

Fairburn School Newsletter

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10 February 2010

Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, greetings to you all. Welcome back to school for 2010 year. We have a number of new families joining our school community this year and we hope that you all enjoy your time at Fairburn School.

School Organisation for 2010

School starts at 9.55am and finishes at 2.50pm. Break times for 2010 are:

Interval- 10.40-11.00

Lunch- 12.30- 1.20

We have three new staff members this year. They are:

Jennifer Mayer in room 2, Dallas McDonald in room 10 and Colin Spadoni in the Information Centre. We welcome them to Fairburn School and look forward to working with them this year. We also welcome back Erin O'Donnell in room 13. During the holidays Talai Misi got married and is now known as Talai Saipele. Congratulations!

Vinola Cook who has been working as a member of the Special Programmes Team for the past three and a half years is leaving at the end of next week to take up teacher training. We wish her all the best for her studies and greatly appreciate all the hard work she has done at Fairburn School in a number of roles, including coaching the Tongan Cultural group. All the best Vinola and thank you!

School Stationery

Your child should have bought a stationery list home by now. Stationery is sold in Packs containing all the items your child needs for class. Buying a stationery pack through the school will give parents extra savings, as we have kept prices low. When you purchase the school pack, your child will be provided with all their colouring materials throughout the year. Should you wish to buy individual stationery items from elsewhere, you can get a list for individual items from the classroom teacher.

Sunhats

A reminder that all children **must** have sunhats to be able to play outside in the playground at interval and lunchtime. 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.

Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is important that you contact the school by phone, calling into 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

learning. If you want to take your child on a special holiday outside of the school holiday times, or to a tangi, funeral or any other occasion, please contact either the Deputy Principals or the Co Principals. Legally parents need to inform the school in this manner before children are absent.

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. If for some reason your child is not able to participate in swimming or you have concerns, please talk to their teacher. Each teacher will be sending home a notice to let you know the days your child will be swimming on.

National Standards

Later this week you will be receiving some information about National Standards which should give you some background knowledge about the issues and concerns around National standards, as well as the impact these may have on your child. During the term there will be opportunities for you to put your viewpoint forward to the Government, and hopefully the information from the school will help you to clarify a range of opinions that have been expressed throughout New Zealand.

Board of Trustees

The triennial Elections for our school BOT is happening this year, with voting day being in May. Please consider the possibility of standing for our school BOT and helping support your school community at this level. More details as to the roles of BOT members and the elections will be coming out during the term.

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard

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Term Dates for 2010:

Term 1	Thursday 4 February – Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April- Friday 2 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July- Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October- Friday 17 December

Community Notices

Otahuhu United Soccer Club registrations take place at the Seaside Park Clubrooms in Princess St East, Otahuhu on 11 Feb 6-8pm & 20 & 21 Feb 10am-2pm. Players for all ages wanted for teams Enquiries ph 2767212 or email registrar@otahuhusoccer.org.nz

Kedgley Music Centre is still taking late enrolments for 2010. Classes, based at Kedgley Intermediate School run after school or on Saturday mornings. Late enrolments close 3pm, Friday 12 February. Phone 277-7043 for an information/ enrolment pack.

