

# Fairburn School Newsletter

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

## Term Dates:

Tuesday 13 & Wed 14 September

Thursday 29 September

Friday 7 October

Monday 24 October

Tuesday 25 October

Senior School trip to Otorohanga

Tongan Speech Competition

Term 3 Finishes

Labour Day- public holiday

Term 4 begins



## Otorohanga Trips

The last of the trips was done today, a huge thanks to everyone who helped the staff to make such a success of these days. We have had a lot of very positive feedback from parents (and the bus drivers) about how well they have all gone and how much the students have gained from them. Well done to the staff – it's been a big job but done really well.

## Fundraising for Trips

Our fundraising for the trips to Otorohanga has raised \$1030 at the cake stall, \$550 from ice-block sales, our staff raffle \$370 and we have had a donation from the Baptist Womens's Knitting Group of \$300 and \$1000 from the ATWC. Thanks to everyone who has helped out with preparation for the fundraisers and supported us through buying cakes and ice-blocks over the time.

## School Start and Finish Times

Our school day starts at 8.55am and finishes at 2.50pm. Students should arrive at school after 8.15am and leave by 3.05pm. At the moment there are large numbers of children arriving very early and being left waiting for up to an hour each afternoon. If this is unavoidable, please contact the office and let staff know why children cannot be picked up by 3.05pm. If you are unexpectedly late coming to pick your children up, please let the office know. The school cannot take responsibility for looking after children left here without parents notifying us. We are not able to provide after school care, but this can be provided through the Otahuhu Town Hall. If this is a problem for families, you can contact our social



worker – Anna Bern or the DPs (Maureen Woodard and Germaine Peterson) at school for help in finding a solution.

## Family Contact Details

If you change your phone contacts (cell-phone, work or home) please let the office know the new numbers. If the school needs to make contact with parents – in particular for emergencies or illness – we need to have up to date contact details.

## Weekly Merit Award Winners

– congratulations to the following students – Chanze Taueki, Riya Singh, Nava Dawson, Drew Burrett, Rani Jeet, Tonisha Timbun, Jussnear Glassie, Ibrahim Shaker, Lenin Simi, Alex Tran, Tekura Marsters, Te Kohu Flavell, Solomone Mahe, Anitita Tongotongo Kery Nathan, Joy Lautua, Jordyn Makiha, Inia Vaka, April Heffernan, Brooklyn Wharepouri, Edward Tapukalanga, Jessica Stephens, Theresa Vaasili, Jorja Jensen-Fraser, Helen Nguyen, Ilisapeti Akauola, Wiremu Dixon, Maata Tutoe, Ba Phong Pham, Jennifer Do, Kahurangi Papua, Ehetesham Syed, Kemindi Liyanage, Ana Manu, Liuaki Hansen, Josiah Fifita, Tupou Taina Tione, Sofia Paila, Rylee Willie, Tekura Marsters, Popua Samate, Nathaniel Kolo, Charlie Raj, Victoria Fangupo, Aroha Bradley, Saofaiga Mamae, Ionatana Auvele, Anerita Ilalio, Vivek Kumar, Riyansha Sen, Jason Hoang, Shaniza Bano, Junior Falaniko, Foulena Togiakona, Fatu Mounga, Benjamin Sieu, Rebecca Toatasi, Latu Hafoka, Laulelei Tuipulotu.



**Fairburn Whanu** - Can you give One hour a week to help the Year 3-6 reading program? We are launching a reading program aimed at our middle and senior school students to ensure they are all reading at expected levels and need parent support to provide one-on-one tutoring. **If you can spare just one hour every week to come in and work with a group of students it will make a huge difference for them.** We will train volunteers on how to tutor the students, so no prior experience necessary. If you can help, please contact Germaine Peterson at school.



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