

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.

Welcome back to school for Term 3. We all hope you had a relaxing and interesting term break. A very special welcome to our new students and their families, we hope you are enjoying being part of our Fairburn School Whanau.

As you will see when you come in to school, our admin refurbishment project has almost finished and we are now back in the offices and staff areas. There is still a bit of ongoing work and from time to time you may need to use a different access to the offices, but it won't be long before all of the final bits of work are completed.

Safety at School

A reminder about parking, seatbelts and booster seats and other safety issues when you are coming in and out of the school area. Our neighbours in Fairburn Rd are asking for some consideration when you come to school in the afternoon. Parking in the right-of-way or driveways is not a good option. Our neighbours are very frustrated with the small group of parents who continue to block driveways and leave rubbish behind them when they are parking in driveways. ***Please be considerate to our neighbours when you look for somewhere to park!***



Reporting to Parents Survey

At the end of last term, you will have received a survey form so you could give us feedback about our Student-Led Conferences and our written reports for your children. If you still have these at home, please send them to us this week. We will be looking at your suggestions and comments and making any changes that are necessary.

Acting Principal

On 3rd August, I will be going on sabbatical (so not at school) until the beginning of Term 4. During my sabbatical, Mrs Maureen Woodard will be acting principal.

Tool Box Parenting Programme

Our Social Worker – Julie Nohe – has arranged for the Tool Box Parenting Programme to be held at our school this term. Your children will bring home a flyer with details about the programme. If you would like to be part of this learning, please let us know, we'd love to see our parents involved.



Reading Together Programme

Last term, a number of parents took part in the Reading Together Programme. It is a four week programme for parents to learn how to make reading with their children at home enjoyable and helpful to them with learning to read. The following parents received a principal's merit award for successfully completing the programme. Merilyn Nair, Hayley Boswell, Nese Mika, Vai Fatai, Razia Nisha, Zahid Hussain, Losaline Sefesi, Sonny Tamu, Cushla Fisiifetau, and Ruby Salavea.

Merit Awards Congratulations to the following merit award recipients from last term: Siofilisi Veamatahau, Hayyan Hussain, Taue Pele, Jusdus Ngare-Paul, Zion Seloti, Matthew Jamieson, Te Awhina Patuwai, Litea Vuni, Memphis Jackson, Ishika Kumar, Lola Tran, Harmony Paka, Lilian Tauti, Shaneet Chand, Rhonda Singh, Eboney-Kate Te Hau, Umairah Hussein, James Pole, Drew Burrett, Tupou Taina Tione, Jordyn Makiha, Harjasleen Kaur, Mataele Siaki, all of Room 29, Jayda-Marie Fifita, Leilani Perese, Tavalu Mahe, Alexis Fenton. Well done everyone.



Term Dates

Tuesday 29th July

Tuesday 5th August

Wednesday 6th August

Tuesday 23rd September

Friday 26th September

Monday 13th October

Tuesday 16th December

Board of Trustees Meeting

Yr 5&6 to Music Festival Dress Rehearsal

Music Festival Performance Night

Board of Trustees Meeting

Last Day of Term 3

First Day of Term 4

Last Day of School for 2014

Frances Nelson

Principal

Community Notices

General Election – you will no doubt have seen the election hoardings going up all over the place this week as the General Election takes place on Saturday 20th September. Fairburn School is a polling booth so you can come here when you are going to vote. The **law says** you must be enrolled to vote and your name must be on the electoral roll. You don't necessarily have to vote, but if people don't vote, they can't help to elect the government that will "look after" their interests.

Having Trouble with Work and Income Services? If you need help working out what you're entitled to and how the system works – come to Work and Income 93 Mascot Ave Mangere and talk to their advocates. You can come any time between 8.30am and 4.30pm on any of the following days August 5th, 6th and 7th.