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COSGROVE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

A brief message from the tutors of our Kapa Haka, Samoan, and Indian group, as well as the Choir, and orchestra on their performances at the meet and greet evening.

Talofa Lava J, The Samoan Culture Group would like to thank our wonderful parents, friends and relatives for the generous donations received during our performance on the Friday evening. The money received was used to help make the Reunion a great success. Faafetai Lava J

The orchestra performed with expertise on the opening night of our reunion. They played recorders and resonating bells at different times throughout their first song "Skateboarding" then demonstrated their ability to add texture to a song by using a range of instruments in their last song "Jungle Swing". The rhythm of the drum and other acoustic instruments supported the tuned instruments as we "walked through the jungle or lay sleeping on the back of an elephant...." Great work!!

The Indian group looked fabulous in their traditional costumes as they performed gracefully, like they had practised.

The school choir performed two items - "Don't Rubbish the Children", which is the unofficial anthem of World Vision, and "When I Grow Up", a song from the Kiwi Kidsongs collection. The children really rose to the occasion, especially when singing the latter song which is a very tricky piece to learn, and can be very proud of their effort that night.

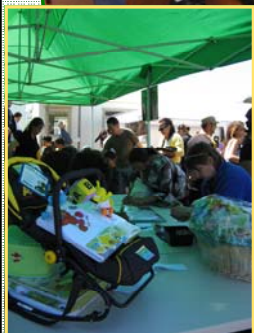
The Kapa Haka group put their heart and voice into an awesome performance on Friday night. They had built up to it all year with many practises, and they received rowdy applause and appreciation from our guests.



What a fantastic weekend we had over Labour weekend with our 50th Reunion. We had over 120 registered reunion visitors, plus many of our parents, families and members of our community, and of course our lovely students and staff. Friday evenings 'Meet & Greet' was a great chance for past pupils and staff to catch up with old friends and colleagues. Our students made us all proud with their wonderful performances, as pictured overleaf.

On Saturday we enjoyed perfect weather that enhanced our family 'Festival of Fun' atmosphere. It was great to see our smiling students joining us for the day's celebration of 50 years of schooling. Our Board of Trustees chairman, Mr Iain Ogilvie, welcomed everyone at the official opening, and our reunion cake was cut by one of our current 5 year old students, Brody from Room 11, and twins Gillian and Judith who were some of the first pupils in 1959. It was great to see our students thoroughly enjoying the games and activities, the bouncy castles and having their faces painted.

On Saturday evening our reunion visitors enjoyed an evening of reminiscing with a dinner and dance at the Papakura RSA. The weekend was wrapped up on Sunday with a church service taken by our very own Mr Warrick Baty, and the planting of a totara tree to commemorate this wonderful occasion. As this tree grows it will keep reminding us of this great milestone for Cosgrove School.



A special thank you!!!

After months of preparation and organisation the committee was thrilled with the whole weekend; this was our reward for all our hard work and efforts. Thank you to the teachers and students for the wonderful displays in the classrooms. Thank you too, to the staff, PTA, BOT and community members who assisted in many and varied ways prior to, and over the weekend. We greatly appreciated your willing and enthusiastic support throughout the event. We must make special mention of the following reunion supporters:

- Haven Licensing Pty Ltd for donating our Baby Pack Prize for a raffle
- Griffins for donating biscuits for our morning and afternoon teas
- Fonterra for donating CalciYum milk drinks for our students
- NZ Hot House for donating tomatoes, cucumbers & capsicums
- ASB for the use of their gazebos and tents
- Papakura Maori Wardens who provided security and community assistance

And finally thank you for the support from you, our families and community. You helped make this weekend a very enjoyable and memorable occasion for us all.