

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone and a special welcome to all new families to Fairburn School

School Stationery

All students should have bought their stationery by now. It is very important that they have the correct exercise books to use for their class work. If you are unable to pay for these at this time, please contact the school.

Contact Details

We are in the process of updating our student contact details, if you have changed any of your details – phone numbers, street address or emergency contact people, please let us know urgently. On occasions a child has been hurt at school and we have been unable to contact anyone as the current student details have been out of date, which has caused great distress for the child concerned. To avoid this situation, please update us if your details change.

‘Meet the Teachers’ Afternoon

This will take place at school on Thursday 12 March between 3pm and 6pm. There will be a variety of activities for children, supervised by the teachers in the school grounds, while parents come to meet the teachers and hear about the various areas of the school. More information will be sent home next week closer to the day. Please mark the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you here on 12th March.

Dress Code

At Fairburn School we do not require children to wear uniforms, but we do have a dress code which is detailed in the Information Book given to parents on enrolment. The purpose of this is, to ensure that children come to school dressed in a way that is appropriate for school activities. Please could you check that these aspects to the dress code are followed up on before your child comes to school each day:

- Children should not wear make-up or cosmetics to school unless it is for a medical reason or for special cultural activities
- Children should not wear jewellery to school, except for studs (not sleepers) and watches, unless the item of jewellery has a particular cultural or medical significance

- Children’s clothing should not include inappropriate words, pictures or signs.

It would be really helpful if children’s clothing is named. At the end of each term we always have lots of lost property which we would like to return to children and avoid parents having to replace items of clothes which can be costly.

A Message from our new Social Worker

“My name is Kim Dunlop and I have taken over from Ann- Marie as the social worker at Fairburn School. My job is to be available to you and your children with any social issues that may affect your child’s ability to learn. Things I may be able to help with include difficulties with WINZ or Housing NZ, children’s behaviour, parenting support, relationship issues and grief and loss. Feel free to pop in and see me in my office or I can be contacted at the school 270 1130x802 or on my mobile 027 5674 225.”

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 3rd March	BOT meeting at 6pm
Thursday 5th March	Interschool swimming sports
Thursday 12th March	‘Meet the Teachers’ mtg 3pm-6pm
Friday 13th March	Senior School Swimming Sports
Wednesday 25th March	Junior School Swimming Sports
Thursday 8th April	Class Photos

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard
ACTING CO-PRINCIPALS

Community Notices

Otahuhu United Soccer Club registrations take place at the Seaside Park Clubrooms in Princess St East, Otahuhu on Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Feb (9am -12pm) players for all ages wanted for teams Enquiries ph 2767212 or email registrar@otahuhusoccer.org.nz

Salvation Army Playgroup Mon and Tuesday 9.30am-12noon for parents and children, 0-5 year olds. \$1 donation. For further details ph 2765793

Dyslexia Support

Ron Davis author of the worldwide bestseller “The Gift of Dyslexia” will talk about how people with dyslexia can be best supported to learn at a special presentation on **Monday 2nd March, 7.30pm** at Epsom Girls Grammar School, Silver Road, Epsom. Tickets are Adults \$20 each, Children – 1 free with each adult.