

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone. A big welcome to our new students and their families.

The New Curriculum

As you are aware, the new New Zealand Curriculum is being implemented throughout the country at present. There are several stages to this process and with the help of our community, we have developed our school values and key competencies. We are now at the stage of revising the curriculum in each of the learning areas. If you would like to comment on how you think the work done so far has affected the learning of your child, or have any suggestions as to what priorities should be given to the learning areas, please email us or make contact through the school office. If you wish to directly email class teachers, this can be done through our new web site.



Staff Only Day

There will be a staff only day, when the school will not be open for instruction on Tuesday 2 June, the day after Queen's Birthday which is a public holiday. On the Staff Only Day, teachers will be learning about ways to help improve children's reading comprehension.

Safety Reminder

Please remember that if you are dropping off children in the morning at the bus stop on Fairburn Road, you are not allowed to park the car and leave it unattended. The police regularly monitor this area in the morning and will issue tickets if cars are left unattended in the bus stop area.

Ear Clinic Visit

The Ear Clinic Van will be visiting the school from 2 June until 18 June. The Ear Nurse examines those children who have failed their recent hearing and/or screening test, or who have ongoing ear problems. Parents are welcome to attend with their children and to bring any preschool children if they are worried about their hearing.

Free Raincoats

A number of years ago we registered as a partner school in the KidsCan initiatives. KidsCan provide items such as clothing and food to schools at no cost. We have just been informed that KidsCan are able to supply every child at Fairburn School with an Adidas All Black Raincoat which is not only warm and dry, but also has the silver fern on the chest. The raincoats will be distributed early June to coincide with the All Blacks test matches. If you do not want your child to receive a raincoat please let your child's teacher know.

Principals' Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principals' awards in the last couple of weeks:

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd June	Staff Only Day
Monday 29th June	School reports home
Wednesday 1st July	Three-way conferences

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ACTING CO-PRINCIPALS

