

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni sabulu, Suosday, Sat Sri Akaal, Tajba Filghodu, Xin Chao, Ni Hao, Guten Tag, Sawadee, Kumusta, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Maith, Assalamualikum, Madaainn Mhath, Goeie Middag and hello.

Welcome back to school for 2013

We hope you have had a good break and that all our students are back at school and ready to learn. A very warm welcome to our new students and their families who have joined us this year. We look forward to getting to know you all during the term.

Fairburn School Staff

We have a number of new staff members this year. Along with the newsletter, you will receive a staff list so that you know where to find everyone. On **Wednesday 20th February** (2.45 – 6pm) we invite you and your family to school to meet the staff. Before you come, you will receive information about your children's teachers and we will send you home a form to fill in about your family to help us get to know each other better. More details about this next week.

New Work at School

During the holidays, we have had a lot of new work done around the school with more to be completed. The old dental clinic by Rm 5 has been converted in to smaller teaching and learning spaces for literacy or numeracy programmes. Rms 5&6 have been refurbished and look very nice inside now. New disabled accessways have been developed for all classrooms in the middle school – Rms 15-22 and the work is ongoing to complete the ramps needed around Rms 23-26 to enable wheel chair access to these areas.



Stationery

Your child will bring home a stationery list for the year. We encourage you to purchase the pack for each Year level, however, if you want to purchase this elsewhere, please ask teachers for a full list so you can do this. If you are unable to pay for all of the stationery for your children now, please talk to one of the Deputy Principals or myself and we can work with you to make sure every child gets what they need as soon as possible.

Hats

A reminder that all students **MUST** wear a hat when they are outside during

Term 1 and Term 4. If they do not have a hat, they need to stay under the covered areas. This means they can't always play with their friends. If your child doesn't have a suitable hat, we have caps for sale for \$6 in a range of colours, these are available through the office.



Family Contacts

It is important that the school has up to date contact details for every student. If you have changed your cellphone, home or work phone numbers or your address, please send us your details urgently so we can update our database. It is very important that we have this information as we may need to get in touch for a variety of reasons, most importantly in an emergency if your child is sick or injured and we need to take action.

School Times

The first bell goes at 8.15am – this is the time that children should start arriving at school. Children arriving earlier than this sit on the seats outside Rms 15-22 until the bell goes at 8.15am.



School starts at 8.55am

Morning Interval is from 10.40 – 11am

Lunchtime is from 12.30 – 1.20pm (Lunch is eaten between 1.05pm and 1.20pm)

School finishes at 2.50pm

All students should be picked up as soon as possible after 2.50pm. If you are going to be later than 3.05pm, please let the school office know. All children should be out of the school by 3.15pm at the latest. No supervision is available before 8.15am and after 3.15pm.

2013 Term Dates

Wednesday 6th February
Wednesday 20th February
Friday 29th March
Monday 1st April
Tuesday 2nd April
Friday 19th April

Waitangi Day – public holiday

Meet the Staff afternoon

Good Friday – Public Holiday

Easter Monday – Public Holiday

Easter School holiday

End of Term 1

Frances Nelson
Principal

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