# Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni sabulu, Mauri, Suosday, Sat Sri Akaal, Tajba Filghodu, Xin Chao, Ni Hao, Guten Tag, Sawadee, Kumusta, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Maith, Assalamualikum, Madaainn Mhath, Goeie Middag and hello.



## **Board of Trustees Elections in 2013**

The election process is under way. We received 11 nominations for the elections. Thank you to the people who agreed to be nominated. On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, we will be

holding a "Meet the Candidates" meeting in the school hall at 5.30pm. I encourage you all to attend this meeting and then vote for the people you think will do the best job on your behalf. With this newsletter, I am sending home a paper giving you information about who the candidates are as not all have a statement in the information the Returning Officer is sending out with voting forms. Once you have voted, you can either post your votes to the returning officer or drop them in to the school office (sealed in the envelope) by 12 noon on the 30th May.

## **Student Led Conferences**

This year, we have a slight change to our parent/teacher/student conferences. There will be two days to choose from - *Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June or Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June*. At the conferences, each student will be a part of the discussion about their work and achievement, they will lead as much of the discussion as they are able to. This means that you *must bring your child* to the conferences. This is a very important part of their learning and our students are putting a lot of effort in to being ready to talk about what they are doing and what their next learning step is. The formal written reports will be sent out in Week 1 of Term 3 and they will be a follow-up from the Student-Led Conferences. There is more explanation in the information students are bringing home today. It is really important that you return the appointment form by this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May so we can work out the times. If your form is not returned to school by Friday, you may not get the times you ask for.

## **School Hours**

A big **THANK YOU** to all of the parents and families who are making sure they pick up their children as close to 3pm as they can. This is really helpful. Students no longer wait by the office as this is a work area. Having students waiting there after school prevents normal work from being done. Children will now wait on the seats outside Rooms 15 and 16. After 3pm you need to park and come in to collect your child. It is still very important to let us know each day if you will be

collecting your child later than 3pm. For parents who need to arrange after-school care for their child, please ask for information at the office, there is a very good local service available and children are picked up here by the provider.

#### 2013 Term Dates

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May Meet-the-Candidates – 5.30pm School Hall Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Oueens Birthday – public holiday Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Rugby League Tournament Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June Student Led Conferences Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Student Led Conferences Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June Netball Tournament Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June **Duffy Theatre** Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Rugby Tournament Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July **Inquiry Sharing Day** 

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July End of Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July Term 3 starts



#### **Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards in the last week — Ihaiah Rehu, Lupeni Langi, Harry Cocker, Lennix Loseli, Nephi Kiro-Tohu, Tapu Sio Iosefo, Taue Pele, Huria Ali, Masina Fruean, Nitika Ram, Maxwell Koloamatangi, Ishika Naidu, Eneasi Otuhouma, Jasmine Son, Sela Fifita, Mohammed Koya, Cindy Xu, Katinia Hafoka, Joelene Kiro, Junior Afoa, Vilina Finau, Tanya Joseph, Nicolette Taufititule, Taulau Mamae, Kery Nathan, Ashish Autar, Ana Misinale, Joseph Perese, Alan Vaasili, Aijaz Hussain, Henry Chen, Zuneha Hussain, Tamsyn Neho, Jerimyah Elone, Trustin Martin, Mercylynn Pepe, Talaifina Mau, Stella Lo, Sateki Vaifoou, Natasha Keleti, Pita Finau, Solveig Tuipulotu, Kilisitina Lapale, Nuwah Neesha, Malachi Burgess, Velentina Pula, Dontel Tongotongo, Drew Burrett, Tavalu Mahe, Jordyn Makiha, Hala Vaka, Felix Nicholls, Harry Ah-Sam, Valeti Lavulavu, Josephine Ngatua, Stephen Heatley, Aliyah Hussein. Well done to all of these students.

Frances Nelson Principal

# Endeavour Scholarship - Kings School

Kings School offer a Scholarship for Year 7 (in 2014) for Maori or Pasifika boys that provides education in Years 7&8. The scholarship pays tuition fees, uniform allowance and other costs. Some parent costs may apply depending on parents income. More information is available on Kings School website <a href="www.kings.school.nz">www.kings.school.nz</a> or phone Kirsty Higgs 09 5207774, email <a href="k.higgs@kings.school.nz">k.higgs@kings.school.nz</a> Applications close on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013.