

# Fairburn School Newsletter

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*Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni sabula, Mauri, Suosday, Sat Sri Akaal, Tajba Filghodu, Xin Chao, Ni Hao, Guten Tag, Sawadee, Kumusta, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Maith, warm greetings to you all.*



## Student-Led Conferences

A really big “thank you” to the parents and whanau who attended their children’s conferences. There was a huge amount of preparation by the students that enabled them to tell you about their learning achievements and what they need to focus on next. Having whanau support and understanding about their learning is very important and makes a big difference to their success. The student’s written reports will be coming home in the last week of term. These will make a lot more sense for those of you who came to the student-led conferences.

## Internet Safety and Facebook

Our students attended a “show” that focused on internet safety including using Facebook. We are aware that a number of our students have Facebook pages (even though they are not old enough) and we assume that parents know about this and supervise their child’s use. A small group of students are of concern to us because of the content they are sharing publicly and the comments they are putting up on Facebook. Mrs Woodard will be contacting the parents of some of these students as we are concerned about their safety on the internet. ***I urge parents to carefully monitor all children while they are on the internet and in particular on the social media pages.***

**Students cannot use Facebook or other social media sites while at school as these sites are blocked on our network.**

## Safety Around the School

The police are regularly coming to monitor traffic around school at home time. Unfortunately, a number of drivers have received tickets for not having their children in proper seat restraints or seat belts! Not only is this expensive for families, it is putting your children at risk in the event of an accident. We do have information about getting the seat restraints for your children – Please come and ask us for it. It’s cheaper than getting a ticket and less dangerous for your children! Our school neighbours would like you to keep out of their driveways and right of ways when you are parking at school.

## Government “Investing in Success” Policy

The government is intending to put \$359 million in to a new policy that pays a small number of teachers and principals a lot of extra money to work across groups of schools. This would mean selecting the “best” teachers and principals in an area and taking them out of their own school for 2 days every week to work in other schools. Many teachers, principals and board members are concerned that this would be very disruptive for the children in classrooms if their teacher was only there 3 days a week. Many primary schools are saying that they don’t want to be involved in this programme – our school is not confident that this would work or that it would be good for teaching and learning if we were required to do it. We think there are a lot of other more effective ways to invest this money for the benefit of our students. If you are interested in finding out about this plan, you are welcome to come in and talk to us about it.

**Merit Awards** Congratulations to the following merit award recipients from the last couple of weeks: Solveig Tuipulotu, Nuwah Neesha, Gracci Dag-Um, Henry Kata, Taylon Tauo, Ibrahim Chaker, Lenin Simi, Siosuia Ve, Caleb Tuipulotu, Haini Mau, Theodore Pace, Samuelle Faga Tuiloma, Joshua Kurumaira-Moke, Trista Krishnan, Penitito Roberts, Junior Talitiga Faaiva, Darius Lemanu, Jovahn Ford-Ropata, Gabrielle Uruamo, Ayush Chetty, Samantha Stephens, Joelene Kiro, Sunayna Goundar, Demerilana Elisara, Chanze Taueki, Ofa Fotu-Moala, Lote Tauti, Andrew Campbell, redence Peebles, Edward Stowers, Semi Nabenu, Nebiath Tamu. Well done everyone.



## Term Dates

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Reading Together Programme 3-4pm

Inter-school Rugby League

Duffy Theatre

Reading Together Programme 3-4pm

Inter-school Netball

Board of Trustees meeting

Written Reports Home

End of Term 2

Term 3 starts

*Frances Nelson*

*Principal*

