

# Fairburn School Newsletter

**Newsletter Number 6**

**6 May 2009**

Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone. Welcome back to the new term. We hope you had an enjoyable break with your children. A big welcome to our new students and their families, as well as our new teacher, Crystal Cane in room 24. The term has started well and we look forward to lots of hard work and children participating in all the activities that are offered in school, both inside and outside of the classroom.

## **New Web Site**

We are very pleased to inform you that our new school web site is now up and running. It is much more interesting, informative and easy to use. You can access the web site using the usual address- [www.fairburn.school.nz](http://www.fairburn.school.nz)

## **Keeping Children Healthy**

There has been a lot of news lately about influenza and the effect it can have on our health. The Auckland Regional Public Health Service has put together a list of the best things you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus. They are:

- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth- germs spread that way
- Be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly- hand hygiene is crucial: even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the **20/20 rule**- 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
- Keep surfaces clean at home, school and work

## **Gladiators of Change on T.V!**

Many of our parents attended the Gladiators of Change evenings during term 1. As the messages from speakers were really good, Triangle Television will be showcasing these events on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May. The two shows will also be available to view online at [www.schoolsinc.co.nz](http://www.schoolsinc.co.nz) in a couple of weeks.

## **Peer Mediators**

During term 1, a number of year 5&6 children did some special training to become peer mediators. They will be working in pairs during break times to assist children who are having problems with each other, to work out the best ways to solve conflicts and play happily. Each class has had a demonstration of the peer mediation process and the strategies children are being taught to sort out conflict at school, can also be used at home. Please talk to your children about this and encourage them to use the same strategies at home when they have problems with other family members. Hopefully this will result in a more peaceful life for parents!

## **Slingshot**

If you are a Slingshot customer you can choose to have a percentage of your monthly bill donated to the school at no extra cost. This money helps the school to buy extra resources for children. If you would like to do this you can log on at [www.slingshot.co.nz/schools](http://www.slingshot.co.nz/schools) or phone 0800 89 2000. Further information is available at the school office. We would greatly appreciate you doing this, if you are able.

## **Principal's Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received Principal's awards so far this term.

## **Important Dates for your Diary**

<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School Reports home to parents
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Three-way Parent/Teacher Conferences

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**Community Notices:** Salvation Army Playgroup, 9.30am-12noon. Donation of \$1.00 per session. Inquiries phone 276 5793

**Otaguhu College Community Classes, Term 2-** Phone 963 4000 for further information