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Newsletter No 7: 24th October 2024

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

It is hard to believe we are now into Term 4, the final term of the year. Term 4 always flies by super fast as we cram in lots of activities, events and end of year celebrations. Please ensure you check your child's bag regularly for any notices and also keep an eye on the class and school facebook pages for coming events.



PHOTOLIFE SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photolife have advised that they have already emailed out Key Codes to parents/ caregivers.

If you have received your child's unique Key Code you can go online to view and purchase 2024 School Photos.

If you have not received an email from photolife, please contact our school office and we can provide the Key Code for you.

To qualify for free delivery of printed photos you will need to place your online order by midnight Sunday 3rd November.

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

Whilst we recommend that students do not bring a cellphone to school, we are aware that this is becoming more frequent.

This is a timely reminder that to comply with government regulations and ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, <u>ALL</u> cellphones must be handed in to the office at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end of the day.

Failure to comply could result in confiscation requiring a parent to collect or consequences of a much more serious nature.

SUNHATS

As we are now in Term 4, it is time for everyone to locate and begin wearing their school sunhat.

If you need to purchase a hat, they are available from the office and cost \$12.00. This price is heavily subsidised by the Board of Trustees. We will be starting to enforce sunhat wearing after Labour weekend.



TEACHER ONLY DAY—FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

Although it is still a long way off, we would like you all to note that we have a Teacher Only Day in Week 7 on Friday 29th November. We will provide further reminders as the date gets closer.



Attendance Incentive



As promoted earlier in the year, our school was very lucky to be gifted a number of bicycles which we have to decided to use as attendance incentives.

The highest attendees in each class in both Term 3 and Term 4 will be in with a chance to win one of the bikes. There is one bike per class with a bike helmet.

We have seen a noticeable improvement with daily attendance and encourage everyone to keep up the great work of being at school everyday.

Winners will be announced in Week 9.

A NOTE FROM THE MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC TEAM

The mobile van finishes at Fairfield on Friday 1st November. There are still several consent forms to be returned. This is your last opportunity to return these to enable us to provide the necessary treatment at school.



If there are any pre-schoolers who need to be seen, please call into the van after school or phone 027 5485431 for an appointment.



Evelyn, Kusali, Riley, Agasii, Rykier, Jaden, Kymani, Ezekiel, Chozyn, Adi, Eta, Asi, Haizelle, Analysis & Amarni-Faith. Welcome back to Rehua & Te Marino.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?



Please let us know if you have had any changes to your contact details.



The following parenting workshops with Brainwave Trust are being held at Desert Spring Community Centre. There is no cost and kai is provided. Phone 0800 855272 or email dsmt.tpw@gmail.com to register.

What can whānau do to help *tamariki* reach their potential?



Tiakina te Tamaiti - Help Our Tamariki Thrive Session overview:

A half day interactive kõrero for whānau Māori, delivered by a Brainwave Trust Aotearoa Kaiako. This 'strengths based' programme helps to reinforce understanding of what can make a difference to tamariki.

Tiakina te Tamaiti highlights the importance of loving experiences in the early years, gently weaving mātauranga Māori, te reo me ō na tikanga into its delivery of the current understanding of brain development.

The science is intermingled with Māori narratives, values and beliefs, brought to life through whakatauki, imagery, and stories, alongside studies from multiple areas of research.

Who should attend and why:

Parents and whānau raising tamariki. Attendees will be informed and supported to make a difference to all children in their care and the community.

Attendees will be supported to:

- Provide a loving environment for their tamariki, helping them grow in healthy ways
- Increase protective factors in a child's life, understanding the critical importance of the early years
 Show empathy and understanding, remembering the perspective of the child and their age/stage

Nurture tamariki to reach their potential.

Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th November 10am-1pm At Te Puna Waiora Desert Spring Community Centre. No cost & kai provided. Corner of Insoll Ave and Peachgrove Rd, Fairfield Hamilton Ph 0800 855 272 or email <u>dsmt.tpw@gmail.com</u> to register

Remember - Facebook is our schools preferred means of communicating notices and events.

Please find us on facebook and "like" or "follow" us.

Each class also has their own facebook group. These are closed groups for family members of students in the particular class only. If you are having difficulty finding the class groups, please private message our school page and we will provide this information to you.

School policy information can be viewed anytime at: fairfieldprimary.schooldocs.co.nz Username: fairfieldprimary Password: clarkin

Kind regards

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Anne Johnson PRINCIPAL

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