

Fairburn School Newsletter

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Kia ora, Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni sabulu, Mauri, 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.



NZ Book Month

March is NZ Book Month, *learning to read* is a *very important* part of your child's school work. Caltex is providing a \$5 book voucher for every child at our school to enable you to put it towards buying a book for them. The book voucher can be used at most shops that sell books.

Park safely and keep our kids safe

This year our school is participating in Auckland Transport's 'Safety at the School Gate' programme. Drivers who stop in the wrong place to drop off passengers put the safety of children at risk. Parking officers will be on patrol outside the school this year and will be issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally. **The agreed approach is 'zero tolerance'** – There will be no warnings issued, you will receive a ticket if you are double parked, parked on yellow lines, or over someone's driveway – or for any other vehicle safety offence. Please park legally to keep our children safe and to avoid being ticketed.



Board of Trustees Elections in 2013

The School Trustee Elections will be held in May of this year. Parents and caregivers of students in our school are eligible to stand and vote in the election for our board (assuming they meet the criteria). Our school has identified the Returning Officer (through CES) who will run this process. The first important thing is to make sure that you are on the electoral roll for our school and we have all of your contact details as this will be a postal ballot. If your contact address (postal) has changed or you are unsure that we have an up-to-date address, please let us know urgently. We will be calling for nominations in April. The election itself will be in May.

Fairburn School Student Council

Our student council elections were held last week. All students in Year 3,4,5&6 voted to elect the council. Congratulations to the successful candidates – Melvina Weilert, Thuy Tran, Tae Fineisaloi, Junior Kiro-Tupai, Feleti Mau, Humaria Higgins, Inia Vaka and Adrian Mesui. Well done to these students, they were presented with their caps and badges at the assembly last Friday.

Paid Union Meeting for Teachers

On Tuesday 19th March, NZEI Te Riu Roa – the union for our teachers – has called for a Paid Union Meeting to enable teachers to discuss the many issues we have in our schools at

the moment. This means that they will all be leaving school at 12.30pm to attend the meeting. We ask that you make arrangements for your children to come home at lunch time on this day.

Congratulations

In September last year, Rochelle Lorenz (parent and BoT member) began training a team of our girls to participate as Waka Ama paddlers and then compete in the NZ Waka Ama National Sprints held in the January holidays at Lake Karapiro. The girls – **Payton Ratana, Novele Ashford, Pearl Rehu, Jakhaya Taukei and Jessica Parry** – represented Te Paerangi Waka Ama Club at this National Competition. As part of their preparation for this event, they paddled, they trained, they camped, they cooked, they travelled, they problem-solved, they fundraised and they laughed and had a great time together. This was an experience of a life-time for the girls – a huge **"Thank You"** goes to Rochelle who trained and supported the team over time to make sure it happened and to Mrs Steel, her daughter Jaxon and our SWiS Maree Steunebrink who went along to the Nationals as their "support team". Well done girls! We are all proud of you.

2013 Term Dates

Wednesday 13th March
Thursday 14th March
Friday 15th March
Thursday 21st March
Tuesday 19th March
Saturday 23rd March
Monday 25th March
Tuesday 26th March
Friday 29th March
Monday 1st April
Tuesday 2nd April
Thursday 18th April
Friday 19th April

Inter-school softball
Fairburn Whanau Meeting – Magnolia Room
Senior School Swimming Sports
Year 5&6 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Paid Union Meeting for Teachers 12.30pm
Otahuhu Family Fun Day
Hearing and Vision Testing
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Good Friday – Public Holiday
Easter Monday – Public Holiday
Easter School holiday
Otahuhu Cultural Festival
End of Term 1

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned a merit award over the past two weeks : Trent Cathcart, Cruiz Huavi, Hamish Bharat, Quinness Vaka, Dani-Lee Brown, Huria Ali, Larry Leha, Jerome Atirai, Charlotte Peebles, Kenneth Maneejak, Nauemma Lutui, Jasmine Son, Liahna Mouna, Andrew Cutajar, Tali Kinikini, Samuela Koroise, Mami Finau, Drew Burrett, Semi Nabenu, Jeniah Pele, Achal Prasad, Terah-Lee Waaka-McClutchie, Bui Thoo, Caroline Havili, Alok Kumar, Agnes Simeon, Juventus Toailoa, Andrew Goel, Sonny Stewart-Samuels, Angel Jeet, Ana Tekotia, Jordyn Dunshea, Tame Namoa, Darrenlee Moeai, Gabrielle Uruamo, Katrina Burgess, Nikhil Chand, Damian Leaming, Laurence Tauffititule, Hien Tran, Jussnear Glassie, Jioleigh Crabb, Alofa Fualetolau Faalogo, Taylon Tauo, Simone Palu, Junior Afoa, Penitito Roberts, April Hefferman, Haini Mau, Haven Tofa, Quintin Dunn, Sisilia Sefesi, Yash Pillay, Bless Fualau, Christian Fonoti. Well done to all of these students – that's a great start to the year.



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