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 9 August "Speak Up For Education"

Tuesday 9 August The **Ned** Show Thursday 18 August ERO Review Visit

Thursday 18 August Inter-school hockey tournament

Friday 19 August ERO Review Visit Monday 22 August ERO Review Visit

Tuesday 23 August La Bourree Folkdancing – Juniors

Thursday 25 August Hindi Speech Competition
Tuesday 30 August Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday 30 August Senior School Cross Country
Thursday 1 September Junior Trip to Otorohanga

Tuesday 6 September Middle School Trip to Otorohanga

Thursday 8 September Inter-school Cross Country

Tuesday 13 September Senior School trip to Otorohanga Thursday 29 September Tongan Speech Competition

Friday 7 October Term 3 finishes



Incredible Years Parenting Programme

Fairburn School has an opportunity to run the Incredible Years Parenting Programme starting soon. This is going to be run at school during school hours, one session of about 2 and ½ hours per week (including a "cup of tea" break) for approximately 12 weeks. It is a popular and successful programme for parents to

help you to improve you skills with parenting. If you would like to take part, please contact our social worker Anna Bern through the school office to get more details and to put your name down. Some of our teachers have done the teacher's version of the Incredible Years programme and can strongly recommend it to you.

Education Review Office (ERO)

The Education Review Office is the government agency that comes to each school on a regular basis to review our school. Our review will take place on 18, 19 and 22 August.

You are invited.....

On Tuesday 9 August, we invite parents and whanau to *join us at school from 8.30-10.30am* to talk to staff about what you want for your children while they are at primary school. We will have lots of things to discuss with you and lots of listening to do to hear your ideas about how Fairburn School is doing. Next week is "Speak Up For Education" week. We will record all your comments to pass on to ERO when they come and also help us with our strategic planning for the next few years. This will be a pretty informal time with a cup of tea or coffee provided, time to talk to other parents and teachers and a "meeting" from about 9-10am.

Our school was invited to appear in a television advertisement about investing in education. A number of our students and Miss Kohu Inch appear in this advert which is currently showing on TV – TV1, TV3 and Prime.

The Ned Show

All students will be able to attend this show free. The Ned Show focuses on our school values and the importance of succeeding at school. After the show, children/families can *choose* to purchase any of the items on the flier that your children will bring home with this newsletter during the next week.

Three Way Conferences

Thanks to all the families who attended three-way conferences in the last week of term. It was great to have time to talk about student's work and achievement during the first half of the year and what goals they have for the next two terms.

Congratulations to Riana Papani – our front office assistant and her family on the birth of their daughter Maiah (born 12 July). Mother and daughter doing well.

Weekly Merit Award Winners – congratulations to the following students – Dontel Tongotongo, Fred Iosefo, Hope Vahaakolo, Zowie Maota, Shakur Hohaia, Lavinia Faavesi, Oneola Feimoefiafi, Kilisitina Lapale, Fane Tuipulotu, Te Kohu Flavell, Quinata Sautia, Finau Foliaki, Elise Lova, Josiah Rehu, Sharika Mahmud, Fofoga Faaoloviti, Joyce Tiotala, Nabiath Tamu, Mary Jane Toailoa, Zuriel Ioasa, Jennifer Peni, Zion Taukei, Sioeli Foliaki, Nikkie Perese, Selwin Lau, Michael Tofa, Monica Motuga, Toutai Feimoefiafi, Vika Molipeli.

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