



## Pasifika Newsletter—November 2011

### Pasifika Greetings!

What a year it's been. Full of ups and downs (literally)! But the end is nearly here, and the year would not be complete if we could not finish with a Pasifika newsletter celebrating our students and their achievements. Normally this newsletter would include a list of our Senior student awards from prize giving, but the delay of that event until after exams, means that we do not yet know the prize winners. We expect though, that our Pasifika students will continue to be well-represented in the ceremony and I wish to congratulate in advance those achievers who have worked through all the trials this year to still earn the accolades. Well done to you all! I am very proud of the example so many of you have set to keep on striving to achieve your personal best, nothing less!

Also worth celebrating this year for me have been the two Pasifika parents fono. Both meetings brought an awesome opportunity for us to share our ideas and stories. As we heard and shared our Pasifika connections we discovered, that even though as a group we are very diverse, we had so much in common. For many of us, we our parents or grandparents, or even our great-grandparents, came to NZ for the education and work opportunities here. We all want the same thing—for our children to do well in their education and improve their future work prospects. Hopefully our fono will help us to work better together to achieve those aims.

Our second fono enabled students and parents to give us as a school feedback on how we are doing. That feedback has been valuable, and we look forward to more chances to keep learning from you.

I want to finish just by saying thank you for your help and support this year, and to wish you all the best for the holiday season. Roll on 2012!

Liz Williams



Work by PJ and below, Rachael



### Dates to Remember

#### Pasifika Leavers' Celebration

Monday 28 November

5:30-7:30 Pot Luck Dinner

#### Senior Merit Assembly

Wednesday 30 November, 11.30

#### Senior Prize giving

Wednesday 30 November

7pm

#### Junior Merit Assemblies

Thursday 8 December, 11.30

#### Junior Prize giving

Friday 9 December

9 am

#### Dates for 2012

##### Term 1 Start dates

Year 9 Wednesday 1 February

Year 10 Thursday 2 February

Year 11 Thursday 2 February

Year 12 Monday 30 January

Year 13 Monday 30 January

### Dancing with the Staff—Champions



Congratulations to our first ever Dancing with the Staff champions!

This event hosted by the Year 12 Business Studies class last term, invited students to become teachers, by working with a staff member to teach them a dance. A large number of our Pasifika students participated and very patiently taught the often less co-ordinated teachers how to strut their stuff on the stage. Well done to Miss Sim and the "Delirious" dance crew for the most entertaining performance of the day!

## Pasifika Year 13 Leavers 2011

Boy are we going to miss these awesome young people around the school! Thank you for leaving your mark of influence on Hillmorton. Make sure you come back every now and then to tell us how you are doing!

**Name:** Tupufaigame Agafili  
**Best Subject at School:** Drama  
**Best school Memory:** The Village Hall Drama Production 2011  
**Plans for 2012:** Off to CPIT—Toa Sports  
**Advice for remaining students:** Learn all you can!



**Name:** Jason Aileone  
**Best Subject at School:** Music  
**Best school Memory:** Winning Dancing with the Staff with Miss Sim  
**Plans for 2012:** Studying Music at Vision College  
**Advice for remaining students:** Work hard, and don't wag.



**Name:** Anastasia Cameron  
**Best Subject at School:** Hospitality  
**Best school Memory:** Hanging out with Narwand and Sione  
**Plans for 2012:** Going to Aoraki Polytechnic for a Beauty Course



**Name:** Sione Fataua  
**Best Subject at School:** Dance  
**Best school Memory:** Hanging out with the Fobs  
**Plans for 2012:** Hagley Dance Company  
**Advice for remaining students:** Stay Focussed.



**Name:** Jordan Kamana  
**Best Subject at School:** Technology & Engineering  
**Best school Memory:** Matua Paniora in dressed in drag!  
**Plans for 2012:** Polytech for a Level 2 Structural Welding Course  
**Advice for remaining students:** Turn up to class or else it gets hard



**Name:** Shamir Khan  
**Best Subject at School:** Automotive  
**Best school Memory:** The new E-Block—Great for study and warmth!  
**Plans for 2012:** SIT—to study Automotive  
**Advice:** Work hard to achieve your goals



**Name:** Ayla Siave  
**Best Subject at School:** Economics  
**Best school Memory:** Pranking on Bio-Camp  
**Plans for 2012:** Hagley then University  
**Advice for remaining students:** Stick with it, avoid regrets and take up opportunities



**Name:** Tyrone Sio-Avia  
**Best Subject at School:** Music  
**Best school Memory:** The Tik Tok Boys winning the Talent Quest  
**Plans for 2012:** Study Music at Vision College  
**Advice** Find a Passion and go for it! Keep the motivation going!



**Name:** Pelepesite Tofilau  
**Best Subject at School:** Photography & Design  
**Best school Memory:** Getting 1st in Photography & Design last year  
**Plans for 2012:** Hope to get into Massey University to study Art & Design  
**Advice for remaining students:** Work hard and don't muck around



We have been unable to interview Sheetal and Cameron in person. But wish to say how proud we are of their accomplishments.

**Sheetal Chand:** Winner of summer internship at the University of Canterbury Chemistry Department



**Cameron Hoare:** Highlight—Winner of the Air New Zealand Innovation award, Pasifika Awards, 2011.

