

**VAIASO O LE GAGANA SAMOA**



This week we are celebrating Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa, Samoan Language week. Yesterday we started the day with a school assembly and flag raising. During the week students will have opportunities to share and learn Samoan language and culture. We welcome your support for any of these opportunities. On Thursday 3 June at 12pm we will be having a school assembly to share some of our learning. Parents, please come along and join us. Following assembly, students will return to their classrooms to eat lunch and parents, you are welcome to join the class and have lunch with your children.



**This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is Poupou le Itoifale. Ola manuia le anofale which means strengthen the posts of your house, for all to thrive.**

**SAFE SCHOOL STREETS PROJECT**

We were informed last week by Auckland Transport that the work scheduled to begin in Inverell Avenue and Trevor Hosken Drive has been delayed. We have not yet been informed when this work will commence.

## FUTURE NEW BUILDING

The Ministry of Education has begun working with the school board and management to plan for building a new, seven classroom block for our school. This building is to cater for anticipated roll growth as new housing is developed in our local area. After consultation in 2020 it was agreed that the new building is to be sited on the front field, in the corner closest to the Inverell Ave pedestrian gate. It will be a two storey building that can be extended over time as the roll grows.

At this stage we are working with the Ministry and architects on the design of the building. It is hoped that building will begin at the end of this year and be completed for use at the start of 2023. We will continue to share updates with you as this work progresses.

## LONG WEEKEND

This Friday, 4 June, is a staff only day. There is NO SCHOOL for students on Friday. A reminder also that school is closed Monday 7 June for Queen's Birthday public holiday. We hope you enjoy an extra long, long weekend.

## PEDESTRIAN GATE ON INVERELL AVE

For student safety during the school day we will be closing the pedestrian gate on Inverell Ave after 9.30am. The gate will not be locked, just closed. You are still welcome to come into the school whenever you need to. Please close the gate behind you.

## SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE

*To keep all of our children safe we remind parents to please use the car park beside the Wiri Community Hall (on Inverell Ave) to drop off and pick up children. From the hall car park students need only walk a short distance to the back gate (behind Room 17) to enter the school. This gate opens at 8.15am each day and remains open until 9.30am. This gate is located well away from road and traffic hazards making it a safe place to access the school. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.*

## KA ORA, KA AKO! FOOD IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Here is some information from Libelle about the school lunch service they provide for our school and many other schools.

Lunch By Libelle is a school lunch service as part of the Ka Ora, Ka Ako healthy school lunches programme. This programme aims to reduce food insecurity by providing access to nutritious lunch in school every day. In 2021, Lunch By Libelle will be providing nutritious school lunches to 30,000 students every day at 170 schools. Kia ora te kai!

WHY HEALTHY KAI IS IMPORTANT At Lunch By Libelle, we are on the Pathway to Nutrition, balancing familiar foods with introducing a wider range of unfamiliar foods. The Menu Development team is actively seeking suppliers who will supply real, wholesome food as close to its natural form as possible. Nutrient dense foods that provide the required nutrition to feel full, rather than food that doesn't satisfy their hunger. A healthy diet is essential for good health and nutrition. Children's tastes vary, and many may not be familiar with healthy foods. Supporting tamariki to explore these exciting new foods is fundamental to their personal development and the programme.