Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni sabulu, Mauri, Suosday, Sat Sri Akaal, Tajba Filghodu, Xin Chao, Ni Hao, Guten Tag, Sawadee, Kumusta, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Maith, Assalamualikum, Madaainn Mhath, Goeie Middag and hello.

Park safely and keep our kids safe

Last week, our Fairburn Whanau hosted a meeting of parents and community members to talk about what we could do to make both Fairburn Road and Pukeora Rd safer for our students when they are arriving or leaving our school.



Board of Trustees Elections in 2013

The School Trustee Elections will be held in May of this year. Our electoral roll includes parents and caregivers of students attending the school. So you are able to receive information

and voting papers, you need to make sure we have your correct address and contact details. Please check with Marise Dormer in the school office urgently if you are not sure your details are up to date. Very soon, you will receive a personal letter from our Returning Officer with information and nomination forms. Now is the time to nominate people who are able to stand and who would make good board members.

Thank You

Last Saturday, a large group of Fairburn Staff and families joined the "Stand Up For Kids" rally and march up Queen St. As many of you know, we as teachers are very concerned with some of the changes in education and the way these will change schooling for our students. We are really grateful for your support and thank you for joining us on the march, your being there with us made very proud. Teachers are happy to talk to you about the issues they face in the negotiation of their collective agreement, just come in and talk to us about it.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Next Term there will be another two sessions of the **GLADIATORS** of **CHANGE** for parents and community members. The event is being organised by our School Social Workers and the Anglican Trust for Women and Children. Tofiga Fepuleai will be the MC again and there will be some other interesting guest speakers. This year the sessions will be held at **OTAHUHU COLLEGE.** With today's newsletter, you will receive a flyer giving more information.

2013 Term Dates

Thursday 18th April Friday 19th April *Friday 19th April Monday 6th May* Tuesday 14th May Wednesday 15th May

Otahuhu Cultural Festival
Whole School Assembly
End of Term 1
First day of Term 2
Gladiators of Change – Men's Night
Gladiators of Change – Women's Night

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned a merit award over the past two weeks: Tupu Berking, Leilani Perese, Elladina Lokeni, Mamta Kumari, Samantha Stephens, Sam Cheung, Vinisha Chouhan, Tae Fineisaloi, Tau Holani,



Junior Kiro-Tupai, Novele Ashford-Tere, Aineo Palometa, Ritika Devi, Milani Tuala-Taufoou, Chelsea Fairburn, Mia Jayde Mounga, Lucas Makiha, Zubeir Shaheed-Mohammed, Jerome Ielome, Kay-Lee Woods, Trustin Martin, Samuel Fruean, Khaos Lupo, Rayna Lal, Irene Haupeakui, Austin Marsters, Torah Akauola, Lilian Tauti, Ameliyah Neria, Farukh Ismail, Tiara-Leigh Tauariki, Kauri Makiha, Anna Julian, Tepara Edmonds-Kameta, Joshua Kurumaira-Moke, Margot McKibbin, Avikash Chand, Sepuloni Koloa, Payton-Storm Ratana, Portia-Lee Smith, Moanatuli Afa, Heather Mailau, Pesimaipea Tevaga. Well done to all these students.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break and we will see you all in Term 2. Frances Nelson Principal

Community Notices

There are a number of holiday activities for children on in and around Otahuhu over the holidays.

Otahuhu Libraries have some great activities planned for the school holidays. The theme for Auckland Libraries school holidays is Heroes and Villains. At Otahuhu Library there will be a storytelling session with Andy Wright www.storyteller.net.au, face painting, and Greek myths and legends storytime and mask making.

Edventure's exciting **School Holiday Camp**. Based on the Thames coast, we have planned a range of activities, sailing, kayaking, fishing, tramping. Pick up points in central Auckland and Papakura. Run and planned by teachers to ensure your child is safe and having fun. For more info visit www.edventure.co.nz text FUN to 226 or ph Todd 027 534 9949