

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Ni hao, greetings to you all.

School Stationery

Most children have now purchased their stationery for the start of the year. If there is anyone who has not yet got their child's stationery sorted out, please talk to us about how we can get this done. It is an important part of enabling your child to be organised for learning and feel that they "fit in". Stationery is available through the school office.

Measles Epidemic

You may have heard in the media that there is currently a measles outbreak in Auckland. Measles is a highly infectious viral disease, children who have not been immunised risk being excluded from attending school. Symptoms include fever, cough, sore red eyes and a rash. Fairburn will be following the advice of the Auckland Regional Public Health Service if we find cases of measles amongst our students. If your children have not been immunised against this we urge you to talk to your doctor about this. Immunisation is free for children who have not yet had this done.

Paper Recycling



Fairburn School has a paper recycling scheme running. All our "clean" paper is put in to the two recycling skips. Parents/students may bring clean paper (such as newspapers etc) from home and put in to the skips at school for recycling. This is a fundraiser for our school so your support in this would be appreciated.

Term 1 Dates :

Wednesday 23 February	Meet the Teachers 2.50pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 17 March	Junior School Swimming Sports
Friday 18 March	Senior Swimming Sports
Tuesday 1 March	Board of Trustees meet
	World Maths Day
Tuesday 29 March	Middle School trip to the Planetarium
Wednesday 30 March	Middle School trip to the Planetarium
Tuesday 5 April	Board of Trustees meet
Friday 15 April	Term 1 finishes
Monday 2 May	Term 2 begins

Fairburn Healthy Food Policy

For a number of years, Fairburn School has been part of the Health Promoting Schools network. This means we have "healthy eating" while at school as an ongoing priority. There are a number of food items coming on to the market that companies are advertising as in low fat or sugar – suggesting they are healthy and good for children. Unfortunately, some of these are very high in either sugar or salt and often high in calories. It is not true to say they should be on a healthy food list at all. We call these "treats" and ask that you don't put them in your child's lunch box but keep them at home. Generally then, our school food guidelines do not include fizzy drinks, sweets, chippies (or similar food items including some of the rice crackers and fruit snacks) and teachers will ask children to take them home and not bring them as part of their lunch or morning tea. Our school lunch room has a great selection of well priced and healthy lunch options for sale each day. If you would like a menu, please ask.



School Attendance

This year we have begun using the Ministry of Education electronic attendance programme. The attendance information must be put in to the database twice a day and records every student's attendance including the reasons for any absence. It also records lateness. It is important that parents let teachers know when students are away and clearly state the reasons for this to enable an accurate record to be kept. Any unexplained absences are recorded as truancy so it is important for the information to be given to teachers as soon as you know your child is going to be absent.

Christchurch Earthquake Appeal

Tomorrow, our students will be attending a performance at school by Family Life Education Pasefika (FLEP) a Pacific health organisation. FLEP uses music, drama, dance and arts to develop values based health messages. Although there is no charge for this, we would like our children to bring a gold coin to contribute to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

Weekly Merit Award Winners – congratulations to the following students – Horton Doughty, Rosa Ki, Jireh Pele, Jussnear Glassie, Ibrahim Chaker, Yousuf Khan, Charm Tuala, Tarnveer Singh, Andrew Campbell, Amelia Talanoa, Christina Antonio, Junior Kiro-Tupai, Avneet Singh, Carressa Afu, Beau Doughty, Feleti Sauaki, Edward Tapukalanga, Ashish Autar, Cassidy Dennis, Mercy Vai, Nikkie Perese, March Tiotala, Vika Molipeli, Quentin Gray, Finau Foliaki, Helu Pikula, Ehetesham Syed, Moses Rangitakatu, Ana Maka, Chevy Aue, Dilpreet Nadan, Leilani Perese, Kira Oltaches, Te Kohu Flavell, Sunlesh Lal, Faith Lautua, Victoria Fangupo, Christian Fonoti, Aron Chand, Josephine Ngatua, Margot McKibbin, Feletiliki Mau, Aditi Kumar, Lofa Kipa, Samuel Hansen, Paul Adjei, Jesse Matini, Devyn Koko, Eloï Faalolo, Seaven Lokeni, Brianna Campbell, Zac Stephens.

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