

Samoan PTA Meeting 14 August

We are privileged to have Patisepa Tuafuti and Faimai Tuimauga attending the meeting next Thursday. Patisepa was the foundation teacher of the bilingual programme at Robertson Road, and Faimai and Patisepa both have an extensive research background in bilingual education. They will be speaking to us about the principles of bilingualism. The meeting will at 6pm in the staffroom.

Reminders and dates for your Diaries:

Community Fono: School-whanau partnership survey. 14th August 5pm in the hall.

Samoan PTA: 14th August 6pm in the staffroom

BOT Meeting: Tuesday 26th August at 5.30pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Playgroup: Come and join in on the fun everyday between 8.30am and 10.30pm. Contact the school office for more information.

Lost Property: Check at the school office for any lost property. A reminder to mark all your child's clothes so that it makes it easier to find if they do lose it.



KidsCan is nine years old this year and now support children in 428 schools throughout New Zealand. They would love to be able to share some of the students' stories.

To achieve this they are looking for children and parents are happy to share their stories in their own words. If you would like to contribute to this please call or email the Schools' Coordinator Hilary Eyres: hilary@kidsan.org.nz or call her on 09 478 1525.

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From the Principal

Kia Orana! This week was Te 'Epetoma o Te Reo Maori Kuki 'Airani-Cook Islands Language Week. The theme for this year is 'Ako Mārie i ngā Pōtiki i teia rā kia ūpoko tū rātou āpōpō': Nurture young minds today so they may become leaders of tomorrow.

This is a timely reminder that this is our mission as educators- that being to nurture the minds of our children so they may take their rightful place in our tomorrow. It is our collective responsibility to achieve this.

Check out activities at <http://www.mpia.govt.nz/assets/National-Events-Cook-Island-Language-Week-2014.pdf>

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Matua Wayne

TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL



School-Whanau Partnership

As part of our self-review processes we are looking closely at the relationships we have with our families/ whanau. Research shows that when there are powerful relationships between home and school there is positive impact on our students' learning. At Robertson Road School we strive to work in partnership with you.

To get a measure of how well we are doing now we are undertaking an online survey. The link to the survey is:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F7TLQJ8>.

If you are unable to access the online survey, but would like to contribute we will be having a community fono on 14 August at 5pm to enable you to complete a paper survey.

Your perspectives are important to us so we encourage you to contribute.

Reading Together

This is a Reading Programme which consists of 4 workshops, 1hour 15mins each, over 4 weeks.

This programme helps children to become good readers with support from home. It is free and covers, how to help with reading at home, how to check the difficulty level of reading materials, how to help children overcome problems in their reading. This programme will be in October – 14th and 15th. Please contact the school for further details.



Project Energize

RRS has been involved in this programme since term 3 2013. Its goals are to improve our children's overall health. One of the the key objectives is to encourage and promote water as the best drink. We would like to support the first step in this journey by encouraging you to send only water with your kids to school. We appreciate your support with this.



Your children may be discussing some of the strategies they have learned in their Kid Power programme over the last couple of weeks. The programme is designed to give kids strategies to enable them to feel safe wherever they may be. I really like their philosophy: 'Learning Kidpower takes a minute, practising Kidpower takes an hour, knowing Kidpower lasts a lifetime.' For more info check the website: kidpower.org.nz

The advertisement for SKIDS features a purple border and a collage of photos showing children and staff engaged in various activities. At the top left is the SKIDS logo, which includes two hands (one blue, one red) and the text 'sKIDS' in a stylized font, with 'Safe Kids In Daily Supervision' underneath. To the right of the logo is the slogan '"We Care When You Can't Be There"'. Below the logo, it says 'WELCOME TO...' followed by a cartoon character and 'Term 3'. The main text describes the Winter Holiday Program, thanking parents and providing details about the program's hours and staff qualifications. At the bottom, contact information for Ajneeta is provided.

sKIDS
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision

"We Care When You Can't Be There"

WELCOME TO...  **Term 3**

Our Winter Holiday Program were so much fun!!!

Thanks to all parents who chose us to keep their kids entertained and active. Everyone had a blast and we look forward to seeing them again in September holidays!! We are already at work thinking of what to for our next adventurous and exciting Holiday Program.

SKIDS also provides safe, structured and fun after school care onsite for your children from 2:45 PM- 6:00 PM Monday-Friday. We provide a healthy afternoon tea, supervised and assisted homework and educational activities throughout the week.

Our staff are well trained and qualified with First Aid and in Behaviour Management and Child Protection.

SKIDS is CYFS approved and offers Work and Income & OSCAR Subsidies available.

For more information please contact Ajneeta on 027 627 5001 or 09 627 5225 Email: ajneeta@slingshot.co.nz

Our topic for this term's Inquiry Learning is Earth, Space and Beyond. On Thursday 31st of July, Uila Emo syndicate went on a trip to Stardome at One Tree Hill. When we arrived we were astonished by the atmosphere that surrounded us. A staff member greeted us and led us into a room called "The Dome" (due to its shape). In this room we watched a film that gave us lots of information and explanations about the different planets and stars in our Solar System.

We also had the opportunity to examine other learning resources to collect additional information. Later, we were led into the "Space Room." This was a time for us as students to ask relevant questions to help us understand more about Space.

Following this, we departed the building and boarded the bus to head back to school. We really enjoyed this learning trip. When we returned to school, we were excited to record all our new knowledge during our Topic group learning activities.

Erene and Lonisha Room 23

O le kuata leni o lo'o a'oa'oina ai tamaiti o le aoga I le Earth, Space ma le Beyond. I le aso Tofi 31 o Iulai na o ai Uila Emo I se tafaoga I le Stardome I le One Tree Hill. I le taimi na matou o ai I totonu o le fale, na matou feiloai ma le tamaloa na ia ta'ita'iina matou I totonu o se potu tele e matamata se ata pu'upu'u e fa'atatau I le autu o lo'o a'oa'oina I leni kuata.

Na iai foi le taimi e o ai tamaiti e su'esu'e nisi fa'amatalaga mo le matou autu. Na matou o I totonu o se isi foi potu o lo'o fesiligia ai matou pe iai ni fesili o lo'o matou fia malamalama ai.

I le taimi na uma ai a matou su'esu'ega sa faaee loa la matou pasi, ma fo'i loa I le aoga. Ua matou fiafia ua maua ni manatu fou e fa'alautele ai lo matou malamalama I la matou autu o lo'o su'esu'eina.

Erene and Lonisha Potu 23

Trip, bus ride, free time, and a thrilling experience - what an awesome COMBO. Yes, our Stardome trip was the best! It was also a first time experience for most of us. We started with a 25 minutes energizing free time on the biggest playground in Auckland, Cornwall Park. Red spots of Robertson Road School uniform everywhere- on the park's giant octopus wheel, on the mountainous monkey bars, on the grass, and even looked like shooting stars on the park's longest ride, the flying fox. Suddenly, the sound of Mr. Sharma's whistle vibrated sad vibes – 'the end'. But, the best yet to come!

Inside the dome and its magnificent theatre, we sat comfortably on huge like first class flight seats to watch a 3D movie of the Solar System. The movie together with the technology of the room grabbed us and we felt that we were really in a space ship touring and having a very close look at space and all the planets including Earth- our beautiful planet, our home. This amazing trip and learning answered questions that we have in our heads about the solar system and its creation. Most importantly, taught us to appreciate Earth more as it is the only planet that life exists.



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