

## Friday 14 March 2025

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakalofa lahi atu, Xin chào, Bula vinaka, Nǐ hǎo ma, кі ბ හා ්, য়ালো, 안녕하세요, Bonjour, Mhoro, Kumusta, Kumno, Greetings to all whānau and friends of FBS.

Last Friday, our House Sports competition saw lots of our tamariki dressing up in the house colours and having a fun time doing the many exciting sports activities that the teachers had set up. It was fantastic to see lots of our whanau coming in to support our students. Thanks to everyone for a fabulous day. The teams were very close in points with the following results:

1st	Rimu	790 points
2nd	Rata	786 points
3rd	Kauri	746 points
4th	Kowhai	744 points

As part of the Government's new initiatives, schools will be having **Teacher Only days** over the next 2 years to develop the new Maths Curriculum. We will

be having our Teacher Only day on **Monday 28th April**. That means that our students can have an extra day at home and return to school after the holidays on Tuesday 29th April.

On Wednesday there was a fantastic turn out to our Samoan fono to discuss what the fanau want for our Samoan students at school and what they wanted to focus on for our Samoan language week. A huge faafetai tele lava goes



out to our Samoan staff for organising this and of course our fanau for attending.

Thank you to Ricky and Sonny who have volunteered to do gate duty on both our gates in the mornings. They will be there to welcome our tamariki and to make sure they are safe. We appreciate your help and support.

Thank you for your support with attendance. Our numbers have improved this week which is fantastic to see but we still have a long way to go. We will also be highlighting the top 3 classes weekly in our newsletter and iceblock Fridays will continue this term for those students who attend school for the whole week. Thanks you for your support in this kaupapa.

## Mrs Janetta Mayerhofler - Acting Principal

## House t-shirts

We have restocked house t-shirts. Unfortunately they have gone up in price to \$20. Last year we were selling them at a loss to the school but this is not sustainable. Remember that it is not compulsory to have a house t-shirt - just a t-shirt with their house colour.

## Scholarships and open days

While we definitely promote our fantastic local high school, **Tangaroa College**, there are scholarships and open days available at other schools if you are thinking about applying. For many of the open days, you will need to fill in a form online. <u>St Cuthberts</u> school for girls open day is this Saturday 15th March and <u>Dilworth</u>'s open day is Sunday 23rd March.

Top 3 Classes for attendance Week 5, Term 1, 2025				
Room 2	93.6%			
Room 19	91.3%			
Room 7	91.1%			





