



# Wainuiomata Primary School

Term 4, Week 2 2023

Fakaalofa lahi atu,

This week is Niue Language week.

This year's theme for **Faahi Tapu he Vagahau Niue (Niue Language Week)** is "*Fakatūleva e Vagahau Niue mo e Tau Aga Fakamotu ma e Tau Atuhau*", which means *Sustain Niue Language and Culture for Future Generations*.

**Vagahau Niue has been registered with UNESCO as an endangered language**, so one of the challenges is the preservation of Vagahau Niue and Niue culture.

I hope you all enjoyed the two-week break. We have a busy term planned and we look forward to the students getting outdoors with the better weather.

It has been really exciting getting some of our classes into the new classrooms. We were hoping to have a blessing for the new rooms this week but unfortunately the asphaltting has been delayed.

The blessing for our new buildings will now be held on Tuesday 31 October at 10:00am.

Whānau are very welcome to attend this special occasion and join our staff and guests for morning tea after the blessing.

**A reminder that there is a Staff Only Day this Friday 20 October.  
Staff will be working with the Ministry of Education on  
Understanding and Responding to Behaviour.**



**Happy Birthday**

Best wishes to these students whose birthday was last week or this week: Amelia, Jade, Kaimana and Sanah.

## New Zealand Shakeout

On Thursday we are participating in the New Zealand Shakeout – New Zealand Shakeout is our national earthquake drill and is taking place on Thursday 19 October at 9:30am. Shakeout is held across New Zealand to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake – Drop, Cover and Hold!



## Sun Safe:

The wearing of sunhats outside at school is compulsory during Term 4. **All** children and staff are required to wear a sun hat when playing and / or working outside. Although students are allowed to wear caps, we strongly encourage them to wear wide brimmed hats as per Cancer Society guidelines.

We also encourage children to take responsibility for protecting themselves in the sun by wearing appropriate clothing that covers the parts of the body that may get burnt and by using sunscreen. School sunhats are available from the school office for \$10.00.

### Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) – Week 8 (27 November – 1 December 2023)

Over the next few weeks newsletter for the Camp, Adventure Week and Ngahau Week will be coming home. It will really help us if any forms that need to be completed and returned to school be done so ASAP. Thank you for your help with this.

**EarthFest - A Festival of Earth Science** is a FREE public event taking place at the Walter Nash Centre in Taitā, Lower Hutt from **9am- 3pm on Saturday 11 November**. The aim of EarthFest is to provide an unprecedented public showcase of the science and technology used to study the Earth, using a range of interactive activities, displays and demonstrations. With a particular focus on activities for tamariki, rangatahi, and their whānau, our goal is to help families discover and engage with STEM subjects together and build connections between Earth science and their everyday lives. In doing so, we hope to ignite interest and inspire future careers in the Earth sciences!



### Equitable Digital Access

The Ministry of Education recognises that not everyone can currently access the internet at home. The Ministry's **Equitable Digital Access** initiative provides fully funded internet connection to learners/ākonga who do not have home internet connection.

To be eligible for internet connection, a learner/ākonga must:

- be enrolled & attending a school.
- be in Year 0 to 15.
- not have access to an internet connection at home.

This support is **only available until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

Families, schools, & community groups can apply for student connections by:

- emailing the Equitable Digital Access (EDA) team at [EDA@education.govt.nz](mailto:EDA@education.govt.nz)
- emailing the Equitable Digital Operating System (EDOS) team at [support@edos.kiwi](mailto:support@edos.kiwi)
- **contacting the EDOS team between Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, on 0800 441 844**

For more information about the initiative go to the following websites:

- The Ministry of Education website: <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/digital-technology/your-schools-ict-network/enabling-home-internet-access-for-your-community/#Eduroam> or
- The Equitable Digital Operating System (EDOS) website: <https://edos.kiwi/>



## Parking on Homedale Road



On Homedale Road there are two types of dashed lines. The yellow ones mean NO STOPPING AT ALL and the blue ones mean NO STOPPING 8.15AM – 9.00AM AND 2.30PM - 3.15PM. Our teachers on duty after school have noticed a lot of parents are ignoring these lines. This makes our crossing on Homedale Road very dangerous for both our road patrollers and the people using the crossing. Please do not park on these lines. There is plenty of parking just a few metres away from the school gate. To ease congestion, we even recommend that perhaps you arrive at 3.10pm to collect your child. We would really appreciate your help with this.

## Congratulations to our Assembly Winners from Week 10 Term 3



### CARE certificates

Ava Room 6  
Noah Room 15  
Tessa Room 7  
Aparameya Room 14  
Sebastian Room 13  
Judah Room 8  
Kayla Room 2  
Carter Room 1  
Harper R-O Room 16

### CARE Coupons

Carli Room 13  
Evelyn Room 14  
Para Room 1  
Quinn Room 6  
Ryleigh Room 8  
Alison Room 7

## Important Dates

- Thursday 19 October – NZ Shake Out 9.30am
- Friday 20 October – Teacher Only Day – NO SCHOOL
- Monday 23 October – Labour Day – NO SCHOOL
- Friday 27 October – School Gala

Hei konei ra - Kind regards

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