

Fairburn School Newsletter

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

Sun Smart

A reminder that from the beginning of next term, all children will need to bring a hat to school each day, to wear during playtime and lunchtime. Children without hats will need to sit in the designated shade areas, during break times. It is much more fun if children can run around and use the playgrounds during these times, so please support your children and check to see if they have a hat each day. Hats can be purchased from the school office for \$5.00.

Lunch Trial

For the first three weeks of term 4, we are going to trial a new time for children eating their lunch. Instead of at the beginning of lunchtime, children will now have a supervised lunch eating time at 1.10pm. Hopefully this will mean that children by being able to eat **after** playing instead of before playing will be more settled for the afternoon session. All other systems such as the way children order lunch will remain the same. It will be interesting to see after the trial has ended are the benefits and challenges.

Term End

A reminder that school finishes at 2.50pm this Friday 24 September, for the two week school break. Children return to school on Monday 11 October. If you are moving from Otahuhu and your children won't be returning to school, please let us know as soon as possible.

Interschool Cross Country

Well done to our cross country team and their coaches, Mylene Tribo and Talai Saipele for winning the Interschool Cross Country. All of the teams gained either first or second place and there were some outstanding results from individuals. Thanks goes to the many parents who braved the rain and supported their children on the day, and to Elly Macdonald and Terrence Waikato for organising the event.

Speech Contests

In the last newsletter, children who represented Fairburn School were acknowledged for their achievements. Unfortunately Alofa McMiller's

name was missed out. Alofa represented the school in the Samoan Speech Competition, and like the other children did very well!

Art Exhibition

Thank you to all the families who took the time to see all the wonderful art work in the hall last week. We had an excellent turn out, and it is great to share the many talents of our children. Thank you also goes to the teachers for their hard work in teaching art and displaying the art works so effectively. Well done everyone!

Staff Changes

Paula Passfield returns to her position as Acting Deputy Principal next term. This means that Elly Macdonald returns to room 19 as the class teacher and Year 3&4 Senior Teacher. Iona Tataio will start the next New Entrants room. We would like to thank Iona Tataio for his hard work in room 19, Nicola Wilson for being the Acting Senior Teacher and Elly Macdonald for being the Acting Deputy Principal. They have all done an excellent job.

Principals' Awards

Due to the Art Exhibition being set up in the hall, junior and senior assemblies have not taken place for the last two weeks. However there will be a whole school assembly this Friday starting at approximately 1.40pm.

Have a great holiday everyone !

Important Dates for your Diary

Friday 24 September Last day of Term 3

Monday 11 October First day of Term 4

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard

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Community News

Otahuhu Garden and Floral Arts Club 2010 Garden Competition. Entry is free and judging will take place mid November. For further details contact Jaynee Gilling, ph 270 2612 or Sheryl, ph 276 1401. Flyers are also available at the school office.

Kids Mega –Action Programmes at Otahuhu Recreation & Youth Centre, including Touch, Zumba and Basketball. Costs are very reasonable for these activities. For further info, ph 2768207 or pick up a flyer from the school office.