Fairburn School Newsletter

Newsletter Number 12

Mauri, greetings to you all.

24 July 2012 Kia ora, Talofa lava, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Ni hao,

Message from Fairburn Whanau & Jean Lewis (Community Liaison Teacher) You are all welcome to attend the Fairburn Whanau get-together this Thursday 26th July at 3pm in the Magnolia Room (by Room 7). Teachers can look after vour children. As part of the meeting there are several things to be discussed (with the principal) such as some of the policies like national standards and league tables. There are other projects happening in our school for both students and families and we'd like to talk about how you could support them.

THANK YOU!!!!!

Our school received a lot of community support and comment after the newsletter last week told of the burglaries we had in the holidays. To our horror someone



went in to a classroom on Monday afternoon while the class was in the hall and stole the teachers laptop! As a result, we have now started to lock all of our gates except Pukeora Rd to keep both our school property and our staff and students safe from whoever has done this. The other gates will be locked after

9.15am and not opened until 2.40pm. Hopefully, this will be a short-term problem and we will be back to normal soon.

Thanks to all of the information shared with us from the community, we were able to pass on enough to the police to enable them to make an arrest for one of the other similar burglaries in Otahuhu and then to inform us they had a DNA match for this same person on the blood stains left in our ICT Centre. At least one of the culprits will face the courts for this crime. We really appreciate your concern and the help so many of you have given us.

Climbing in to Culture

Thank you to the families who have returned their family information for our next unit of work. This is important to us in sharing what is important to us as we build our understanding of each other's culture. On Wednesday afternoon, we did the draw for 5 prizes each of a \$30 petrol voucher from amongst the family sheets that were returned. Congratulations to the following student's families - Rani Jeet Rm 14, Jadahliya Tuuau Rm 3, Asmita Prasad Rm 20, Jennifer & Crystal Pene Rms 32 & 33, Teina Rairoa Rm 13. Well done and thank you again to these families.

Rhvthm Interactive

On Wednesday 25th July, our students will be part of the Rhythm Interactive School Drumming Show in our school hall. Funding set aside by our Board of Trustees to enable every child to participate in a range of activities during the year will cover the cost for this. This particular show was selected because every child will have a drum to enable them to participate and to look at music in relation to our various cultures and the music that is part of their lives. If you want to have a preview of this show you can find it on the web at www.rhythminteractive.co.nz

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received merit awards in the last week - Masina Fruean, Imroz Ali, Jonathan Elone, Alice Wolfgramm, Phillip Lavakeiaho, Shafenior Lui, Lucas Makiha, Alofa Fualetoelau-Faalogo, Rosa Ki, Kopupine



Mehau, Pauline Lolohea, James Pole, Leonardo Nguyen, Te Kohu Flavell, Marley Lemanu, Saane Purua, John Lavakeiaho, Yousuf Khan, Pauline Langi, Tekura Marsters, Kalyis Lokeni, Arsh Khan, Samson Tuituu, Semiperive Lolimaiava, Jason Hoang, Haven Tofa, Joseph Perese, Blessing Italia. Well done to you all.

Term Dates:

Wednesday 25th July **Rhythm Interactive** Thursday 26th July Fairburn Whanau Meeting – Magnolia Room Wednesday 1st August Otahuhu Music Festival 7pm Thursday 16th August Hindi Speech Contest Thursday 16th August Inter-school Hockey Tournament Monday 20th August Ukelele Concert & workshops Ukelele Concert & workshops Tuesday 21stAugust Wednesday 22nd August Duffy Theatre Thursday 30th August Area Speech Contest (English) at Fairburn School Thursday 30th August Maori Speech Competition Monday 3rd September Hearing and Vision Testing Tuesday 4th September Hearing and Vision Testing Wednesday 5th September **Tongan Speech Competition** Thursday 6th September Year 3-6 Cross Country at Memorial Park Thursday 20th September Kids For Kids Concert (evening) Friday 28th September Term 3 finishes

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