Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone. A big welcome to all of our new students and families this term!

Sunhats

All children must have sunhats (caps or hats) to be able to play out in the grounds during the breaks this term. Children who do not have hats at school are being asked to sit in designated shade areas, which does not give them the opportunity to run around and play during break times. Please could you support your children and make sure they have a hat each day. We have a range of sunhats and caps for sale at the office if you need to buy one. Please see the office staff for these items.

Intermediate School Enrolments 2010

A reminder that all year 6 children need to be enrolled at an intermediate, for next year. If you have not done this please do so as soon as possible. Enrolment forms for Otahuhu Intermediate will be available from Fairburn School from next week, following a visit from the Otahuhu Intermediate Principal. He will be talking to all the year 6 children on Wednesday 27 October at 9.30am in the hall. Parents of year 6 children are invited to come along to the school on this day to meet the Principal and hear all about Otahuhu Intermediate School.

First Language Story

Each Friday 11.00-11.15am we have a First Language Story Time for all children at school. We need people who are willing to read stories in their first language and are especially in need of Tongan, Samoan and Hindi speakers. If you are able to assist in this very worthwhile programme, please contact the school office.

Teachers' Union Meetings

Over the next few weeks, teachers will be attending union meetings to discuss the negotiations taking place with the government. These meetings will take place during the school day, but so that parents and families are not inconvenienced in any way, the school will not be closing when the meetings take place. Instead classes will be covered by teachers who

normally teach in special programmes and there may be extra numbers in a room for a short period of time. Hopefully this will ensure minimal disruption to children's learning.

Lunch Trial

We are now into the second week of our lunch trial, which means that children are now eating their lunch after playing at 1.10pm instead of eating before they play outside. So far the trial has been successful and when it has been completed we will let your know what subsequent changes to school routines will be made. We would welcome any feedback that you would like to give us, so please contact the school office if you would like to offer any suggestions.

Open Day

We will be having an Open Day on Wednesday 10 November. This will be an opportunity for children to share work they are doing in their classrooms. After lunch we will be holding a Community Meeting in the hall. Details of the Open Day and the Community Meeting will be given out closer to the time.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 25 October Labour Day

Tuesday 2 November B.O.T. meeting **starting at 5.30pm**

Thursday 18 November

Friday 19 November

Senior Athletics

Tuesday 23 November

Junior Athletics

B.O.T. meeting

Wednesday 8 December

Interschool Athletics

Wednesday 8 DecemberReports HomeFriday 10 DecemberSchool ConcertsTuesday 14 DecemberYear 5&6 DiscoWednesday 15 DecemberY5/6 Monitors TripFriday 17 DecemberLast day of Term 4

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