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Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka and warm Pacific greetings to you all,

We have two exciting upcoming events, so please read this letter carefully, there is a lot of information to follow.

### **Tongan Fan Day**

In collaboration with H3 and the Waikato Tongan Council, TOPA is providing an opportunity for schools to meet and perform for the World Cup Tongan Rugby Team, Ikale Tahi.

**Date:** Monday 2 September

**Time:** 4pm - 5.30pm

**Venue:** Hamilton Marist Rugby Club, Old Farm Rd, Hillcrest

**Teachers Attending:** Diane Cooper, Deborah Wilson, and Kylie Te Arihi

**FREE ENTRY**

**Attire:** Our students are encouraged to dress in Tongan attire. Alternatively, they can wear Tongan colours (e.g. a red lavalava and white t-shirt). This is to be organised and provided by you.

You will need to dress your child and transport him or her to the Hamilton Marist Club by **3.45pm** and collect them at **5:30pm**.

### **Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration (TPC) 2019**

Primary and Intermediate Schools Pacific Cultural Performance Competition

**Date:** Saturday 21st September 2019

**Venue:** Claudelands Events Centre

**Time:** 10am - 4pm

**Spectator Entry cost:** Koha/donation entry

There are two sections to TPC:

1. Cultural Performance - organised through the school
2. Speech Competition - organised at home by the student and fanau.

**Cultural Performance:** The students have already begun working on their performance routine. They will have 10 minutes to showcase their items.

**Costume:**

Students will perform in the Knighton Pasifika attire. This will consist of a plain black t-shirt, cyan blue lavalava / sulu and bare feet.

Knighton will provide the lavalava/sulu. These will be retained by Knighton for future performances. We will also provide any accessory adornments for the head, wrist or ankle.

Fanau will provide:

- Plain black t-shirt
- Red lipstick (girls)
- Own hairbrush, hair ties, hair clips.
- Students may wear their own shell necklaces.

*Important - MEDIA CONSENT – Giving permission for your child to compete also indicates permission for your child plus supporters to be photographed and recorded. Footage will be used for marketing purposes by TOPA and/or other media providers attending the event on the following avenues: television, radio, newspaper, social media.*

Speech Competition - optional

Students can independently, or with support from home, prepare a 3 minute speech in their native tongue on the topic “Why it is important to learn and speak my language”. We can however only enter a maximum of 4 representatives. Should we have more than 4 keen students, the Pasifika teachers will select the 4 students competing. If your child wishes to enter, we will provide further information about the judging criteria to assist with developing the speech.

Should you have any questions, please contact one of our Pasifika Team. Further competition information regarding meeting times etc., will come home closer to the date.

The permission form below must be returned to the Frog Box at the Smiley Window by this Friday 30th August.

Meitaki Maata, Vinaka, Malo ‘Aupito, Fa’afetai lava,

Pasifika Team

*Diane Cooper, Jacki Paea, Kylie Te Arihi, Deborah Wilson*

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**Tongan Fan Day and Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration Permission Slip and Media Consent Form**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes** I will bring my child to the **Tongan Fan Day on Monday September 2nd** at 3:45 and collect them at 5:30pm.
- Yes** my child can compete in the **TOPA Tamaiti Pasifika Celebration on September 21st**.  
I understand this also includes giving TOPA and/or other media providers.
- Yes** I would like my child to enter the speech competition. The language they would deliver their speech in is \_\_\_\_\_.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_