

# Fairburn School Newsletter

**Newsletter Number 11**

**29 July 2009**

Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone. We would like to extend a special welcome to all the new families who have enrolled this term. We hope that everyone has had a restful break and that children are ready to take on new learning challenges in Term 3.

## **Three Way Conferences**

Thank you to the families who came along to the 3 way conferences at the end of last term. 63% of our families attended the conferences which were extremely informative for all who were involved and particularly important for the children. Those children whose families did not come were very disappointed as it was a great opportunity for parents to share in the many good things their children are doing at school, as well as find out about ways they can further support their children to succeed at school. If you were unable to attend and would like to make another appointment please contact the office. Room 16 children will be receiving a letter to make a time for this term, as these ones were not able to take place in term 2.

## **Maori Language Week**

This week there has been an emphasis on children and teachers using Te Reo Maori in classrooms to celebrate Maori language Week. Please talk to them about what they have been learning and maybe they can teach you some of the phrases we use at school! Kia ora.

## **Teacher Professional Development Day**

A reminder that our Staff Only Day will be on Friday 21 August and the school will not be open for instruction on this day.

## **Literacy Open Day and Keeping Ourselves Safe**

On Tuesday 18 August we would like to invite our families to come into classrooms from 11-12.30am to see the literacy programmes in action. This will be a good opportunity for you to see how your children learn to read, write and spell. Where classes have interactive whiteboards, they will be used during this time. Following this time you may wish to stay on at school and share lunch with your children.

Our school will be teaching the Keeping Ourselves Safe (KOS) Programme in the second half of this term. This programme includes lessons on ways children can

keep themselves safe from harm which can happen in a variety of ways including bullying and physical abuse. We will be having a parent meeting in our hall about KOS at 1.30pm on 18 August to follow on from the Literacy Open day. Please keep this date free for both these events. If you are unable to come to school on this day but would like further information about literacy or KOS please contact the school.

## **Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to Tara Kumar, Tasala Patelesio and Timothy Ulberg who represented Fairburn School at the Spelling Bee competition for a large number of local schools, run by the community police. As a team they did very well coming second and Tasala came first overall. Fantastic!

## **Jump Jam**

Congratulations also go to our Jump Jam Team of 12 students from all areas of the school who entered into a Jump Jam Competition for KidsCan and the Telethon on 8&9 August. They gained 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 85 teams and will not only be performing during the telethon, but will also be competing at the National Jump Jam competition in September. A big thank you to the teachers who trained the children and made the costumes.

## **Bus Stop**

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. This is a safety issue and we would appreciate your support with helping to keep Fairburn children safe.

## **Important Dates for your Diary**

**Tues 4, Wed 5 & Thurs 6 August**

**Tuesday 11 August**

**Monday 17 August**

**Tuesday 18 August**

**Thursday 20 August**

**Friday 21 August**

**Thursday 3 September**

**Wednesday 9 September**

**Tuesday 15 September**

**Friday 25 September**

Junior trips to the museum

B.O.T. Meeting

Senior School Cross Country

Literacy Open Day and KOS meeting

Hockey Tournament

Teacher Professional Development Day

Interschool Cross Country

Junior School Cross Country

B.O.T. Meeting

Last day of Term 3

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard

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