

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 so arrangements can be made for your child to get their stationery.

'Meet the Teachers' Afternoon

This will take place at school on Wednesday 3 March between 2.50pm and 5.30pm. 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 activities of the school. More information will be sent home on Friday and next Monday. This will give you the details of the way we are running this meeting, which has changed from the way we have done it in the past. Please mark the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you here on 3 March.

National Standards

There are some further activities around National standards that will be taking place over the next few weeks. Hopefully you are able to attend one or all of these to support the teacher's union NZEI in asking the Government to have a trial of the National Standards before they are fully introduced in New Zealand schools. They are:

- On Thursday 25 February the NZEI campaign bus is coming to our school, between 10.30-10.50am and will be parked in the school car park. NZEI representatives will be giving out information about the National Standards.
- On Wednesday 3 March a meeting about National Standards is being held at the Otahuhu Town Hall at 7pm. A leading educationalist Professor Martin Thrupp will be discussing the question "Why should parents be concerned?" Everyone is invited to this meeting and it follows on from our 'Meet the Teachers' afternoon.
- Attached to this newsletter is a very short survey from N.Z. Principals' Federation, about National Standards. It can be filled in online, or by filling out the survey and returning it to school by Friday 26 February. Please take the time to complete it and send it back to school.

Outings to Local Venues Consent

Also attached to your newsletter this week is a consent form for local trips to fill in and return to school by Friday 26 February. Please make sure that this form is returned as we need to have one from each child in the school. If you have further queries about this form please contact the school.

Teachers Union Meeting

On Wednesday 10 March, the teachers are having a union meeting and will not be at school from 12.30pm on that day. We would appreciate it, if you could pick your

children up at the beginning of lunchtime (12.30pm). There will be some staff still at school to supervise any children who are not able to go home at this time. We apologise for any inconvenience the earlier finish time may cause, and appreciate your support in teachers being able to attend their union meeting. If you have any further inquiries please contact the school. A reminder about this meeting will be sent to you closer to the time.

Board Of Trustees Elections

On Monday 15 March, a Board Of Trustees election notice and nomination form will be sent to each family on the school roll. Other dates and information will be given to you in the next few weeks. We are very keen to hear from anyone who is considering standing for our school Board Of Trustees. If you are interested the next Board Of Trustees meeting is on Tuesday 2 March in the Staff Room, come along to see what is involved.

Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25 February	NZEI Campaign bus at school
Tuesday 2 March	BOT meeting at 6pm all parents welcome
Wednesday 3 March	Meet the Teachers Afternoon
Wednesday 3 March	National Standards mtg, Otahuhu Town Hall-7pm
Wednesday 10 March	Teachers' Union Meeting
Thursday 11 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
Tuesday 16 March	Interschool Summer Sports
Friday 19 March	Senior school Swimming Sports
Wednesday 24 March	Junior School Swimming Sports
Wednesday 31 March	Class Photos

'WHAT NOW' Television Programme

The children's TV programme rang us at 4:00pm yesterday to ask if our school would host the Slam competition today, as another school had pulled out at the last minute. Unfortunately we were not able to let you know in time, but felt that it was too great an opportunity for our students to miss out on. Students have been filmed today and the show will screen in the next eight weeks. If you have any concerns about your child appearing on television please contact the school tomorrow.

Community Notice

Otahuhu Rugby Junior Club registrations are at Awa Street on 27 February.
Ph Fatu 0212011231

Otahuhu Family Fun Day is on Saturday 27 February at Murphy Park from 12-4pm
Ph. 2763729 for further details

Otahuhu Library Akozone Centre is running again this year. Ph. 3741320 to register

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