcome Whaea Becs Fellows to Rise UP as a new Learning Assistant.

May God bless you all,

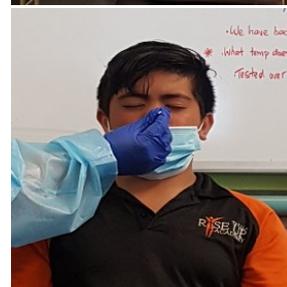
Sita Selupe MNZM  
Principal



# INQUIRY TERM THREE



This term we've had some highs and lows but we Praise God for his continued favour over our children and their learning. This term we end our inquiry with some highlights around **our ecology and how it has impacted and affected our environment**. All staff were very impressed with the students learning and using their scientific lens to investigate organisms that have been lingering around our surfaces. Thank you teachers for your hard work with our Rise Up children and paving the way for success. Parents here are a few photos of how well your children did to present their inquiry projects. Here are some picture of Room 2 when they invited Whanau Ora to come into school to talk about Corona Virus and where they administered COVID-19 tests to Mrs Selupe, Ms Godinet, and 6 students who received parental permission. Well done Room 2 and those brave students.



# Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori

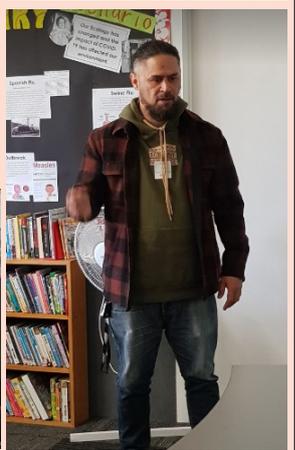
Kia Ora ki te Whanau

“Na inaianei ko enei tokotoru kei te mau tonu: te whakapono, te tumanako me te aroha. Engari ko te mea nui o enei ko te aroha” (1. Corinthians 13:13). Our tamariki were encouraged to show faith, hope and love and most importantly to share aroha with our whanau. Kia Ora Matua Rob Holloway in opening our Wiki o Te Reo Maori and teaching our tamariki the values of aroha.

The theme for 2020 is 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori'. 'Kia Kaha' is well understood in New Zealand English with its meaning of 'be strong'. We often talk about languages as if they are people, so when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

During the week, our tamariki heard and felt the frequencies of te moana (ocean) whenua (land) and koko (wind) through the beautiful sounds of Taonga puoro (traditional Māori musical instruments) by Shane McClean.

Throughout the classrooms Reo was heard and seen through greetings, pepeha, singing, haka and visual Art by Whaea Nerina. Ahakoa iti, akona, kōrerohia (Learn a little, use a little) was encouraged in revitalizing te reo and students did so with joy. It is our aim to continue to improve te reo and share what we know.



## Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga



### Mālō e lelei,

The theme for Tonga language week is "Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Lotu Mo'oni" which in English means "Enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through Prayer and Faith". Each year a different theme is used to promote the richness of the Tonga language and culture with the Tongan community but also all New Zealanders.

We would like to say Malo aupito to Kotoni Fe'ao also known as Grandpa Hook and Mike Fe'ao for opening up our Tongan Language week and for sharing a devotion on Focus.



# HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCHES PROGRAMME

We are extremely excited to let you know that our school will be joining the free lunch programme from Term 1 2021.

All parents want to provide their children with a lunch every day. But, as you will know, there are many reasons parents can struggle, often through no fault of their own. We know that some of you will have been particularly affected by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Offering a lunch for all our children who need it will go some way to helping families and whānau to support their children and tamariki. This is why we have decided to take part in this programme.

Lunches will cater for the diet, health and cultural needs of our students, and we will work with suppliers and the Ministry of Education to make sure they are healthy and nutritious. All suppliers will be required to meet New Zealand food safety standards.

The lunches will be available for all our students. While we know there are hungry children in every community, we do not always know who they are. Providing a lunch to every child means we do not need to single-out those who need it more than others. However, lunches are not compulsory, and you can continue to provide your child's own lunch if you wish.

Right now, we are working with the Ministry of Education on the best way to meet our school's needs. So far, we will be selecting an approved supplier once the Ministry's open tender processes have been completed.

The programme will run until the end of 2021 and will be evaluated whilst it is running. This will include feedback from schools, students and suppliers about what the lunches are like, how they are delivered, and if they have an impact on students' learning and achievement. This information will help to decide whether to continue beyond 2021, and what an ongoing programme might look like.

You can find out more about the programme at: [www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches](http://www.education.govt.nz/free-and-healthy-school-lunches) If you have any further questions, please contact our office, or the Ministry at [school.lunches@education.govt.nz](mailto:school.lunches@education.govt.nz)

## Term 4 reminders



We are back in shorts or skorts in Term 4 so unless you have a medical reason for wearing trousers all students must wear PLAIN BLACK shorts or skorts. These can be brought from Kmart, Postie Plus or the Warehouse.

Hats are compulsory as it's a great way to protect your hair, eyes and skin from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. No hat means no playing on the field.

WATER Bottles are a MUST! We are still not allowing children to drink from the fountain so please make sure they bring a labelled water bottle to school.



## FRIDAY FUN DAY

Our Y1—Y4 students are welcome to bring a toy from home each Friday to play with. Please NO toys with small pieces such as animals/insects that may require sanitising. No Scooters/Bikes/Skateboards for break time

## WEBSITE

Our new and improved Rise UP Academy website is now LIVE so please have a look through. You can also update your details and report any absences here.

Our future newsletters will also be created on the website. There will no longer be a hard-copy sent home.

[www.riseupacademy.school.nz](http://www.riseupacademy.school.nz)

## S A F E T Y

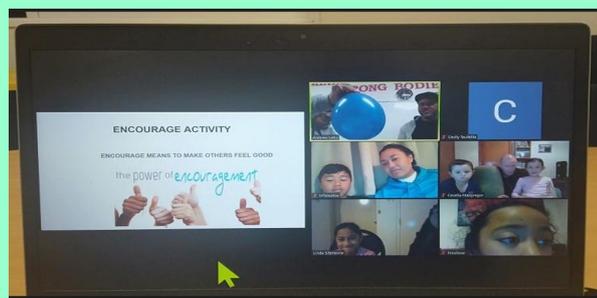
### A few reminders:

- ◆ Students are not permitted onsite before 8.15am due to no supervision
- ◆ The front gate must be closed at all times to prevent any stray dogs entering the school grounds
- ◆ Parents please do not park in the church driveway or in front of the bollards. There is plenty of street parking

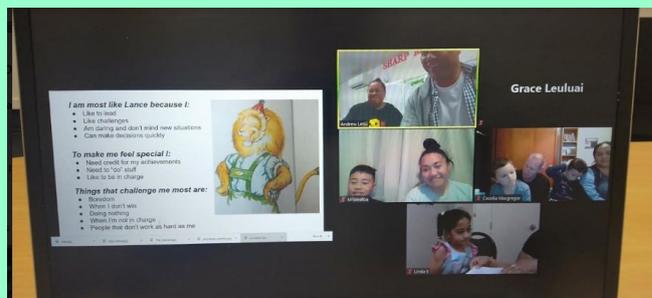
# BLC Whanau Notices

## **SYNERGY:**

Well done to all our whanau who have participated in our Synergy programme which has been delivered on zoom. We will have our presentation event next Wednesday 30th September 4.30pm-5.30pm in Room 1. Our children who are presenting are Fisi-Anne, Eli, Shayla-Kay, Nissi & Zephiniah. This is an open invitation for all our whanau to attend the Synergy Presentation Event'.



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## Important Dates



- Wednesday 30th September - Synergy Presentation Event 4.30 - 5.30pm in Room 1
- Monday 12th October - First day of Term 4
- Thursday 15th October - Whanau Fono, Wellbeing
- 18th - 24th October - Niuean Language Week
- Monday 26th October - Labour Day (No School)
- Thursday 29th October - AGM
- Monday 2nd, 16th November - Hearts & Minds 6pm
- Friday 6th November - TOD
- Thursday 26th November - BOT
- Friday 4th December—TOD
- Wednesday 9th December—SUPA Assessments
- Friday 11th December - End of Year Awards Ceremony
- Tuesday 15th December - Rainbows End
- Wednesday 15th December - Last day of Term 4, 1pm finish

## SICK Children MUST stay home

If your child is unwell please keep them at home or get them seen by a Doctor especially if they have symptoms for COVID-19 which are:

- ◆ New/worsening cough
- ◆ Fever (at least 38 degrees)
- ◆ Shortness of breath
- ◆ Sore throat
- ◆ Sneezing & runny nose
- ◆ Temporary loss of smell

If your child is away for 2 consecutive days we just need to be advised via phone call/text or email however if they are away 3 consecutive days they must provide a medical certificate. If they have been tested for COVID-19 please keep them at home until they have received their test results back—negative.

IF you sneeze

or cough remember to...



# Whanau Devotions

**Devotion topic:**

**Scripture for the term:**

**1 Samuel 16: 7**

...the Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

**Scripture for the week: Initiative**

***Nehemiah 2: 1-8***

***Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem***

***Ephesians 5: 15-16***

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

**Global Learning Intention: We are learning how to be godly leaders**

**Specific Learning Intention: We are learning how to use our initiative**

**Success Criteria**

I can use my initiative in class and at home

I can memorize the scripture verse for the week

**Prayer requests:**

- ◆ Protection over the holidays-keep our families all safe.
- ◆ For all staff, board to be renewed and to rest over the holidays.
- ◆ Well-being for all staff and whanau
- ◆ Term 4 curriculum planning
- ◆ Sustainability plans for 'Building Learning Communities'.
- ◆ God's favour to continue for Rise UP Academy

Praise the Lord for answered prayer

