

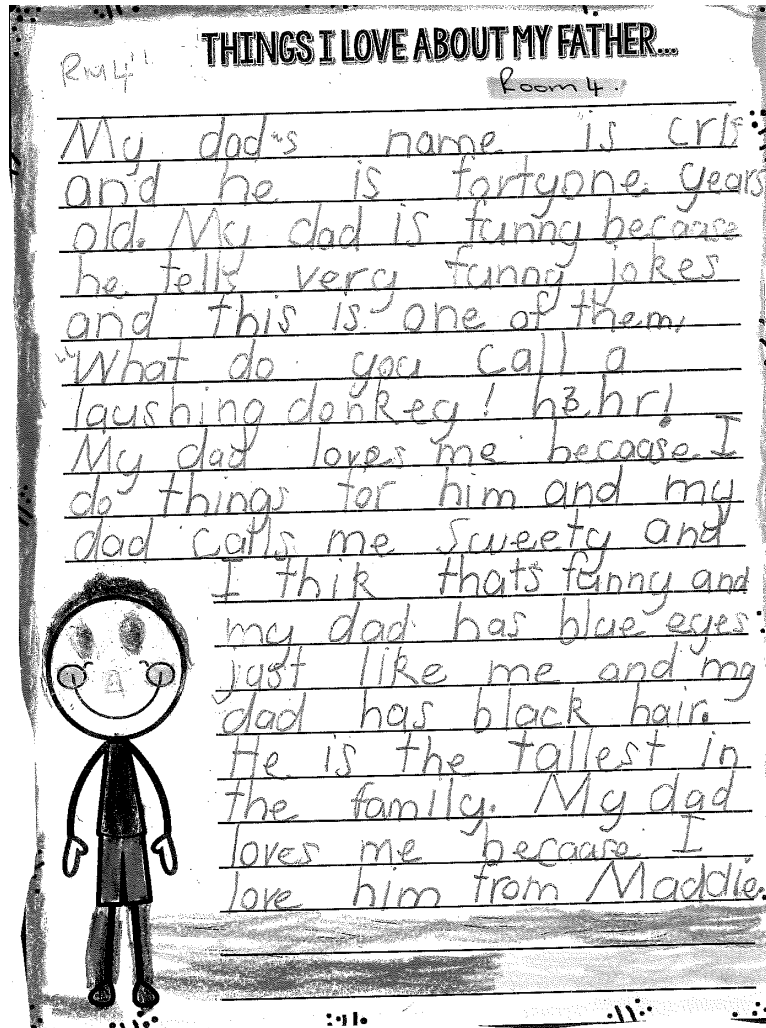
Dear Parents and Caregivers, Kia Ora Koutou

Thank you very much to all those who came to school on Friday for the Olympic Day. It was well organised by Miss Walsh and well supported by yourselves and the children who thoroughly enjoyed the day. Congratulations to Melissa Mattson, Otis Walker and Lockie Atkinson who picked up medals for consistently displaying the school values. Congratulations also to Great Britain, Japan and NZ for winning the medals on offer for the day.

Congratulations to **Maddie Pegg** for her writing about her Dad for Father's Day. Maddie has won the award and her Dad will receive a gift from the Duffy Foundation. Well Done Maddie, I am sure Dad will be very happy.

We have another busy week ahead with manual training for year 7-8 on Thursday and the **Paid Union Meeting on Friday 9 September** where buses will travel home at 12.30pm and we encourage you to pick up your children from school at that time as well. If you are unable to do so then we will have staff staying at school to care for them but we need to know who will be staying so please ensure you have informed the office if they cannot be picked up at 12.30pm.

The issues for their union to discuss include the Global Budget model which needs some clear explanation and research so it is important for the staff to be involved and informed.



The Government's proposing a "global budget" for education that removes the split between funding for staff and funding for operations. Schools will be forced to trade off the costs of teaching staff against other costs, which means:

- fewer teachers and bigger class sizes
- no consistent student:teacher ratios for year levels
- increased casualisation of teaching jobs
- even more downwards pressure on support staff pay

- *passing the buck for issues like class size onto schools*
- *increased inequality — bigger and richer schools can raise funds to hire teachers, while smaller and rural schools will struggle*

They're calling it a global budget, but it's just bulk funding under a different name. Teachers and parents rejected this years ago, and we still don't want it today.

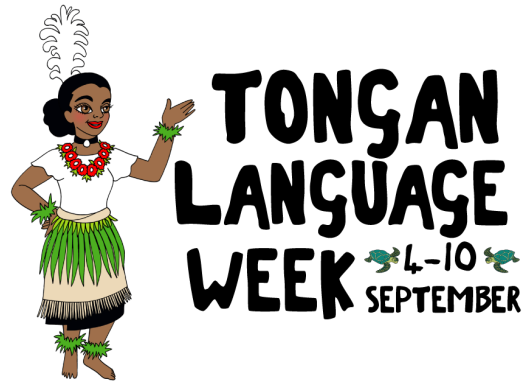
We want the Government to know that we're not interested. The PPTA and NZEI Te Riu Roa are holding joint paid union meetings all over the country to decide how we'll fight this

We do sincerely apologise for any inconvenience and hope you can understand the importance of the meeting.

Mālō e lelei! It's Tonga Language Week - here are some words and phrases for you at home.

Say hi (and more)

- Mālō e lelei: Hello
- Fefe hake? How are you?
- Sai pe, mālō: Fine, thank you
- Ko hoku hingoa ko... My name is...
- Please: Kātaki
- Thank you: Mālō
- 'Oku ke lava 'o lea faka-Tonga? Do you speak Tongan?
- Teke lava tauolunga mo au? Would you like to dance with me?
- Toki sio: See you later!



School Reminders:

- Please return Lucky book club orders by Friday so they can be processed for this term.
- Please return Year 5-6 Camp consents ASAP
- Please return Calendar Art orders to the office as soon as you can please.

Events to look forward to this term:

Duffy Role Model Assembly	September 13 at 11.30am
Mahitahi Speech Competition	September 15
Have a go day - Year 2	September 15 in Ashburton
Turbo Touch Tournament Year 5-8	September 15 in Ashburton
Junior Assembly	September 16
Art Expo at School	September 21st from 5.30pm
Pet day and last day of School	September 23