

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.

Daffodil Day



Friday 29 August was Daffodil Day. We were able to raise \$711.40 for the Cancer Society. Our students looked wonderful dressed in bright clothes and the coin collection was a great success. Thank you for your support.

Speech Competitions

This term, year 5&6 Fairburn School students are entering in the annual speech competitions in English, Tongan, Hindi and Samoan. They will be competing against other schools in our area. The Hindi Speech competition was last week and Joshika Prasad achieved 3rd place. Congratulations to Joshika and good luck to our other students who are entering speech competitions in the next few weeks.

Reminders

Please remember that children should not bring valuables including toys, jewellery, electronic devices and cell phones to school. If they do, **staff cannot take responsibility for them** if they are damaged or lost.

We have a growing pile of un-named clothing that belongs to students. You are welcome to come to school if you are missing clothing, or ask your child to check in the lost property areas- Junior Area- Room 3, Middle Area- Room 22 and Senior Area- Room 33.

Lastly, it is important to remind you that if you change your contact details- your cellphone, work phone, home phone or emergency contact people- **you need to let us know** by ringing the school office on 2701130 or emailing admin@fairburn.school.nz

“Investing in Educational Success” policy

You may have heard in the media recently that New Zealand’s teachers and principals have voted to reject the government’s Investing in Educational Success policy. It is important for parents to know the reasons behind the decision and what this may mean for our school. In January the government announced this new policy which proposed that all primary and secondary schools would be grouped into clusters of about 10 schools, with each cluster led by an Executive Principal from one of the schools, who would be paid an extra \$40,000 a year and work two days a

week across the cluster. About 1000 expert teachers would receive an extra \$20,000 a year and spend two days a week out of their own classrooms while they mentored other teachers across the cluster. Teachers are concerned that they could not see any direct benefit for our students from this policy which will cost \$359 million. Our union NZEI Te Riu Roa, have consulted with teachers and parents to think about what would be the most effective way to spend the money. Parents and teachers said they wanted to see the money being spent on smaller class sizes and 100% qualified teachers in early childhood education. They also wanted better funding for children with special needs and for teacher aides and support staff. It is now up to the government to decide whether or not it will impose the policy or start afresh by listening to parents and teachers about how best to spend the \$359 million. To find out more about an alternative plan NZEI TE Riu Roa has proposed to the IES, please go to www.standupforkids.org.nz On Friday 5 September teachers throughout the country will be taking their concerns and alternative plan to local Members of Parliament.

Merit Awards Congratulations to the following merit award recipients from the last two weeks: Tinishka Chand, Ayla Flavell, Sonasi Huahulu, Ofa Otuhouma, Sisi Kava, Caroline Manu, Daniel Kata, Eliot Puni, Kilioni Nai, Saima Shafil, Shreya Narayan, Alice-Clara Wolfgramm, Keanu Richard, Waingarangi Tahana, Monalisa Tupou, Kingi Taukatelata, Austin Marsters, Rayna Lal, Xavier Nai, Miimetua Ngatokorua, Iasinta Aiolupotea, Jasmine Rainey, Marley Lemanu, Divya Singh, Taulau Mamae, David Justnear, Jarna Te Pania, Haroon Niamati, Justin Taoipu, Keirah Henry, Tanisha Gounder, Nyla Zabed, Victoria Heffernan, Talia Koloamatangi, Joziah Peakman, Ayush Kumar, Muskaan Hussain, Victory Faga Tuiloma, Gaurav Maharaj, Dana Kipa, Kimora Fuimaono, Otile Tahaafe, Tama George, Phillip Collins-Sraha, Joshua Taioalo, Kanye Jackson, Yvonne Enoke, Dontel Tongotongo, Teparu Edmonds-Kameta, Nitika Ram, Jordan Maoe, Paull Sharma, Violet Maka, Mavae Asi, Samara Kelly, Ritika Devi, Kharelle Lupo, Impala Nohe.



Well done everyone.

Term Dates

Thursday 4 September
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Tuesday 23rd September
Friday 26th September
Monday 13th October
Tuesday 16th December

Kids for Kids Choir
Year 5&6 Speech Competition
Board of Trustees Meeting
Last Day of Term 3
First Day of Term 4
Last Day of School for 2014

Maureen Woodard
Acting Principal

