



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

### CALENDAR FOR 2018

17<sup>th</sup> May - Cultural Committee Meeting

21-25 May - Senior Camp

1<sup>st</sup> June - Umu tasting experience

4<sup>th</sup> June - Queens Birthday Holiday

26-27 June - Parent Interviews

6<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Term 2

### SENIOR CAMP - NEXT WEEK!!!

Rm 7 - 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Rm 8 - 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May

Soon our senior classes will be heading off to camp. Room 7 and 8 will be going at different times (dates above). We still need more volunteers to help while at camp, if you are able to help on any of the days during camp week, please let Mrs McDonald know. **The Camp fee of \$185, needs to be paid in full before 16<sup>th</sup> of May.**



### Cultural Committee

The cultural committee invites you to school for coffee, cake and a chat. We would like to talk to you about how you can help us and your children to celebrate and embrace your culture at Sunnyvale.

**When:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Where:** Sunnyvale Staffroom

### Behaviour

We have 480 children at Sunnyvale School and I am proud of each and every one of them. However since the term started we have had some concerning behavior of a few pupils. We are working on improving the following:

- Using kind words
- Using kind hands and feet
- Following instructions, doing as told straight away
- Using manners, please, thank you, excuse me



Please can families reinforce this message at home. Thank you.

### School Fun Run

A reminder to all students, don't forget to order your School Fun Run prize online so we can get our order processed. Even if you handed in cash at the school office, you can still go online and create your profile and order a prize. Thank you to those students who have already handed in their booklet with a prize selected. All prizes need to be selected before Friday.

*“Learning is for Life”*

## Umu Experience

Our wonderful cultural committee staff are organising an Umu tasting experience for our students. If you feel you may be able to help with the organization of this, please contact the school office and we will put you in touch with one of the staff members to discuss further.

## Netball Season

The netball season gets underway this week for the rest of our Sunnyvale teams. Good luck to all teams, play fair and enjoy yourselves.

Parents please remember to keep in contact with your team coach / manager as they will advise you of game times, training times and any changes that may happen.

Coaches don't forget to let the office know the score from your game so we can put it in the newsletter each week, along with your player of the day!

## 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.

Photos were a good example of this. Order forms were sent home 6 weeks in advance to allow parents time to organise their order. We are sorry if you missed out on ordering, however we need to have a cut-off date to allow all the orders to be processed through correct channels and to help with smooth organisation on the day. It is a pretty big day trying to ensure all our children are catered for.

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. A copy of the newsletter is also posted to the school website.

## Class Photos

If you missed out on ordering a class photo and would like to order one, you can contact Photolife Studios and they can organise this for you.

## Concerns or Complaints

### Process

A reminder to parents, if you have any concerns regarding your child your first point of contact should always be their classroom teacher.

Please keep in mind our Teachers are very busy at the beginning and end of each day with duties and meetings so please make sure you arrange a time that is suitable for both of you. If after this initial meeting you feel your concern needs to be dealt with further, please see the team leader for the syndicate or the Deputy Principal for further advice. Our office staff will be able to help you with an appointment. As always the Principal is always available to talk to concerned parents if the steps above have not helped. If this does not resolve the problem then put pen to paper and write to the Board of Trustees at the following address:

**The Board of Trustees  
Sunnyvale School  
34 Ribblesdale Road  
Henderson**

The Board will always respond to written complaints confidentially. All written correspondence must contain the writers name and address in order for the board to fully resolve the issue and reply to your concern.

## Cultural Groups

Our cultural groups have begun and they are starting to practise. At this stage there is a Kapa Haka group and a Pasifika group. We would really like some help to teach the boys in both groups. If you are available during school hours and would like to volunteer your time, please contact the school. If you are interested in volunteering your time for a different cultural group, please let us know as we are always interested in learning about and celebrating all cultures. You can contact the school office or [saras@sunnyvale.school.nz](mailto:saras@sunnyvale.school.nz) (Kapa Haka tutor) or [mayg@sunnyvale.school.nz](mailto:mayg@sunnyvale.school.nz) (Pasifika tutor). Alternatively, come along to our cultural coffee, cake and chat on Thursday 17th May. More details in this newsletter.

