

Kia ora koutou

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 and stay "in the loop" in 2019 with our school app.

Text reminder – We have an alternative to our automated absentee phone service. You may prefer to text the school when your child is absent on 027 266 0365

Reminder next Newsletter will be the **Thursday 8 August - Week 3**

Our school success key is Confidence.

Not being overly concerned about making mistakes, trying different activities without fear, being independent but not separate.

Welcome Back.

A warm, welcome back to all. I hope the school holidays were a great success for all and you were able to spend some quality time with your children. The weather wasn't the best it could have been but I hope you all managed to keep well. The children have all arrived back at school ready to learn. This term we continue starting with Active Time and PMP for our 5 year olds. The morning bell rings at 8:55 am. Please have the children at school by 8:45 am. This allows enough time for the teachers to take the roll and then send the whole class out for some physical activity before learning begins for the day.

We are so looking forward to seeing you throughout the term. Parent/teacher interviews are in week 3. Bookings will be online today.

A warm Firth welcome to Mrs Sue Van de Molen who is working in Room 4.

Welcome to our new students, Caleb Moore, Travis England, Flynn Clayton, Grayson Broadhead, Annabell'e Higgins, Zavlier & Richarn Nesbit, Paelyn Kaukau and Byron Tuhakaraina Kaukau and their families who have joined us here at Firth Primary School.

Parent / Teacher Interviews-early finish. These are scheduled for Tuesday 6 August. School will finish at 12:00pm (Midday) to allow teachers a break before commencing interviews at 1:00pm.

An alternative programme will be arranged for any children who cannot go home early. Please complete the permission slip if your child can be released at 12 noon.

Please bring your child's mid year report along to the interview. If for some reason you are unable to attend on the day please make an alternative time to see your child's teacher.

Book School Interviews Online

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 6 August (Week 3). To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, enter the event code **fe9tt**.

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.

Rongohia te hau Survey

Each year our Matamata Kaahui Ako surveys our families (Whanau) to gather data about educational opportunities in our district. The information gathered enables all of our schools to set priorities and goals for the future. The survey will be given out during your interview time.

The survey needs to be returned to school by the end of week 4, Friday 16 August.

Each returned survey will go in a draw for a \$50.00 grocery voucher. There will be 4 grocery voucher draws.

Your child/children will also receive a sweet treat.

Scholastic Bookclub

Brochures for issue 5 have been distributed to students today. Offer closes Friday 9 August.

Cup Cake Day 23 August

William Wightman and his Mum Lucinda are baking cupcakes to support the work the S.P.C.A. does in the community in looking after our animal friends. If you are wanting to buy cupcakes(\$2.00)each, to support the S.P.C.A. an order form will come home today.

Grandparents Day

It was wonderful to see so many grandparents here at school on the second to last Friday of the term. We counted 192 grandparents. This was a record attendance for one of these days. Thanks to all of the staff for making this a memorable day for all. A special thank you to Mrs. Lesley Johnston for her organisation of the day.

EPRO8 Challenge

One team travelled over to Morrinsville on the last day of Term 2 for the next level of the competition. Although they missed out on a place in the Waikato finals, they did us proud. Many thanks to Chanelle Wilson and Graeme Wightman for taking them to the event.

Improve our Communication - Your email is required.

If you have an email address could you please send one to your child/ren's class teacher(s).

This way the teacher can bounce you an email to inform you of when your child will receive a certificate at Friday celebration assembly.

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.

Please check and update your school records if your mobile number has changed.

Unfortunately, we are still trying to contact some parents on non-existent phone numbers.

Term Dates 2019

Term 3 - Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

Term 3

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| Friday 2 August | Year 6 Camp Fundraising - American Hotdogs |
| Tuesday 6 August | Parent-Teacher Interviews |
| Friday 16 August | Fun in 1 |
| Friday 16 August | Rongohia te hau survey return date |
| Wednesday 21 August | Corinthian Cup Rugby vs Matamata Primary School |
| Wednesday 21 August | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Friday 23 August | Cup Cake Day |
| Friday 30 August | DISCO |
| Friday 30 August | Fun in 1 |
| Wednesday 4 September | School X Country |
| Wednesday 11 September | Postponement Day for School XCountry |
| Friday 13 September | Fun in 1 |
| Tuesday 17 September | Speech Finals |
| Wednesday 18 September | Interschool X Country |
| Wednesday 1 September | Board of Trustees Meeting |
| Friday 27 September | Loud Shirt Day |
| Friday 27 September | Last day Term 3 |

Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngahere.

Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao.

The bird that partakes of the miro berry reigns in the forest.

The bird that partakes of the power of knowledge has access to the world.

Have a good weekend.

Jeanette Malligan and the team at Firth