

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Talofa, Namaste, Kia orana, Malo e Lelei, hello everyone. This will be our last newsletter for 2010. Fairburn School has had a very busy year with many activities. Thanks are due to all of the staff and the many parents who have worked together to provide opportunities for both learning and social activities for our students.



Staff News

A number of internal staff changes will be happening for 2011. We will let you know the school organisation in our first newsletter next year, but now, it is time to thank and farewell those people who are leaving. Alison Cooke who has contributed many years of teaching full time and more recently part time, is retiring, Suman Sharma finishes a fixed term position in the Junior School, Carla Makiha finishes a fixed term position in the Senior School and Surekha Singh a member of our Special Programmes Team, is also finishing her teacher aide position at the end of this term. There is going to be a major change with the dental service for next year, with a Super Dental Clinic being based at Otahuhu Primary. Children will still be treated at Fairburn School through a mobile clinic. This means that our dental therapists, Margaret Gidley, Sandra Boag and Jenny Chen will no longer be based at Fairburn School.

We thank all of these staff members for their work and contribution to Fairburn School during their time with us. We wish them all well in their "new" roles whatever these may be.

In 2011, Frances Nelson will return to Fairburn School as the Principal and we would like to thank the community and all the staff including those who have taken on acting senior roles during the last three years, for ensuring the school has continued to run smoothly during Frances' leave.

Interschool Athletics

The Interschool Athletics was held last week with many children achieving outstanding individual results and the whole team coming fourth overall. A big thank you goes to the teachers who trained the children and all the supporters on the day.



Year Book and Calendar

With this newsletter each family will receive a Year Book and Duffy sponsored calendar. The Year Book represents a lot of hard work by staff and children and we are sure that you will enjoy having it to read over the holidays. We would also like to thank Barry Wrightson and Toshiba for sponsoring the printing of the Year Book, so that it can be given to families at no cost. Much appreciated!

Dental Service over the Holidays

For urgent dental treatment only, when schools are closed or after hours, contact your dentist or emergency dental services listed under "Dental Surgeons" in the yellow pages. For nearest clinic open, please ring 839 0565 or 0800 825 583.

End of Year School Concerts

Our End of Year concerts last week were wonderful and credit goes to all the hard work of the staff and the many talents of our children. Thank you goes to all the family members who came to watch. Below are listed the special Principal awards given out at the concerts:

Best overall:

**Otahuhu Intermediate Scholarships-
Duffy Mainfreight Award-**

Friday 17 December, 2010- Term 4 ends at 12.30pm.

School starts on Thursday 3 February, 2011 at 8.55am.

We wish all our families a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. To those who are leaving best wishes for the future and to those who are returning, we look forward to seeing you next year!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Important Term Dates for 2011 for your Diary:

Term 1- Thursday 3 February- Friday 15 April

Term 2- Monday 2 May- Friday 15 July

Term 3- Monday 1 August- Friday 7 October

Term 4- Tuesday 25 October- Friday 16 December

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