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Onerahi Kindergarten Kauri Scholarship

# CULTURAL



## TALOFA LAVA AIGA HELLO FAMILIES

Your kaiako have been super busy with our current internal evaluation which is focused on culturally responsive teaching and learning for our Pasifika fanau.

What have we been up to with your tamariki in this space?

We have been engaging in kōrero with our Pasifika fanau and learning more about their aiga. We have purchased puzzles and pukapuka about the Pacific Islands. We have been enjoying learning songs from the Pacific with simple words. We have been learning a clap game. We have been learning about foods of the Pacific. We have been using Talofa at mat times to say hello. We have connected with Fale Pasifika in Whangārei and have some exciting events planned for Samoan Language Week for you all!

This term we will leave the shores of Aotearoa and fly to Samoa. Kindy will be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> June (Matariki) and will reopen on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.

While we are in Samoa we have a full schedule and will visit Apia, and also stay in the villages of Manusina and Saletoga. We will connect with some local ECE services, visit local markets, significant cultural sites, engage with locals, and hopefully connect with Payton's Samoan fanau, attend church, ride the colourful buses and pretty much just immerse ourselves in the culture. We will also visit SVSG Samoa on their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In addition, we are currently making a documentary of our journey. Here is what you have to look forward to...Through stories woven with love and reverence, we delve into the essence of Pasifika heritage, exploring their connection to the land, the sea, and each other. It is an invitation to step into the heart of Pasifika life, where every song, every dance, and every word spoken carry echoes of ancestors who navigated the seas with courage and hope. We delve into the rich tapestry of language, art, and spirituality, uncovering the beauty and strength that resonate within their stories. We will be sharing this documentary with you, our whānau towards the end of the year.

Fa'afetai, thank you for your support!