

# Fairburn School Newsletter

**Newsletter Number 4**

**18 March 2009**

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

Thank you to all the people who attended the 'Meet the Teachers' afternoon to find out how things run in their children's classrooms. This is really important information for parents who want to help their children learn at school and support the teachers in their work. It was also great to see so many families at the Junior School Teddy Bears' Picnic. We appreciate your involvement in school activities and look forward to seeing you on other occasions.



## Walk to School Day

Thank you to all those families who participated in our Walk to School day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All children who walked to school received a card that went into a lucky draw for a lunchtime swim. Lots of children won a lunchtime swim and had a great time cooling off in the hot weather!

## School Council Elections

Our school council elections were held recently and the following students were elected by their peers: Dylan Uate, Aidan Campbell, Kewin Khoonthong, France Bloomfield, Phi Pham, Kalolaine Latu, Luke Nathan and Sonja Fifita. These students will be attending the Young Leaders Forum on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May in Manukau. Congratulations to all of these students.

## Senior School Swimming Sports

Due to unsuitable weather and the unavailability of the Otahuhu College swimming pool the Senior School will now hold their swimming sports at our own school pool on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March for rooms 15-22 and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for rooms 26-33.

## Memorial Ceremony for Dave Townsend

This will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April starting at 2pm. All families are invited to this special occasion. More details will be send home on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## Interschool Swimming Sports

These were held on 5<sup>th</sup> March with many of our students gaining places: Dylan Uate, Aidan Campbell and year 6 boys' relay team 1<sup>st</sup>, Michael Tofa, Fereni Limu, Kalani Edwards, Penelope Pole, Elizabeth Leka, year 4 boys' relay team and year 6 girls' relay team 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cathy Finai, William Henry, Owen McKibbon, year 4 girls' relay team, year 5 boys' relay team and year 5 boys' relay team 3<sup>rd</sup>, Taa Nooroa and France Bloomfield 4<sup>th</sup>. The whole school team came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, a wonderful effort. Congratulations to all the team and to Miss Willis for coaching them. Well done!

## HIPPY- Home Programme for Parents and Youngsters

Hippy is a home based preschool programme for 3 ½ - 4 ½ year olds. Parents and children work together for 15 minutes a day over two years. All materials needed are supplied. HIPPY costs \$1.00 per week (\$30.00 per year). To enroll, or for more information, contact Natasha your HIPPY Coordinator on 276 3729 or 021 820 353.

## Principal's Awards

Congratulations to those students who have received Principal's awards in the past couple of weeks:

## Important Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> & Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Germaine Peterson & Maureen Woodard

ACTING CO-PRINCIPALS

Junior School swimming sports

Senior School swimming sports

Gladiators of change

Cultural Festival

Memorial ceremony

Class photos