

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

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 15 November - Week 5 Term 4**

This week's success key is Confidence.

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

A special welcome to our new student, Vanessa Henare and her family.

NZEI Industrial Action

Currently we will be faced with a serious teacher shortage in years to come. School leavers are generally not choosing a career in teaching as the training intakes have been down 40% over the last three years. Until a significant pay jolt is awarded, teaching will remain undervalued in NZ. Rolling strikes will take place in our area on **Tuesday 13 November**. At this stage Firth will have to close for instruction for that day. As the year 6 children will be on camp, Mrs Johnson, Mr Mitchell and I, will not be joining the strike.

Year 6 Camp

By the time next fortnight's newsletter is available online, our year 6 children will be well through their camping experience. Thank you to those parents who have given up a week's annual leave to accompany our children. Camp would not be possible without you. Please ensure all campers are here at school by 8.30am on Monday 12 November.

National Shake Out Day.

Last Thursday morning our school participated in this National Earthquake drill. The children and staff had to drop, cover and hold the furniture in the event of an Earthquake. We assembled as a school after the drill. A very useful skill to practice at home.

Ag Day

As mentioned earlier in the year, for the first time in many years, there will sadly be no ag day at Firth this year.

Pet and Flower Day

Friday 30 November will be our special day. More information in the next newsletter.

Loud Shirt Day

On **Friday 9 November** we will celebrate Loud Shirt Day. This is to help the hearing impaired. As this is significant for some of our Firth family, this is one charity we support. Please support the day by dressing up your learners in bright, loud colours. A gold coin donation is requested please.

Friday Assembly

Our Celebration Assembly will be at 9.00am tomorrow Room 3 will be performing. Next Friday 9 November, Room 10 will be sharing. We look forward to seeing you.

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 4

Friday 9 November	Fun in 1
Friday 9 November	Loud Shirt Day
Monday 12 - Friday 16 November	Year 6 Camp
Tuesday 13 November	School Closed - STRIKE ACTION
Monday 19 - 23 November	Book Fair Week
Wednesday 21 November	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday 23 November	Fun in 1
Wednesday 28 November	Firth School Athletics
Friday 30 November	Pet & Flower Day
Monday 3 December	Interschool Athletics
Friday 7 December	Interschool Athletics (Postponement Day)
Wednesday 12 December	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday 14 December	Firth Prize-giving & Concert - College Hall
Thursday 20 December	Last Day 2018

Community Notices

Matamata-Piako District Libraries

"Kiwani's" Summer Reading Programme - The Great Adventure will be held during the summer holidays. Online registrations will begin the week of 1 December with a launch date of 10 December 2018.

Nuggets - Team Energise



One of the happiest moments ever is when you let go of what you cannot change – Anonymous.

Have a great week and weekend.

Kind regards

James Eldridge and the team at Firth.