

# *Fairburn School Newsletter*

**Newsletter Number 13**

**26 August 2009**

Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone.

## **Tongan Tragedy**

As a school we wish to offer our condolences for all of our families, who have suffered loss of loved ones from the tragic sinking of the ferry in Tonga recently.

Our thoughts are with you at this sad time

## **School Events**

A big thank you goes to all those families who came to school last week for one or more of the many events we had at school last week. It was so good to see such strong support for the school and the work the children are doing.

## **Congratulations!**

Well done to our school hockey teams who went to the Interschool Hockey Tournament last week. The boys' team gained first place overall and the girls' team came second. A great effort! Thanks go to Miss Willis for training the teams and all the parent supporters on the day.

## **School Camp Fundraising**

Thank you for supporting our school camp fundraising activities. With your help we are able to reduce the amount of money year 5&6 children need for camp. The last day for ordering drink bottles will now be on Friday 4 September instead of the end of term as was put in the last newsletter. There has been high demand for these bottles and the suppliers are fast running out. Some bottles have been more popular than others and if your child has ordered a bottle that is no longer in stock, you will be offered an alternative drink bottle or a refund.

## **Oh No, First the Swine Flu, Now the Measles!**

You would have heard that there has been a rapid rise in the number of measles cases reported around the country. Measles can be a highly infectious disease with serious complications. With this newsletter, there is a fact sheet about measles from the Auckland Regional Health Services. Please read this fact sheet and ensure that your children are immunized against measles as soon as possible; if you haven't done so previously. Immunisation is free and the best way to prevent measles.

## **The Dell**

Last week we had some parents helping our environmental group to do some concreting in the next step of our project. Thank you; we had a wonderful day and are very proud of the end result. Our next step involves some painting and we would be very grateful for any donations of paint. If you have left over paint from home of any amount or any colour and would like to give it to the school, please send it to the school office.

## **Daffodil Day**

Please remember Daffodil Day this Friday 28 August. Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile charity.

## **Principals' Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received Principals' awards in the last two weeks:

## **Important Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 28 August**

Daffodil Day

**Thursday 3 September**

Interschool Cross Country

**Wednesday 9 September**

Junior School Cross Country

**Tuesday 15 September**

B.O.T. Meeting

**Friday 25 September**

Last day of Term 3

**Monday 12 October**

First day of Term 4

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard

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