

**Firth Primary School Newsletter No 5**  
**Thursday 12 April 2018**

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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



Reminder next Newsletter will be week 1 next term.  
Thursday 3 May.

This week's success key is **persistence**

***Persistence** is trying harder even when your work is frustrating, motivating yourself to keep going even when the rewards are small and rising to challenges with your best efforts.*

Welcome back to Paelyn, Nevaeh and Byron Tuhakaraina, your friends were very happy to see you return. A special welcome to our new students and their families: River Morgan-Proudley and Cheynade and Millie Mahanga.

### **Happy, Safe Holidays – Last Newsletter of the Term**

Tomorrow after school marks the start of the first school holidays, hence this is the last newsletter for this term. What a busy first term it has been. From our wonderful Gala, the swimming sports, and lots of learning opportunities, the school has been all go. Thank you to all of you who have helped with your child/rens learning over the term. Enjoy a happy and safe holiday. Term two has 10 weeks, so be ready for another action packed term. Please try hard to help your children rest up and recharge their batteries. Winter will be fast approaching and good resistance is vital. We hope our hard working teachers can take a break too! Look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 30 April.

### **ANZAC Day**

Wednesday 25 April is in the second week of the holidays. Our school leaders will represent us at the civic service at 9.30am that morning. Hope many of you may join our school at the service also.

### **Pre- Warning of Teacher Only Day Friday 15 June**

Staff across our learning community (Kahui Ako) will all be attending a learning day on the Friday of Field Days. All our schools including the Intermediate and College will be closed for the day.

### **School Photos**

In week two, term two our school photos will be taken. Prepaid envelopes will be sent home on **Monday 30 April**. (Day one of Term Two).

### **Road Safety**

It is great to see so many of our children active and biking to school. However, our first priority is student/s safety. All children are to wear a cycle helmet correctly fitted and fastened as legally required. Wearing a high visibility vest or jacket is a good idea. If you would like to use a school safety vest a parent/caregiver must request this in writing. These are to be returned at the end of each school year.

Children please remember that your bike is for you **ONLY** - sorry no doubles!

### **Friday Assembly this week**

Our final term one Celebration Assembly will be at 9.00am tomorrow morning. We look forward to seeing you.

## Absentees

If your child is absent or you are running late, it is essential that the office is notified promptly so that we know your child is safe. It is our policy that all un-notified absences are followed up daily. Please do not be offended by our call or text message, the safety of your child is paramount.

Please either phone the school office and leave a voice message on **07 888 7396** or text **027 266 0365** clearly stating child/rens name, room number and reason for absence. Thank you.

## 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.

## 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.

## Term Dates 2018

**Term 2** – Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July

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

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

## Coming Events

Thursday 12 April

Free Ear Clinic - Matamata Primary School, Broadway - 9 30 - 2.00 p.m.

Friday 13 April

Last day for Term 1

Friday 18 May

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 15 June

Teacher Only Day

## Community Notices

Matamata Junior Badminton Club for 8-16 year olds starts Monday 30th April 6pm - 7pm at Headon Stadium. Cost is \$50 for the season (17 weeks so \$3 per session - no sessions during school holidays) or casual fees of \$5 per session.

### CRAFT & CREATION - TREASURE HUNTER

**Children's Holiday Programme**  
**First Week of the School Holidays**  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April,  
@ Matamata Baptist Church, 26 Tower Rd  
10am—12:30pm  
6-12yr olds—\$2-00 entry/child  
Games, Crafts, Poker Work, Bible Stories  
**Enquiries to Baxendines—021 209 6430**



Nuggets -  
Team Energise

*“Happiness is the only good. The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so.”*

*Robert G. Ingersoll*

Enjoy some family time over the break.  
See you at school sometime in Term 2.

*James Eldridge and the team at Firth*