

# Fairburn School Newsletter

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20 August 2014

*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.*

## Writing Week



A big thank you goes to all the families who supported their children at school during Writing Week. We had an excellent turnout at all the activities and it was especially great to see families in the hall on Friday reading their children's published stories. What fantastic writers our children are! Children will be able to take their published story home this week as a treasure to share. Families are always welcome to join in writing lessons at school. If you would like to do this, please talk to your child's teacher.

## Storylines Festival of New Zealand

It's **Storylines Festival** time again and this year, they are celebrating their 21st Anniversary. At the Festival there are lots of fabulous writers, illustrators and performers ready to share the excitement of books and reading with children, their families and communities. There are two family Days in Auckland this year:

**Saturday 30 August at the Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau, 10am-3pm**

**Sunday 31 August at the Aotea Centre, Central Auckland, 10am-3pm**

Both events are **free!**

## Daffodil Day



Next Friday 29 August is Daffodil Day. We will be taking a **collection** for the **Cancer Society** at school. Students will be asked to bring a "gold" coin to add to the collection and they will receive a daffodil to wear in support of the Cancer Society. A reminder will be sent home next week.

## Website for Parents

The Ministry of Education is redeveloping its website and improving its online information for parents, families and whanau. A new parent website,

[www.parents.education.govt.nz](http://www.parents.education.govt.nz) has been developed. The goal of this website is to provide a central place to give parents information and answers to their commonly asked questions in plain language. A **bookmark** with details of the website will be sent home with this newsletter.

## School Start Times

A reminder that school starts for students at 8.55am and all students should be in class and ready to start their work by this time. If they are late, they not only interrupt the class, but also miss out on vital learning. Regular lateness negatively affects your child's progress in literacy and numeracy. Students can arrive any time after 8.15 am and if they are ordering lunch, they need to be here early enough to do this before 8.55am. Please support your child to get to school on time!

**Merit Awards** Congratulations to the following merit award recipients from the last two weeks: Haseena Sharifi, Sisifo Nofaluma, Nevaeh Adams-Mills, Keziah Ford, Sela Moheata, Avishay Chand, Hope Allen, Hillary Chea, Fuarosa Esekielu, Mark Roi, Soana Tutoe, Kesiani Langi, Adarsh Singh, Salmaan Ali, Lavinia Faavesi, Farukh Ismail, Jumilia Lewis, Liuaki Hansen, Manaia Karanga, Ziah Tukuitonga, Moa Mau, Samuel Masi, Ruby-Jean Marsters, Nora Toatasi, Alex Tran, Divine Lolo, Shania Khan, Manish Prasad, Jayden Faavae.



Well done everyone.

## Term Dates

**Wednesday 3 September**

**Thursday 4 September**

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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

School Cross Country for years 3-6

Kids for Kids Choir

Year 5&6 Speech Competition

Board of Trustees Meeting

Last Day of Term 3

First Day of Term 4

Last Day of School for 2014

*Maureen Woodard  
Acting Principal*

## Community Notices

The cleaning contractor for Fairburn School is looking for another cleaner for the team. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact **Sonny on 0276850977**

