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**Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Nisa bula,  
Namaste, Ni Hao, Greetings to all.**

Welcome back to Term 2. I do hope that you managed to get some relaxing time with your family over the holiday break. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of learning and fun programmes.

Thank you to all staff members for your hard work in preparation for this Term. Please keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events.

Kind regards

**Dubs Rai**  
**Principal /Tumuaki**

## **Dancing with the Stars**

Next week we are very fortunate to have Robert Rakete from "Dancing with the Stars" coming to visit our school. Robert is an ex-pupil of Mayfield School and in conjunction with KidsCan he will be coming to a special assembly along with TV3 who will be filming the event.

There is a consent form (given to us from MediaWorks) going home with this newsletter which **MUST** be signed and sent back to your child's teacher **asap**. If we don't receive a signed consent form from you, your child will **NOT** be able to take part in the assembly. To ensure your child does not miss out on this occasion, please send back the form as soon as you can.



## Imaginary ANZAC letters

Dear Alpha,

How have you been? I have not seen you since I went to war. Man, the weather is so cold. I am freezing cold. OMG it's windy too. Trees are falling.

If you're asking where I am living, I am living in a tent with 3 other soldiers. Their names are Ella, Oli and Che'Lynn. They are amazing friends.

For dinner, we had some biscuits and a large tin of jam. We are also collecting water from rivers and it tastes yuck but, I am still thankful for having water. OMG my friends just got injured. I had better go help. She also lost her leg. I am crying right now because she was sleeping then she suddenly died. I don't have friends anymore. I wish I was with you.

Alpha, I miss you. It's scary here. I wish I could come home.

Omega

Friday 18 May

- Cluster Netball Tournament - Friday 25 May
- Samoan Language Week – Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June
- Queen's Birthday Monday – 4 June
- Year 3 & 4: Visit to Star Dome – Friday 8 June
- Year 4 & 5: Visit to Star Dome – Monday 11 June
- Year 5 & 6: Visit to Star Dome – Tuesday 12 June
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Tuesday 26 June
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Wednesday 27 Jun

Dear Courtney

How have you been? I've been good if you are asking. I miss you from the last time I saw you. I hope you are great and not in trouble. I wish I could see you.

I'm in Gallipoli, and the weather here is hot and man I sweat every night and day. I live in a tent which is kind of like when you go to camp, but you're not. The food here is kind of good. For breakfast we have biscuits and a tin of jam. For lunch we have biscuits, and for dinner we have nothing. But what makes it worse is that my head is injured. I feel bad because my head hurts. My friends are with me, Dan and Patrick wrote a letter to their family too.

I feel so sad and lonely. I'm going to miss you even more because we have to stay for 2 more months. Please pass all my love to everyone.

Yours sincerely  
Nikki

## Coming Up

- Bully Free Week – Monday 14 to

## Paid Union Meetings

Over the next few months teachers and principals will be negotiating our new employment agreements. We will be focusing on improvements to attract and retain the best and brightest teachers to work with our children. That means competitive pay, but also freeing up teachers and principals from paperwork and compliance, so that they have more time to focus on every child's learning.

Please support us in trying to improve the profession, because if we can do that, we'll achieve an improved education for your child.



**Volunteers** wanted for our kitchen and garden programme.

Our school is introducing the Garden to Table programme. It's a unique and inspiring programme teaching our children how to grow and harvest produce grown in the school garden, to then be prepared and shared in the school kitchen.

For this to be successful, we need you! This project relies on the support of volunteers to work with children in the garden and kitchen, sharing their experience, enthusiasm and knowledge.

You don't have to be an expert! Our Garden and Kitchen Specialists are always on hand to provide expert advice and oversee the sessions. You just need to be interested in helping children learn about growing food, cooking and sharing food, and enjoy working with children.

Please fill in and return the slip below to your child's teacher if you are interested in being a volunteer.

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Name (please print): .....

Phone Number: .....

Child's Name: ..... Room No: .....

I can help with Garden to Table on .....(day)  
am/pm (circle available time)



Duffy Award winners with Jenny Salesa (Associate Minister of Education), Alan Duff (NZ Author & Newspaper columnist), Lynda Vagana (former Netball Silver Fern), Dubs Rai (Principal)