



*Greetings, Tena Koutou e hoa ma, hello parents and friends of the school,  
Talofa lava, malo e lelei, fakalofa lahi atu.*

## **2019 CALENDAR** **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- 17<sup>th</sup> May - Pink Shirt Day. (see note)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Science in a Van Roadshow (see note)
- 29 May - Possible teachers strike Day
- 3 Jun - Queens Birthday Weekend  
NO SCHOOL TODAY
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jun - New Zealand Playhouse Performance  
"The Tortoise and The Hare"  
Information to be sent home

### **Term Dates for 2019**

- Term 1 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2019
- Term 2 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 - 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2019
- Term 3 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2019 - 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019
- Term 4 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2019 - 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019

### **Science in a Van Roadshow** **Pohutukawa Syndicate** **(Rooms: 4, 5 7 and 9)**

Pohutukawa Syndicate will have a visit from Science in a Van Roadshow.

The Roadshow will visit on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will cost students \$6.00.

This will be a fun interactive show about The Wonderful World of Bubbles.

Please complete the permission form that was sent home and return with payment to your child's teacher as soon as possible.



### **Board of Trustee Elections**

Board of Trustee elections will take place this year. Trustees are active leaders in our school. They have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be school trustees.

School boards need to represent the diversity of their school community to ensure a bright future for all our children.

The trustee elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education.

Nomination forms for parent representatives on the Board of Trustees were sent out last week to all eligible caregivers. Nominations will close at noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you

### **New Enrolments**

A very big welcome to our new families. We have enjoyed meeting you all. Our roll growth is climbing steadily. Transitioning to school is always a bit daunting for both children and families. If you have a preschooler starting school within the next 6 months please make sure you have completed the appropriate enrolment forms and handed them into the office. This helps us to plan our new entrant classes for the rest of the year.

### **Collecting children after school**

Parents please make sure your children know where to meet you after school. We are seeing an increase in the number of children waiting at the school office after 3:15pm. Please be on time, school finishes at 3:00pm and all children must be out of the school grounds by 3:15pm.

*"Learning is for Life"*



## Pink Shirt Day

Sunnyvale School has joined the Pink Shirt Day movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora –



### **Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**

On **Friday 17th May**, we're **pink**ing out the school to show our commitment to creating an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive of all students.

Everyone is encouraged to wear **pink** on this day. We also ask that you bring a gold coin donation that will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation. With your help we can turn this around by ensuring our school celebrates diversity and is a place where all students can feel safe, valued and respected.



### Possible Strike Action

Parents please keep an eye on the school facebook page and newsletter in the next few days. As you may know the teachers have voted to strike on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of May, which will mean closure of the school if this goes ahead. Currently the Ministry of Education is seeking an immediate return to facilitated bargaining to try to stave off the strike.

While we cant confirm if the strike is going ahead at this stage we wish parents to be advised and keep a look out for any notices from the school. We hope to have a confirmation from our Board in the next few days.

### Complaints or Concerns Procedure

If there is an issue concerning your child and you would like to discuss it with a staff member, your first point of contact should always be your child's teacher. If after talking to the teacher your feel the issue has not been resolved then please follow the instructions below:

Step 1: Classroom Teacher

Step 2: Team Leader  
Year 1 & 2 – Kimberley Randell  
Year 3 & 4 – Leanne Siaki  
Year 5 & 6 – Mericia Chang

Step 3: Deputy Principal

Step 4: Principal

**If your concerns involve another student, it is school policy that parents are not to approach other children directly.**

### School Parking

There has been an increase in the number of cars driving into our carpark at peak times during the day.

**The carpark is for staff and approved visitor use only.**

We have seen too many near misses with parents reversing and not seeing children behind their car. Please drop your children off in the turning bay outside the school gates and they can safely walk into school along the designated path.

As a last resort we may have to start closing the school gage at these times to keep our students safe.

Parking wardens will periodically visit our school to make sure motorists are parking legally.

### Public Health Nurse

**DID YOU KNOW...**There is a nurse available here at Sunnyvale? The Public Health Nurse visits regularly throughout term time. They are available to support you and your family with any health concerns or issues. Some of the things we can help with include skin infections, eczema, throat swabs for sore throats, hearing and vision concerns, health information and linking to other health and social services.

More information is available at the school office.



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