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Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Mālō e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Nihao, Namaste, Kia orana, Assalamu Alaikum, warm greetings to you all.

# END OF TERM 1, START OF TERM 2

Today is the last day of Term 1, 2023. While we had a bumpy start to the year with the floods and then Cyclone Gabrielle, since then it has been great to see ākonga engaged in their learning and enjoying lots of sport and outdoor activities.

We have a Staff Only Day on Monday 24th April, Tuesday 25th April is ANZAC Day, so we are looking forward to seeing all of our students back at school on Wednesday 26 April.

# GOAL SETTING AFTERNOON

It was fantastic to see so many of our families on Monday afternoon/evening at our Goal Setting Meetings. At these meetings teachers talked to whānau about how the year has started and their goals and dreams for their child for the rest of this year and beyond.

We know that good connections between home and school supports learning, so we thank you for making the time to come. We will have more opportunities to connect in the upcoming terms.

If you wish to discuss your child's learning at any time, please contact your child's classroom teacher, or phone the office and we can pass on a message for you.

### TAG TOURNAMENT

On Wednesday 29 March we entered a boys and a girls team into the Central Zone Tag Tournament at Cox's Bay.

It was a stunning Autumn day, not too hot but beautifully sunny, perfect for playing sport!

Our teams played with enthusiasm, growing in confidence with each game.

Our thanks to Ets, one of our Learning Assistants, who trained the teams. And thanks to the many parents who came out to support the teams.









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# **RED, WHITE AND BRASS**

Yesterday the whole school went to see the movie Red, White and Brass. This movie is an inspirational tale based on the true story of a Tongan rugby super fan who, in order to get tickets to a sold-out 2011 Rugby World Cup match between Tonga and France, puts together a brass band to perform at the opening ceremony. Our ākonga had a great time and rated the movie 10/10!



### MANAAKI RÕPU AFTERNOON TEA

On Tuesday afternoon one of our Strengths and Aspirations Groups, the Manaaki Rōpu, put on a beautiful afternoon tea for their family members and invited guests. They have been learning about hospitality and service, and were able to put this into practice. Thank you Ms Pollak for leading this group.





#### PORK PIE CHARITY RUN 2023 - BY JULY FALEMAKA



Wesley Intermediate. These kids are really appreciative of the support they get from KidsCan. Fakaue for sharing your stories with us. So well behaved. Koe totonu ha ia.

from Mrs Haioti's whanau. Matua Peter Fraser and Whaea Shirley Sisepi-Fraser came to share with us a really cool event they are taking part in which is called 'Pork Pie Charity Run 2023'. All 50 teams including Matua Peter and Whaea Shirley will take on the challenge to drive their MINI car the length of New Zealand, starting in Paihia Friday 31st March 2023, to arrive in Invercargill on Wednesday 5th April. They are fundraising for an awesome charity organisation called 'Kids Can' who support many schools across Aotearoa including ours. We got to ask guestions and even better our students got to go outside and check out their custom made mini that they will be driving during the event. Their mini was custom made with the Niuean flag on the top which really stood out from all the other cars in the car park and it was just really cool. We got to get inside the mini and have a look around at the awesome details it had. It was time to say goodbye as they had interviews to do promoting the event and we were able to get a nice photo with them. Both of our visitors were really impressed with how we conducted ourselves and represented Wesley Intermediate. We wished them all the best on their event and waved them goodbye.

We were very lucky to have two special visitors come to our Kura today