Fairburn School Newsletter

Newsletter Number 9 17 June 2009 Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone.

A reminder that school finishes at 2.50pm on Friday 3 July for the two week school break. Children return to school on Monday 20 July. If you are moving from Otahuhu and your children won't be returning to school, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have children who will be turning 5 during the remainder of the school year, please come to the school office and let us know when they will be starting. Pre-enrolling your children enables us to plan and have both teachers and classrooms ready for them.

Three-Way Conferences

School finishes at 1.45pm on Wednesday 1 July to allow Three-Way Conferences to start at 2pm. Please make arrangements for children to return home at this earlier time. Teachers and children are now ready for the Three-Way Conferences that take place in the last week of the school term. This is an important time for you, your child and their teacher to share their work and learning goals with



parents. All families who returned their interview request form will receive an interview time. If this does not come home at the end of next week, please contact the school.

If, for some reason, you are unable to come to the interview, please let the school office know. It is important that teachers are aware if conferences have been cancelled so they are not waiting for you to arrive. It is important that you are not late for your Three -Way Conference as these are only ten minutes long.

Written school reports will come home just before the Three-Way Conferences on Monday 29 June. Please bring the report to your Three-Way Conference so you can refer to it or ask questions about it.

Staff News

Mrs Una Booth is leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new teaching position overseas. Mrs Booth has been on the staff at Fairburn School for over 10 years and has led both the New Entrants Syndicate and the whole of the Junior School. She has done a wonderful job for our children and their families and will be greatly missed. We thank her for all her hard work, and wish her well in her new position.

Auckland Maritime Museum

During the month of June, this museum which is on the Auckland water front, is open free to all families who are rate payers of Auckland City. If you would like to take the opportunity to visit the museum free of charge during this month, you just need to take a bill to the museum which identifies you as a rate payer.

Great News!

Today all the children at our school received their free raincoat from KidsCan. On 8&9 August there will be a telethon to raise money for KidsCan. If you watch the telethon on channel 3, you will be able to see photos of all Fairburn School children wearing their raincoats and interviews that were done today with some of our students. A big thank you to KidsCan and adidas for their generosity.

Swine Flu Update

There continues to be concerns in New Zealand about Swine Flu. If you or any off your family members suspect that they may have contacted swine flu, please consult a doctor as soon as possible and remember we all need to take extra care with hygiene. If the incidents of swine flu increase it is likely that the schools will be directed on a course of action by the Ministry of Education in consultation with the National Health Advisors. If this happens parents will be notified as soon as possible.

Principals' Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received Principals' awards in the last week:

Important Dates for your Diary

| Monday 29 June | School Reports home to parents |
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| Wednesday 1 July | Three-Way Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Friday 3 July | Last day of Term 2 |
| Monday 20 July | First day of Term 3 |

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