

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Families and Students

The term is flying by as another week comes and goes.

### ***Language Week Celebrations***

This week is the last of the Pacific Language Celebration Weeks, as we celebrate Tokelau Language Week, which started on Sunday 23 October and finishes on Saturday 29 October. Tokelauan Language Week - Te Vaiaho o te Gagana Tokelau celebrates the culture and language of the more than 8,676 people of Tokelauan heritage who live in New Zealand.

Along with this Pacific celebration, we have also been acknowledging Diwali, also known as the "Festival of Lights," is recognized as India's biggest holiday and takes place over the course of five days. The festival occurs annually each autumn, often falling in either October or November depending on the moon. Diwali is celebrated primarily by Hindus but has become a national festival over the centuries.

### ***Honours Badge Students***

Congratulations to all the students who received their honours badges last term. Special congratulations to the few students that received their double honours badge. As we close on the end of the year, students are beginning to bring their merit cards up regularly. Just a heads up, we will be processing these weekly until the end of term and contacting parents, caregivers and families to attend upcoming Wednesday assemblies to share this special occasion with their child.

### ***South West Zone Volleyball Tournaments***

Congratulations to our girls and boys volleyball team for representing OIS so proudly at the SWZ tournaments. While the results didn't go our way, both teams were very competitive with a lot of close matches against local Otahuhu and Papatoetoe school. Thank you to Vondra, Mr. Radrole and Miss Silipa for coaching the teams over the holiday period and during breaks.

### ***End of Year Trips***

At present the Year 7 & 8 teachers are organising the end of year trips for our students. These are not educational trips, but reward trips. OIS will be covering the price of the buses to and from the venues. However, parents/caregivers are required to pay the entry fee for the chosen venues. You will be or should have received notification about the proposed Year 7 and Year 8 trips this week or by early next week. If you haven't received this notice, please ask your child to collect it from their class teacher. Prompt payment of \$40.00 per year 8 child needed by 1st December to confirm these venues.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouraging your child to strive for excellence at OIS

Have a fantastic weekend.

Brent Woods

PRINCIPAL

### **Auckland Middle Art Association AMSAA Art Exhibition 2022**

**Official Opening: Sunday 30 Oct (12pm-1pm)**

**Viewing: Monday—Saturday (10am-5pm)**

**Last Day: Sunday 6 November (10am-12pm)**

**Location: Silo 6 Art Exhibition Space, Silo Park, Wynyard Quarter, Downtown CBD**

**GROUP VISIT: Tuesday 1 November 9am-12pm**



# Happy Diwali!



## Honours Badge



Kia Kaha & Congratulations to these four students for achieving their Honours Badge. Awesome work Puapii RM1 and Elvera RM6



### Calendar of Events

WEEK 3

**Monday 31 October**

**Kauri Y8 Syndicate Trip—  
PASS**

**Tuesday 1 November**

Board of Trust Meeting

WEEK 4

**Tuesday 8 November**

SW Zone Touch Tournament BOYS/GIRLS/MIXED

### **TOUCH TOURNAMENT:**

**Tuesday 8th November 2022**

**House Park—Boys and Mixed Touch Team.**

Our last sport before Athletics Day. Please remember to bring boots and PE uniform.

### **ATHLETICS DAY:**

We are now preparing for Athletics Day. Students to remember their PE uniform, shoes and water.