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Most of the decorative lashings in our “Maota” or fale samoa are based on a pattern called 'sumu' which is a star constellation and also a fish. In the interior he has also incorporated the idea of a 'taumualua' which was a Samoan version of the English longboat (the prototype of the tulula and the modern fautasi), it was made from planks 'sewn' together with 'afa'. The taumualua means 'two bows', giving it the advantage of being able to change direction (forward or backwards) easily. Wars were won through its unique design. In each 'tala' of the Owairaka Maota there is a rafter that represents the “taumua” or bow of a boat because he believes the Pasifika children at Owairaka have the advantage of having the best of both worlds to achieve success.



Fale Opening

Friday 28 October 2011

11.00 am

Owairaka District School

Programme

Visitors called on with karanga – conch shell is blown to symbolise the joining of cultures

New Zealand National Anthem
Samoan National Anthem

Faatalofo	Tui Tuilua / Saga Frost
Blessing of Fale	Pastor Henry
Pese – Faafetai ile Atua	Whole school and guests
Prayer	Pastor Henry
Cutting of Ribbon	Diana Tregoweth and children
Faaula	Lei presentation by children
Principal	Addresses school and guests
Kapahaka	Lead school song
Tongan group	
Niuean group	
School Sasa	
Samoan Group	Maululu / Pese o le fale written by le Susuga Vaisagote Ioane
Guest Speaker	Hon Georgina te Heuheu
Past students dance	
Guests taken on tour of school	

Taumafutaga served

Hymn

Faafetai i le atua
lena tatou tupu ai
ina ua na alofa fua
ia te tatou uma

Tali la pepese ia
pepese
aleluia faafetai
ia pepese ia pepese
aleluia faafetai

Faafetai i lona alo
lena afio mai luga
le ua fai ma faapaolo
mai le puapuaga

Faafetai i le agaga
le fesoasoani mai
e manuia talosaga
atoa uma mea e fai



Samoan National Anthem

Samoa, tula'i ma sisi ia lau fu'a, lou pale lea

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Vaai i na fetu o loo ua agiagia ai

Le faailoga lea o Iesu na maliu ai mo Samoa Oi!

Samoa e, uu mau lau pule ia faavavau

'Aua e te fefe, o le Atua lo ta fa'a vae

O Iota sa'olotoga

Samoa, tula'i, ia agiagia lau fu'a, lou pale lea.