

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.

Wednesday 13th April will be a busy and exciting day for our students. We have both a Duffy Assembly with guest speaker Alistair McIntyre, author of the children's book "Doug the Digger". We will also be visited by the percussion group "Strike" who will perform for our students. There will be no charge for either events, the Duffy Assembly is part of being a Duffy School and the Strike Concert is paid for out of our own funding to ensure all students are able to attend.

Term 1 Dates :

Tuesday 12 April	Board of Trustees meeting
Tuesday 12 April	Otahuhu Schools' Cultural Festival
Wednesday 13 April	Duffy Assemblies
Wednesday 13 April	"Strike" Concert
Friday 15 April	Term 1 finishes
Monday 2 May	Term 2 begins

Weekly Merit Award Winners – congratulations to the following students – Nuwah Neesha, Simran Singh, Revival Fatu, Kemindi Liyanage, Valiant Grant, Hammad Hussain, Niraj Prasad, Japnoor Kaur, Samuel Marinkovich-Chang, Zachariah Tehaki, Junior Talitiga-Faaiva, Aukilani Fualau, Kakala Faavesi, Melenoa Vaka, Annie Adjei, Quinniel Pita, Nathan Turner, Alan Vaasili, Aditi Kumar, Zuriel Ioasa, Jonathan Cutajar, Kalyis Lokeni, Faith Anae, Isaac Ueese, Ronald Son, Philip Justnear, Arthur Wolfgramm, Toutai, Feimoefiafi, Alice Tehaki, Ono Ming, Anna Vaka, Moa Mau, Tamaiva George, Jameel Yusuf, Tawhirimatea Smith, Rylee Willie, Ngatoria Perese, Kayla Mataora, Wyatt Doughty, Ruby-Jean Marsters, David Tuipulotu, Riches Chau, Sharika Mahmud, Sebastian Simone, Tamatoa Ngametua, Ileini Tuipulotu, Chelsea Fairburn, Darryl Kereti, Paul Tautiaga, Junior Falaniko, Aadam Lillie, Eternal-Lee Waaka, Mele Maka, Roseline Chetty, Annie Fruean, Loata Tapueluelu.

Student Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council members – Serena Wilkinson, Christian Tuipulotu, Junior Falaniko, Hannalidah Ofanoa, Kalani Edwards, Annie Fruean, Ajay Taavili and Fereni Limu. Well done to these students and a big thank you to all of the students who put themselves forward for this role.

Otahuhu Schools' Cultural Festival (updated)

The schools cultural festival will be held at the Otahuhu Recreation Centre on Tuesday 12th April. During the day, the various cultural groups will perform. Our year 5 & 6 students will be involved in this. The programme starts at 9.30am with a powhiri followed by Kapa Haka Groups. At around 10am Cook Island Groups, 10.30am Asian Groups, 10.45am Samoan Groups, 12 noon Indian Groups, 12.40pm European Groups, 12.45pm Niuean Groups, 1pm Tongan Groups. The programme will run as close to these times as possible with the finish at approximately 2.30pm. Parents and friends all welcome to attend. Fairburn School has groups in the following sections - Kapa Haka, Cook Island, Samoan and Tongan.



Starship School Swap – "Phones for Rewards Scheme"

We have just re-registered to be part of this programme. The programme works by us collecting as many old unused or broken mobile phones as possible to donate to Starship Hospital. They then turn these phones in to cash through recycling them. This enables them to fundraise and help children around the whole country. Your children are asked to collect as many old phones (with the owner's permission – of course) and add them to our collection. We will then convert the points we get for them in to "rewards" such as interactive whiteboards, projectors, cameras etc. The more phones we collect, the more points we have to get things for our students to use at school.

Fairburn School Dress Code

Our school "dress code" sets out the basic requirements. In particular, the two following parts are of concern to us at the moment – **1.** Children should not wear make-up or cosmetics to school unless it is necessary for medical or cultural reasons. **2.** Children should not wear jewellery to school, except for studs and watches, unless the item of jewellery has a religious, cultural or medical significance. If you have queries, please contact the deputy principals or myself.

A reminder that there is less than two weeks of term left before the April Holidays begin for our students. If you are planning to be away from school for longer than the actual holiday period, please let us know (in writing) to ensure that your children's absence is not recorded as "truancy" because the school has no information to tell us otherwise.

Frances Nelson
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