

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone and a special welcome to all new families to Fairburn School.

‘Meet the Teachers’ Afternoon

Thank you to all the people who attended the Meet the Teachers Afternoon last week. It was wonderful to see so many people who wanted to find out how things run in the classroom and how they can best support their children with their learning. We hope you enjoyed the activities and we look forward to other opportunities for families to come to school. We also appreciated the parents who were able to attend the meeting about National Standards at the Otahuhu Town hall that evening, and those parents who returned survey letters about National Standards. Thank you.

Outings to Local Venues Consent

Attached to your newsletter last time was a consent form for local trips to fill in, and return to school by Friday 26 February. Thank you to those parents who have sent this back. If you have not returned the form, please make sure that this is done as soon as possible, as we need to have one from each child in the school. A second form will be sent home for this purpose. If you have further queries about this form please contact the school.

Teachers Union Meeting

A reminder that the teachers union meeting that was to be held on March 10, has been postponed until next term. You will be given more information about this when we have a new date for the meeting.

Board of Trustees Elections

On Monday 15 March, a Board of Trustees election notice and nomination form will be sent to each family on the school roll. With this newsletter, is the schedule of dates and activities for our Board of Trustees Election. We are very keen to hear from anyone who is considering standing for our school Board of Trustees and would like to offer our support with any queries, including filling out the nomination form. Please contact the school if you need any assistance.

Swimming

It has been wonderful to see so many children making good use of our school swimming pool and benefitting from the swimming programme. Each year across the whole school, the level of swimming has greatly improved as a result of some excellent teaching and regular opportunities for children to develop confidence in the water. This year it was very difficult to choose the swimming team for the interschool swimming sports tomorrow, as so many children have reached the level of ability in swimming, needed for this competition. Best of luck to the team for tomorrow! A reminder that children with sores, or who have had diarrhoea in the last two weeks should not be swimming for safety reasons.

‘What Now’ Television Programme

All of the children enjoyed the Slam competition hosted at our school on 24 February. Three of our students with a parent will be going to Christchurch next week for the finals. If you would like to watch this event, please tune into Channel 2 on Saturday morning on 14 March.

Principals’ Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Principals’ awards in the last two weeks:

Important Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11 March

Interschool Swimming Sports

Tuesday 16 March

Interschool Summer Sports

Friday 19 March

Senior school Swimming Sports

Wednesday 24 March

Junior School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 31 March

Class Photos

Thursday 1 April

Term 1 ends

Monday 19 April

Term 2 starts

Community Notice

HIPPY is a home-based preschool programme that helps children to do well when they get to school. The programme runs for two years and the cost is only \$1.00 a week. HIPPY is now enrolling Otahuhu children between 3 ½ and 4 ½ years. To enrol or for more information, contact Natasha Powell- Coordinator for HIPPY Otahuhu on 276 3729 ext 9410 or 021 820 353.

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