



## SKP June 2019 Newsletter

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*Ehara taku toa I te toa takitahi, Engari he toa takitini*  
*The result of one's work and achievement is the product of many hands*

### SIR KEITH PARK SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES PARENT



**REPRESENTATIVES 2019** Congratulation to the following who have being re-elected as parent representatives to our Board of Trustees for this coming term. From left to right Joseph Finau, Sara Tuala, Deepak Kumar, Patricia Martin and introducing our newest member Rebecca Wood who's daughter attends our Waterlea Senior Satellite class. The new Board had their first meeting on Friday the 21st June. Vani Pillay remains as staff rep for this term. We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's election and especially those who were willing to stand again.



### **FAMILY NETWORK MEETING** *to be held at Sir Keith Park School on Thursday the 27th June at*

**11am** "Individualised Funding" Did you know that children with a disability are eligible for funding to help with living standards??? If you would like to know more come along

to Sir Keith Park School on Thursday the 27th June at 11am and listen as Makasini, Bronwyn and Michelle from Life wise explain how they can support families with disabilities access and use this funding. Individualised Funding gives you more freedom to make choices about the type of support that works best. You can choose who does the caring and even employ extended family members who already have a relationship with your child. Life wise will support you to access funding and make the best use of it. Makasini speaks Tongan and her daughter attends SKP and Bronwyn speaks Samoan.

**Mission Statement:** Empowering our students to reach their potential through teamwork & specialised education

*Ma te mahimahi, me te manakitanga i te mana atua, a ia tamaiti motuhake ka tutuki pai ona ake pu manawa.*



## Samoan Language Week 2019

“Lalaga le si’osi’omaga mo se lumana’I manuia”

“Weave an environment for a better future”

SKP celebrated Samoan Language Week on Friday the 31st May. Alex (teacher aide) supported senior students - Mathew & Francis - to be our Samoan leaders for the day. They did an amazing job! We had a fun filled day where the whole school came together at base school and participated in a day of music, dancing and cultural activities.



Rotary

Districts 9910 and 9920

May 13th - 17th 2019  
Venue: Muriwai Surf Lifesaving Club



This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year one of our Senior Learners has been invited to attend the Rotary Challenge Camp. Room 9 learner, Ruiha, attended camp this year, which was held at the Muriwai Surf lifesaving Club from 10.30 am Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to noon Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The camp aims to promote personal development and youthful interaction in a safe, supported, exciting environment - one in which many young people who have disabilities do not often have the opportunity to attend. The Camp is organised by volunteers from two Rotary Districts, and International Youth Members who are in NZ on rotary scholarships are the mentors. Ruiha was hesitant about attending as this would be her first experience away from home and whanau for a whole week. With encouragement from our staff and her whanau she found the courage to go, and had such an amazing time she did not want the Camp to end! Ruiha said that she had made lots of friends and enjoyed participating in all the activities - especially the talent competition on the final night. We are so proud of you Ruiha for taking that brave step out of your comfort zone, and participating in new experiences. We are grateful to Rotary for continuing to offer our students this wonderful opportunity.



If you have any concerns whatsoever or would like to talk about anything to do with your child please contact our Leadership Team at Sir Keith Park on (09)275-4455. We are here to help you. Thank you Leadership Team.



Our unit topic this Term was "Terrific Trees" we learnt to identify and explore the many Terrific things Trees have to offer us from clean air, providing oxygen, shelter, homes for animals and food for both humans and animals. Here are a few pictures of our awesome "Terrific Trees" displays



Room 4s tree is located in the corner students sit under it and read or play.



Robertson Road Jr Satellite shows the many ways trees are useful to us.



Room 6's tree has colourful birds living in it.

**Way to go SKP!** Our senior students enjoyed a day of competition at the McLennan Park soccer stadium in Papakura where they played against several teams from other special schools and special units. Our senior students fielded four football teams the SKP Rockets, SKP Avengers, SKP Jets, SKP Guardians. Everyone had been training so hard during school and although we didn't come 1st we played our best and we showed good sportsmanship. But most importantly we had FUN!



⇒ Talofa Lava my name is John Joseph Semau, I'm a Samoan physiotherapist with the Physio Rehab Group here in Mangere (Located inside Mangere Medical Center). I will be currently assisting Girlie with your children's physiotherapy needs two days a week (Wednesday & Thursday) here at Sir Keith Park School. I am a Mangere

native born at Middlemore Hospital; raised literally 2min down the road here in Favona and currently reside with my wife in Mangere Bridge. I am a proud LaSallian had attended DeLaSalle College for high school where I currently run the school physio clinic twice a week and look after the schools rugby 1st 15 as their physio. I have a huge passion in helping people but especially helping those in my community. I'm a big believer in things happen for a reason and I believe I have been put here to serve my community through the school and your children. I look forward to working with many of you during the course of the year as we pursue together to fulfill the dreams of your children! So if you see me around please don't be shy to say hello or contact me for any of your physiotherapy concerns. "Alofa atu nei! Alofa mai taeao! - Kindness given! Kindness gained!"



What we have been up to at SKP



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Papatoetoe

Takanini

## Change of Details

If you have recently changed address or have got a new phone number could you please contact our office with these changes. You could ring us on (09) 275-4455, text 0272754456 or email us at [admin@skp.school.nz](mailto:admin@skp.school.nz).

*It is important that we have your phone number in case of an accident or illness.*

The Cold season is creeping in fast as is flu season so make sure you and your family are protected. Our students are "free" at your GP or local medical centre!

**SKP WEBSITE;-** Our new website is live! We are still tweaking areas of it. However, feel free to go on ([www.skp.school.nz](http://www.skp.school.nz)) and have a look. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## School Leadership Team

**Principal**

**Kathleen Davidson**

**Deputy Principal**

**Diane Parry**

**Assistant Principal** Rabin Chattergoon

**Assistant Principal** Teeshan Padayatchi

**Therapy Team Leader** Karen White

**NB For all absentees please**

**Ring (09) 275-4455**

**text 027-275-4456 or**

**email [admin@skp.school.nz](mailto:admin@skp.school.nz)**

**Sir Keith Park School Office**

- ♦ Students' Taxis concerns or change of address phone **Teeshan** at school on (09) 275-4455.
- ♦ Cancellations either call the driver directly on their mobile, or phone **Inder** at **GoBus** on (09) 275-8811 ext 5
- ♦ Parent & Caregivers need to ring **GOBUS** to organise transport to respite care when required.