



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

2018 CALENDAR

- 1st June - Umu tasting experience
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- 4th June - Queens Birthday Holiday
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- 26-27 June - Parent Interviews
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- 6th July - Last day of Term 2
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- 23rd July - First day of Term 3
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- 28th Sept - Last day of Term 3
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- 15th Oct - First day of Term 4
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- 22nd Oct - Labour Weekend – no school
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- 14th Dec - Last day of School for 2018

Keeping Ourselves safe

Keeping Ourselves Safe starts at school next week with Constable Dean. All classes will be involved and students will be able to learn valuable tools and tips.

Unfortunately we ran out of time to have a parent session with Constable Dean, however if you have any questions or concerns relating to the content of this programme please see your child's teacher or come and see senior management.

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to Mr Roger Thompson who organized for a copy of The Kitchen Science Cookbook to be gifted to Sunnyvale School. What a wonderful gesture!



This amazing book will be kept in our school library for students and staff to use. Pictured is Nikita from Room 6, Mr Thompson's granddaughter.

The Kitchen **SCIENCE** COOKBOOK

BUY ONE • GIVE ONE

Sunnyvale Netball Results

Netball results from last week:

Sunnyvale Stars Y1/2	v	Baytex		Player of the day: Kianah Savage
Sunnyvale Risers Y2	v	Western Heights		Player of the day: Prudence Makrava
Sunnyvale Superstars Y3	v	Swanson	2 - 2	Player of the day: Malia Masila
Sunnyvale Jaguars Y4	v	Kaurilands Tigers	6 - 7	Player of the day: Krisarn Sietu
Sunnyvale Unicorns Y5/6	v	Waitakere School	13 - 3	Player of the day: Jazana & Peyton

“Learning is for Life”

Parent Interviews - 26th and 27th June

Parent interviews will be held on the dates above. Parents / Caregiver will be able to book an appointment time online using the website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. (code: avpmr)

The website is very easy to use and will let you select a time that is convenient to you. To ensure you are able to book a time that suits, we suggest you book a time as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: To accommodate the large number of students in Room 7 and 8, bookings for these classes will be done via the school. An information notice for these classes will be sent home this week asking parents to select a time, and return the form to their teacher so an appointment can be booked. Appointments for the senior classes will be 30 mins so please keep this in mind when booking sibling appointments.

An information notice with full instructions will be sent home to parents this week.



Teaching Crisis

Last term the majority of teachers at Sunnyvale School attended meetings to discuss the nationwide crisis facing schools. They were particularly focused on the teacher shortage that is already starting to disrupt children's learning.

The statistics around teacher supply are simple and disturbing:

- Over the past 6 years there has been a 40% drop-off in those training to teach.
- 40% of the new teachers leave the profession in the first five years.
- Meanwhile, 35% of our experienced teachers will be eligible to retire during the next 10 years and many are leaving early.

The Minister of Education Chris Hipkins has described recruitment and retention of teachers as "a ticking time bomb."

At Sunnyvale School we are lucky to have a full complement of teaching staff, however we are unlikely to remain unaffected if the staffing crisis continues. We are particularly concerned that over the winter term we will find it difficult to find quality relievers.

Our children deserve the best education.

However that can only happen when there is a supply of committed, talented teachers and principals.

Over the coming months, teachers, principals and our union N.Z.E.I. Te Rui Roa, will be pressuring the Ministry of Education and Government to invest in our children's future by addressing our staffing crisis. We are hoping that we can rely on the support of our community in this critical matter.

Mud Mud Mud

With all the wet weather lately our school fields are getting a bit muddy. If your child accidentally gets muddy at break time we will do our best to find a change of clothes, however in some instances we may have to call parents to bring a spare change of clothing.

Wet weather

Please make sure your child has a warm weather proof jacket to wear to and from school. With so much wet weather lately, some children are turning up to school not prepared for the wet weather. As always please make sure all clothing items are clearly named.

Cultural Groups

Our cultural groups have begun and they are starting to practice. If you are available during school hours and would like to volunteer your time to help tutor, please contact the school. You can contact the school office or saras@sunnyvale.school.nz (Kapa Haka tutor) or mayg@sunnyvale.school.nz (Pasifika tutor).

Facebook, Newsletters, Notices

Flyers, notices and permission slips are always sent home to give you advance notice of trips or any upcoming costs or events, however we are finding that parents are not always getting the information. Please talk to your children about how important it is to hand you notes or permission forms from school. Facebook is a great way to quickly "check in" and get up to date information about school events. Our school newsletter is published every Tuesday and a copy is given to every student.

