

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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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.



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

Reminder next Newsletter **Thursday 23 August - Week 5**

Our school success key is Confidence.

*It is great to see the children growing in **confidence** as the term progresses.*

A special welcome to Amelia Panapa, Elle Galbraith, Abeer Manchanda, TJ Kelemete, Minnesota, Avon-Jean and T.J. Matika and their families who have joined us at Firth.

RE: STRIKE ACTION - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION - Wednesday 15th August.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Board of Trustees can't provide teaching for students during the upcoming strike. The NZEI has advised Firth Primary School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action from 7am to 7pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff and decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Serena Pilmore-Evans

Board Chairperson

Firth Primary Board of Trustees

What this means for you!

Firth Primary School will be closed on Wednesday 15 August.

In the interests of safety, if any learner arrives at school, every attempt will be made to ensure you collect them immediately. It is unfortunate that this action is necessary. We are attempting to secure the future of all our learners.

Some important facts behind our strike.

The school age population is set to increase significantly within the next 10 years.

Those people training to be teachers in NZ has been reduced by 40%.

Young people are not attracted to a career in teaching.

It is hard to retain new teachers. Many leave well before retirement age.

Those wishing to retrain have huge expenses to pay.

As those in the profession retire, there will be very few to replace them.

It has been more than a decade since teachers have had any salary increase.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews

Thank you to those of you who braved the elements last night and attended these interviews. Feedback has been wonderfully positive from both teachers and parents. The interest you show in your children's learning is vital to success. If you missed your interview time for any reason please do arrange an alternative time with the class teacher. Pleased parents appreciated online bookings.

College Marae Visits

Last Thursday, 2 August rooms 3,5,8 &10 enjoyed their visit to the College Marae. After a brief powhiri the children enjoyed a variety of Māori art, games and activities with some college students. Thank you to those who joined our group to walk to the Marae.

Corinthian Cup

Last Wednesday 1 August our school rugby team combined with Hinuera School and took on Matamata Primary in the annual Corinthian Cup at Bedford Park. It was great to see so many of you there cheering on our team. The boys played their hearts out and only lost 29 – 37. It was such a great game. Check out the local Scene page 4!



Friday Assembly

Our Celebration Assembly will be at 9.00am tomorrow. Room 3 will be performing. Next Friday 17 August Room 10 will be sharing. We look forward to seeing you.

Firth School Disco

Friday 17 August 5.30 p.m. -7 p.m.

- * Dress as your favourite Super Hero or Princess
- * Prizes for best dressed and spot prizes
- * Snacks, chips, popcorn, water, lollies
- * Assortment of glow items (Glow sticks, rings necklaces)

\$3. Entry per student and all must have had a green card day.

Please deliver and collect your child/children from the School Hall.

Oxford Pies

Order forms have been sent home with this newsletter.

Orders and money need to be at school by Friday 31 August.

Delivery date is Tuesday 11 September.

Scholastic Bookclub - Offer 5 closes 23 August.

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.

Coming Events - Term 3

Tuesday 14 August	Free Ear Clinic Service - Firth Primary 9.30 - 2.00 p.m.
Wednesday 15 August	School closed - 'Strike Day' Teachers/Principal
Friday 17 August	School Disco
Friday 17 August	Fun in 1
Wednesday 22 August	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday 30 August	Digi Awards
Thursday 30 August	Gym Festival Morrinsville
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

"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."

Charles Spurgeon

Have a great week and weekend,

Kind regards

James Eldridge and the team at Firth.