

Dear Parents and Caregivers

**Keep up-to-date with what is happening at Firth Primary School on our Website. Firth Newsletters are now available at [www.firth.school.nz](http://www.firth.school.nz)**

**Firth Primary School Facebook page.**

**We have a facebook page - please 'like' our page to keep up to date with what is happening at Firth, and other important information.**

<https://www.facebook.com/firth.primary.school.matamata>

Have you liked our school's facebook page?



**Text reminder – We have an alternative to our text the school when your child is absent on 027 266 0365**

Reminder next Newsletter **Thursday 9 August - Week 3**

**Our school success key is Organisation.**

Being organised is putting things where they belong, setting goals for yourself and planning ahead to meet those goals.

A special welcome to Nardia Ackland, Miarnia Pauro, Charlie Tolley and Celine Obeidat and their families who have joined us at Firth.

**Welcome Back**

I hope you all enjoyed some extra family time over the holiday break and you and your family stayed safe. The school holiday weather was a little challenging and I hope you managed to stay dry and warm. We are so looking forward to another exciting term here at Firth with lots of fun learning challenges planned. We look forward to seeing you all over the term with parent/teacher interviews in week 3. Bookings will be online this term. Take care and stay safe.

**Terrific Kids Acknowledged.**

During our final assembly in Term 2 Kiwanis presented 4 of our children with Terrific Kid Certificates. The school also received \$100 to put towards some new books for our library



**Corinthian Cup**

Next **Wednesday 1 August at 12.30pm** our school rugby team combined with Hinuera School will take on Matamata Primary in the annual Corinthian Cup at Bedford Park.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible cheering on our team.

**Friday Assembly**

Our Celebration Assembly will be at 9.00am tomorrow. Room 5 will be performing.

Next Friday 3 August Room 8 will be sharing. We look forward to seeing you.

## Sausage Sizzle - Camp Fundraising

We will be holding sausage sizzles next Thursday 2 August and Thursday 9 August. Order forms will be sent home each week.

**Parent/ Teacher Interviews – early finish** These are scheduled for Wednesday 8 August. School will finish at 12.00pm (Midday) to allow teacher's a break before commencing interviews at 1.00pm. We are hoping to complete all the interviews during the day and evening on the Wednesday. If for some reason you are unable to attend on that day, please let your child(rens) teacher know so an alternative time can be arranged.

## Book School Interviews Online

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 8 August (Week 3).

To book your interviews, go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code) in your browser, enter the event code **rdm42**

Follow three simple steps:

1. Enter your Details - First enter your name, can your child be released at 12 noon on the day of the interviews Yes/No, your student's name, and your email address.  
If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x student" setting, and enter the other student's name.
2. Choose Teachers - On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.
3. Choose Times - Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available.  
Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and enter the event code again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you do not have internet access, please see Diane at the school office (888 7396) and she will be able to make a booking for you.

## College Marae Visits

On Wednesday Rooms 1,2,4, 6, & 7 enjoyed a visit to the College Marae. After a brief powhiri the children enjoyed a variety of Māori art, games and activities with some college students. Next Thursday, 2 August rooms 3,5,8 & 10 will make the trip over to the college.

If you would like to join this group to walk across to the Marae, feel free and be here at Firth by 9.40am please. As we do not leave Ministry of Education grounds for this learning experience, your permission is not necessary.



## Headlice

Reminder - please check your child/ren's hair for signs of nits and if present please treat them. A united front will help to eradicate this common problem. We do have a supply of Kids Can treatment products.

## Yummy Sticker Collecting

We are still collecting Yummy stickers. They can be found on all types of fruit, not just the apples and this will assist us to win free sports gear again at the end of 2018.

## Term Dates 2018

**Term 3** – Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September

**Term 4** – Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

## Coming Events - Term 3

Thursday 2 August	R5, 10, 8, 3 & 2 College Marae Visit
Friday 3 August	Fun in 1
Wednesday 8 August	Parent Interviews
Tuesday 14 August	Free Ear Clinic Service - Firth Primary 9.30 - 2.00 p.m.
Friday 17 August	School Disco
Friday 17 August	Fun in 1
Wednesday 22 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 30 August	Digi Awards
Friday 31 August	Fun in 1
Tuesday 4 September	Firth x Country
Tuesday 11 September	Postponement Day - Firth X Country
Friday 14 September	Fun in 1
Tuesday 18 September	Free Ear Clinic Service - Matamata Primary School, Broadway
Wednesday 19 September	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 20 September	Interschool X Country
Friday 21 September	Postponement Interschool X Country
Friday 28 September	End of Term 3

## Community Notices

### The Incredible Years - Parents, teachers and children training series.

To all parents of children 3 to 8 years

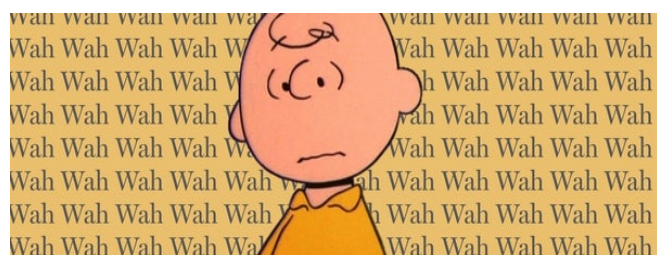
GREAT NEWS! The Incredible years Parenting Programme is coming to your area - and it's FREE!

Starts: Wednesday 15 August, 10a.m. - 12.39 p.m. (14 weeks)

If you are interested and would like to enrol please contact:

Ruth Palliser - 021 848 521 - [ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ruthpositivefamilies@xtra.co.nz)

### How to Talk to Kids so they will listen



Eric was rude to your mother...  
Fred didn't do his homework...  
Ruth's late for school again...  
Jo won't walk up the stairs...  
Jenny told a lie...  
and the baby's crying!

A 6-session group workshop, for anyone who lives with children, that teaches practical methods of communication which will make your relationships with children less stressful and more rewarding for everyone. Commencing Wednesday 8 August 9.15 a.m. Room 11

**“Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive.”** Elbert Hubbard

Have a great week and weekend,

Kind regards

James Eldridge and the team at Firth.