

# Fairburn School Newsletter

**Newsletter Number 18**

**12 November 2014**

***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.***

## **SKIDS After School Care Programme**

Thank you to all of the families who returned your slips to let us know whether you would use an after-school care programme if it was available. We are pleased to say that more than 70 families indicated they were likely to use this service. The board has agreed that SKIDS can set up a programme in our school. We will keep you informed about our progress with this but we are looking forward to having SKIDS as part of our school community – hopefully this will start before the end of the year.

## **Reminders**

There are a number of reminders that we want to give you so that things run smoothly for your children as we “race” towards the end of the year.

- Please name all of your child’s property – clothing, school bag, hat etc so that if they are lost we have a better chance of tracking them down.
- Every child needs a sunhat at school every day in Term 4 and in Term 1, we have a selection of caps that can be bought through the office, but they can wear any hat they own.
- Please take care when driving or parking around our school, it’s a very busy place and we need all the adults to help keep our students safe as they move in and out of the school.

## **Decile of Our School**

You may have heard that the Decile ranking of schools has been updated following the Census data from last year being made available. All schools have a Decile rating and it is determined on a range of information that the Census collected from every household in NZ. A school’s decile rating is based on the socio-economic status of the communities where the school’s students live. Our school funding is determined by our decile ranking. The Ministry uses five indicators of socio-economic status for a community:

- Percentage of households with income in the lowest 20 percent nationally
- Percentage of employed parents in lowest occupational groups
- Household crowding
- Percentage of parents with no educational qualifications
- Percentage of parents receiving income support benefits

Fairburn School is currently a Decile 2d. Our school is in one of the lowest socio-economic communities in the country. The new decile for our school from the beginning of next year is Decile 1c, it is one band lower than we are at the moment. The good news is that with the move to Decile 1c, our school will receive another \$69,500 per year – ***this is fabulous news.*** It will mean we can spend more money on exciting learning programmes and resources for our students.

***There is no relationship between the quality of the teaching and learning in a school and its socio-economic or decile rank.***

If you have questions or comments to share about this, we are happy to talk with you about any aspect of it, just make a time to meet with me to do this.

**Merit Awards** Congratulations to the following merit award recipients from week two. Well done everyone. Lisieni Livingstone, Tevita Letui, Trustin Martin, Victoria Heffernan, Tristan Tuhi, Hannah Dennis, Te Awhina Patuwai, Josipa Elone, Ilisapeti Mau, Toutai Otani, Lawrence Taufititule, Henry Chen, Keyra Hape, Hisham Hussain, Shaanvi Kumar, Talaifina Mau, Rhonda Singh, Mohammed Sifaaz, Folau Foliaki, Mani Finau, Michelle Turner, Sione Kailea, Ameliyah Neria, Azil Hussein, Bui Thoo, Felix Nicholls, Solomone Mahe, Jon Hamala, Jeshika Kamal, Alexis Fenton.



## **Term Dates**

### **This Week**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

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**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

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**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Dental Van in School

Middle & Senior School Athletics

Ear Van at School

Road Patrol Training

Road Patrol Training

Inter-school Athletics

Ear Van at School

Junior School Athletics

Board of Trustees Meeting

End of Year Students Written Reports

Arts Festival & Prize-giving

Junior School “Fun Day” at School

Year 5&6 “Fun Day” Trip

Last Day of School for 2014

*Frances Nelson*

*Principal*

