

Fairburn School Newsletter

Newsletter Number 1

4 February 2009

Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, greetings to you all. Welcome back to school for the 2009 year. We have a number of new families joining our school community and hope that you all enjoy your time at Fairburn School.

School Organisation 2009

School finishes at 2.50 pm. School hours for 2009 are as follows:

8.55 am	School starts
10.40 – 11.00 am	Morning Tea
12.30 – 1.20 pm	Lunch Time
2.50 pm	School finishes

We have a number of new staff members joining our team in 2009. They are; Ping Shu in room 13, Jan Maitland in room 27, Mepa Taufa in room 28, Vicky Bayley in room 29, Bronwyn Rydon in the Special Programmes Team and Kim Dunlop our new Social Worker. We welcome them all to Fairburn School and look forward to working with them this year.



Sunhats

A reminder that all children **MUST** have sunhats to be able to play outside in the playground at lunchtime or playtime. Children without hats will have to sit in a shaded area during these times, so please remind your children to bring a hat to school each day this term.

School Stationery

Your child should bring home a stationery list this week. Stationery is sold in packs containing all the items your child will need for class. Buying a stationery pack through school will give parents extra savings as we have kept prices low. As well as the low prices when you purchase the school pack your child will be provided with all their colouring materials throughout the year. Should you wish to purchase individual stationery items from elsewhere you can get a list of individual items from the classroom teacher but you will still need to purchase specific items such as the phonics card through school.

Police “Speed Kills Kids” Programme



Last year the Police continued a campaign to make the roads around schools safe from speeding drivers. This included ticketing people parking in a dangerous or inconsiderate manner. Please take care driving and parking around our school, particularly in the cul-de-sac at the Pukeora Gateway. This area gets very congested in the afternoons, so please remember that there are 2 entrances on Fairburn Road and 1 entrance on Petrie Place that can be used more safely for dropping off and picking up children. A reminder, that staff only, may park in the staff car park. There are no extra parking spaces for visitors.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is important that you contact the school by phone, calling in to the office or by letter to let us know when your child is absent and the reason for this. It is a legal responsibility for us to record this information on their personal file. Every day a child is absent from school, they will be missing important learning. If you want to take your child on a family holiday or to a tangi, funeral or other occasion, please contact either the Deputy Principal or the Principals. Legally, parents need to inform the school of this before taking children away.

Swimming

The swimming programme starts this week and all children are expected to participate as it is part of the physical education programme and it teaches children how to be safe around water, which is really important in New Zealand. If for some reason your child is not able to participate in swimming, please talk to their teacher. Each teacher will be sending home a notice to let you know the days your child will be swimming.

Important Dates for your Diary

Term Dates for 2009

Term 1	Monday 2 February to Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September.
Term 4	Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard
ACTING CO-PRINCIPALS

