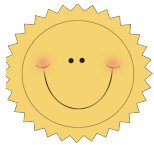


Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni sabula, Mauri, Suosday, Sat Sri Akaal, Tajba Filghodu, Xin Chao, Ni Hao, Guten Tag, Sawadee, Kumusta, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Maith, warm greetings to you all.

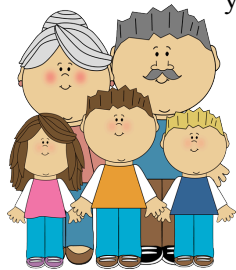


Stationery

It is really good to see that so many of our students have now bought their stationery and are ready to start work in the new books. Hopefully, the students who haven't already done this will be able to get it sorted this week. If payment is a problem, please talk to Mrs Woodard (DP Middle and Senior classes) or Ms Passfield (DP Junior classes) and we may be able to assist in this.

Rheumatic Fever Prevention Programme

Fairburn School is one of a number of schools in the area that will be part of the Rheumatic Fever Prevention Programme. This is a great opportunity for our students (and potentially their wider families) to be checked regularly for signs of "strep throat" that may lead to Rheumatic Fever. This is a serious and debilitating disease that is preventable if any strep throat is treated early. There will be three health nurses at our school four days a week to keep track of any students who have sore throats. Your child will bring home information with this newsletter for you to read and a permission form that you can sign to say they can be part of this health programme. To keep track of who needs treatment, any child with a sore throat will have a throat swab to see if there are streptococcal bacteria in their mucus. It is the strep bacteria that can cause the fever if it is not treated with antibiotics. Parents will be informed if treatment is needed so you can support your child in taking the medication. The Public Health Nurses are happy to answer any questions you have about this programme. We will provide opportunities to do this at school.



Fairburn Whanau

The first Fairburn Whanau meeting this year will be on Thursday 6th March at 3.10pm in the school hall. A crèche will be available for your children so you can relax and listen to what is happening without having to worry about them. We will be focusing on the health of our school and community. It is an opportunity to find

out more about the Rheumatic Fever Programme and other health issues that the community is facing.

Swimming

Swimming is part of the school curriculum. We are very lucky to have a pool on site that can be used by all of our students during the swim season. All students are expected to take part unless they are unwell and bring a note from parents to excuse them from the programme. We are very fortunate to have trained swimming instructors working with our middle and senior school pupils. This is a great opportunity for our students to have expert tuition to help them learn to swim.



Term Dates

Tuesday 18th February
Tuesday 25th February
Wednesday 26th February
24th – 28th February
Thursday 6th March
Thursday 13th March
Wednesday 2nd April
Saturday 5th April
Thursday 17th April
Friday 18th April
Monday 21st April
Monday 5th May

Board of Trustees Meeting
"Meet the Staff" afternoon 2-5pm
Year 5&6 Inter-school Cricket
Year 5&6 Cycle Safety Week
Fairburn Whanau Parents Meeting
Year 5&6 Softball
Year 4-6 Inter-school Swimming Sports
Otahuhu Family Fun Day
Last Day of Term 1 – holidays start
Good Friday
Easter Monday
Term 2 starts

Frances Nelson
Principal

Community Notices

Otahuhu United Soccer Club for players from 4 years up, registrations at Seaside Park Clubrooms in Princes St East 13th February 5-7pm and 16th and 22nd February 10am – 2pm. Enquiries ph 2769975 or emails secretary@otahusoccer.org.nz