



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Student Name: _____

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Newsletter No 1: 10th February 2023

Dear Parent / Caregiver,
Kia ora, Malo e lei lei, Talofa,

Welcome back everyone for the 2023 school year. It has been such a delight to see so many happy, smiley faces on our tamariki as they return to school, ready to embrace a new year of learning. We look forward to a year without restrictions and to be able to enjoy a sense of normality.

GETTING ATTENDANCE BACK ON TRACK

Attendance has been falling in Aotearoa since 2015, a trend worsened by the impact of COVID-19. The drop in attendance has been for every ethnicity, every decile, every year level and every region throughout the country. The Ministry of Education has a huge focus on improving attendance. From the beginning of this year every school is expected to get attendance back on track.

Children are expected to attend every day unless there is a very valid reason for their absence. It is essential that you notify the school if your child is absent. You can text 021502978, phone 8556284 or send a note with a sibling.

Children who do not attend and have not been explained will be followed up on.

Children who miss 3 or more school days in each fortnight are considered "cronically absent" and can expect home visits and/or agency intervention.

SCHOOL HOURS 8:40am - 2:30pm

As parents and carers, it is your responsibility to make sure your child attends school every day. It is also important to ensure they are at school no later than 8:40am and remain at school until 2:30pm.

Children who arrive after the 8:40am bell must report to the office to collect a late slip. This ensures they are taken off the absentees and you will not be contacted by the school. Parents of children who are consistently late will be followed up on.

Children must remain at school until the 2:30pm bell everyday unless there is a very good reason for them to be released early.

STATIONERY PACKS

Thanks to those who have already paid for stationery. **Stationery is \$30.00 per student.**

Stationery is compulsory for all students and must be purchased from the school.

Class teachers have been given packs for all students on their class roll.

It is an expectation that stationery is paid by the end of February.

Payments can be made by CASH or INTERNET BANKING. (Sorry, No eftpos)

If paying by Internet banking, please ensure you give clear details so we can your identify your child/family and payment type. If you know your child's Room number, use this also.

Example: Particulars Code Reference
 J Smith Rm7 Stationery

Internet banking: Account name: Fairfield Primary Account number: 03 1556 0007691 00

SUNHATS

Our regulation school sunhats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4. Hats cost \$12.00.

This price is heavily subsidised by the Board of Trustees. Hats are available from the school office.



COMMUNICATION

Facebook is our school's preferred means of communicating notices and events.

Please find us on Facebook and "like" or "follow" us to ensure you keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Each class also has their own facebook group. These are closed groups for family members of students in the particular class only. The welcome letter sent home from the class should have included the link for you to request to join. If you are having difficulty finding this, please private message our school page and we will provide this for you.

Newsletters are only sent home every 4-5 weeks depending on what is going on.

Class notices are sent home as required. We ask that you regularly check your child's schoolbag for any notices or newsletters and return any forms or permission slips promptly.

If you feel you may have missed a newsletter or notice, there are always spares at the office.

MOBILE DENTAL CARAVAN

The mobile dental caravan is currently on site and dental checks have begun.

If your child brings home any consent forms from the dental clinic, please ensure these are signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

If you would like to get hold of the dental therapists, please phone them on 027 5485431 or simply knock on the caravan door.

SWIMMING

Swimming has begun. Aquatics is a compulsory part of the NZ Health and Physical Education Curriculum and it is expected that **all** students will swim unless they have a medical reason.

A note from home must explain why a student is unable to swim.

Swimmers are expected to wear: Girls - Swimming Togs Boys - Shorts above the knee

Please bring a towel and have a plastic bag or swim bag for wet gear. Our pool water is tested three times daily and we receive a weekly analysis report on water quality to comply with health regulations.

BEACH ED

Our Senior classes are off to Beach Ed at Waihi Beach in Week 4. Detailed notices and consent/health forms have been sent home. Please ensure consent/health forms are returned asap and no later than the day prior to the trip.

NO PERMISSION = NO TRIP

These trips are a full day with the buses leaving school at 8:15am sharp and returning to school around 4:30pm. You will need to ensure you make suitable arrangements for your child on the trip to be collected at 4:30pm and any younger siblings to be collected at 2:30pm.

TERM 1 TOUCH

Students in Year 3 & 4 who expressed an interest in playing Touch (Thursday's after school at Swarbrick park) were given notices earlier in the week. Spaces are filled on a "first in" basis with both permission and payment being returned.

As this newsletter went to print we still have 4 spaces available (3 BOYS, 1 GIRL). Please talk to Whaea Sandy in the office if your child did not bring home a notice and they would like to play.

Year 5/6 students who played in Term 4 have been given first preference to play again in Term 1.

This team currently has 2 spaces available for GIRLS. It is looking very unlikely that there will be any spaces available for "new" players who are BOYS, however we are happy to take names for a wait list.

2023 STAFF LIST AND CLASS ORGANISATION

Principal	Anne Johnson
Deputy Principal	Rob Newton
Deputy Principal	Lisa Deane
Deputy Principal	Gene Duncan
Administrators	Sandy Koning & Vicki Reihana
Literacy Support Teacher	Sue Ross
Release teacher	Debbie Wrigg
Caretaker	Wayne Gollop
Gardener	Niki Kusalic
Learning Assistant Team Leader	Chris Trevithick
Learning Assistant Staff:	Allie Gray-Ure, Stevie Maioha Takarangi Janet Goldsmith, Donna Hall, Leonie Butler, Jessica Irwin, Lisa Ross, Tanya Roberts,

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

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Minute Secretary:	Chris Trevithick

ROOM	TEACHER	YEAR
2	Mrs Walsh	1/2
3	Mrs Cunningham	3/4
4	Whaea Larissa	5/6
6	Mr Malone	5/6
7	Mr Baird	3/4
8	Whaea Sandra	1/2
9	Whaea Lynn	1
10	Whaea Belinda	1
16	Mrs Stucki	3/4
17	Whaea Desiree	3/4
18	Whaea Jacqui	5/6
20	Whaea Tamara	5/6
21	Whaea Hera	5/6



Yancy, Lixelle, Tulia, Hayzil, Ralph, Te Aroha, Whareraima, Tatianah, Gavin, Wyatt, Kauri, Tralin, George, Brooklyn, Melanie, Heilala, Exoce, Shaylee, Tiraha, Melania, Areeb, Ayaat, Azain, Aariz, Brasayius, Tai and Slate.
Welcome back to: Kauri, Justus, Irene, Dominic, Sonny-Barry, Kaawahia and Billiee.

School policy information can be viewed anytime at:

fairfieldprimary.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: fairfieldprimary

Password: clarkin

TERM DATES FOR 2023

Term 1	1st February - 14th April - 6th April
Term 2	24th April - 30th June
Term 3	17th July - 22nd September
Term 4	9th October - 14th December

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Anne Johnson".

Anne Johnson
PRINCIPAL

A reminder that lunches are provided, but children are still required to bring their own morning tea and a drink bottle to school every day.

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