



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Student Name: _____

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

Welcome back everyone for the 2024 school year. It is wonderful to have all our students back and to see our classrooms come alive.

It has been an exceptionally busy start of the year with a high volume of new enrolments, many of which are students arriving from other countries. We warmly welcome each and every one of you and look forward to getting to know you all.

ATTENDANCE 2024

Many of you will be aware that the Ministry of Education has a huge focus on improving attendance nationwide and that school attendance data is being closely monitored.

The aim is for all schools to have 70% of their students attending 90% of the time (45 days out of 50 days per term).

We ended the 2023 year far lower than this, which means this year we will be working even harder with families of students who are not attending regularly.

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 "chronically absent" and can expect home visits and/or agency intervention.

SCHOOL HOURS 8:40am - 2:30pm

As parents and carers, along with making 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 the stationery requirements for every student 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 which 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.



NEW TEACHERS

We welcome Matua Mitchell (Room 5), Matua Dillon (Room 6) and Whaea Shelby (Room 8) to our teaching staff.

We are excited to have you join our school and we look forward to working alongside you all.

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 3:30pm. You will need to ensure you make suitable arrangements for your child on the trip to be collected at 3:30pm and any younger siblings to be collected at 2:30pm.

TERM 1 TOUCH

Students in Year 3,4,5 & 6 who expressed an interest in playing Touch (Thursday's after school at Swarbrick park) were given notices earlier in the week. With the very short time frame before the module starts, today was the close off for permissions slips to be returned.

As this newsletter went to print, both teams have been filled. Any further permissions received will now go on a waitlist.

2024 STAFF LIST AND CLASS ORGANISATION

Principal	Anne Johnson
Senior Leaders	Rob Newton Lisa Deane Gene Duncan Brian Malone Sue Ross
Administrators	Sandy Koning & Vicki Reihana
Release teachers	Debbie Wrigg & Hera McQueen
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, Clair Smit

ROOM	TEACHER	YEAR
3	Mrs Cunningham	3/4
4	Whaea Larissa	5/6
5	Matua Mitchell	3/4
6	Matua Dillon	5/6
7	Mr Baird	3/4
8	Whaea Shelby	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
19	Whaea Sandra	5/6
21	Whaea Tamara	5/6

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

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School policy information can be viewed anytime at:

fairfieldprimary.schooldocs.co.nz

Username: fairfieldprimary

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TERM DATES FOR 2024

Term 1	31st January - 12th April
Term 2	29th April - 5th July
Term 3	22nd July - 27th September
Term 4	14th October - 13th December (to be confirmed)

Kind regards



Anne Johnson
PRINCIPAL



Iraia, Noog, Fatiema, Skylah-Rose, Karauna, Ngatoka, Tremayne, Rosalynn, Ryan, Magnus, Kylo, Yasmiin, Suzayn, Kaia, Emanuelle, Ryder, Leigh Ann, Kawana, Kukutai, Kashmere, Jasmine, Tevita, Cruz, Khang, Jana, Susitina, Bob, Nasra, Siosi'ana, Cali-Masyn, Aaron, Kendry, Bonnie, Senitila, Alilia, Waimarie, Awatea, Messiah, Ignatius, Jasmine, Drix, Koen, Zita-Rose, Ziahn, Viliame & Te Aroha

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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