

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone and a special welcome to all new families to Fairburn School.

‘Meet the Teachers’ Afternoon

A reminder that this will take place at school, on Thursday 12th March between 3.15pm and 5.45pm. There will be a variety of activities for children on the school field. Children will be supervised so that parents can go to the hall to meet the teachers and hear about school activities including the new curriculum and what the changes mean for children’s learning. Early next week you will receive a special notice giving more details about this important event. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Finishing Time

Unfortunately there are a large number of students who are not being picked up on time after school. The school bell goes at 2.50pm each day and students are expected to be picked up promptly. Teaching staff are very busy at the end of each day attending a number of meetings and preparing programmes for classes. Students who are not picked up on time are left unsupervised which is unsafe. Please ensure that you pick up your child/children promptly every day. If you are unexpectedly held up, please phone the school office and make alternative arrangements.

Walk to School

Over the last few years there have been many activities to encourage children and parents to walk to school each day. On Friday 6th March we will have a special ‘Walk to School’ day where we want to encourage as many children and parents as possible to walk to school. Following this day, we hope that you will support and encourage your children to walk to school more often. Some very good reasons to participate in this fun activity are:

- It’s an easy way to exercise every day
- Fewer cars are on the road which is good for the environment and means less congestion at the school gate
- Children walking with family members or friends can enjoy some quality time together
- Children learn to cross roads safely and develop independence
- Walking saves money, especially important with the petrol prices of today!

We hope to see lots of children and their families walking to school on Friday

Farewell

The teacher in room 33 James Love is leaving us on Friday 6th March to take up a new teaching position. We would like to thank him for all his hard work at Fairburn School and wish him the best of luck at his new job. The new teacher in room 33 will be Teresa Elder and we welcome her to our school.

Senior School Swimming Sports

These will be held for all children in rooms 15-33 at the Otahuhu College pool on Friday 13 March. More details will be given out closer to the time.

School Telephone

Our school telephone is switched onto an answering service between 3.45pm and 8.15am which are outside of our office hours. Messages are checked daily. If you ring during school hours and get the answering service, this means the line is busy so please wait a few minutes and try again or leave a message.

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to those students who have received Principals’ awards in the past week.

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Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 5th March	Interscholar swimming sports
Thursday 5th March	“Strike” a percussion performing group show
Friday 6th March	Walk to School Day
Thursday 12th March	Meet the teachers mtg <i>3pm-5.45pm</i>
Friday 13th March	Senior School swimming sports
Wednesday 25th March	Junior School swimming sports
Thursday 9th April	Class Photos

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