# Firth Primary School Newsletter No 8 Thursday 31 May 2018

**Dear Parents and Caregivers** 

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Reminder next Newsletter will be Thursday 14 June- Week 7 Term 2

This week's success key is getting along.

**Getting along** is working cooperatively with others, resolving conflicts without fighting and showing tolerance to others differences.

Welcome back to CaitlinThompson and welcome to Trinity Lawrence, Jax, Saffire & Blayde Walters, Kaitlyn Judge-Moloney, Sophie Hauser and Tawaewae Wharawhara-Kaukau and their families who have joined us at Firth.

# Free Sausage Sizzle - Tomorrow - 1st June

The Matamata Lions Club are kindly providing our Firth students with a free sausage and an apple at lunchtime. There will be **no lunch orders purchased tomorrow**. Many thanks to the Matamata Lions Club.

#### Firth Primary School Open Night. Wednesday 20 June.

Come and share your learner's success.

Give your child the chance to show you their classroom and some work they are proud of.

Come and enjoy our Kapa haka and Choir sharing their talent.

**Enjoy** a free sausage sizzle to fill your hungry tummy.

Classrooms will be open from **5.30pm - 6pm**. Entertainment commences at **6.00pm** in the hall. All over by 6.30pm

# Cotter Cup Sports Day Rugby Cotter Cup

Well done to the rugby players who headed out to Hinuera to compete in the Y5/6 Cotter Cup, and the Y3/4 A.D. Orr Trophy. Both teams played very well and had a great day. The Y5/6 Warriors finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Y3/4 Sharks finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Kashus Bryan, who tackled like a true champion, was named fairest and best player for the Warriors, and Digger Tuhakaraina, with his strong try scoring runs, was named fairest and best player for the year 3/4 Sharks. Smithy Hahn Ray also received special mention from the organisers as a standout player. He received a gold medal for his amazing sidestepping abilities. Thank you to the coaches and all of the supporters who turned up to cheer on the players.

## **Firth Museum Trip**

A huge thank you for all the parents who provided transport and supported our learning programme at the Tower Museum on both Tuesday and Wednesday. We struck beautiful weather, although quite chilly. Enjoy the Photos.

#### Friday Assembly this week

Our Celebration Assembly will be at 9.00am tomorrow morning. Sharing this week is Room 4. Next Friday 8 June - Room 6 will be sharing. We look forward to seeing you.

#### **EPRO8 Challenge.**

Tomorrow two groups of 4 senior children will head to the Intermediate to participate in this technology challenge. We will enjoy results and photos next newsletter. Good luck to the Firth teams.

## Advanced Warning for No Buses -Teacher Only day Friday 15 June.

All Matamata Kaahui Ako schools are planning a teacher only day on Friday 15 June. This will allow any students wishing to attend the Mystery Creek Field Days the opportunity to do so. Like the College, Intermediate and other Primary Schools, we will be having a teacher only day on this day.

#### **Firth Parent Group**

Meeting next Wednesday 6 June 7p.m. at Raewyn Scott's, 25 Farmers Road. All welcome.

### **Op Shop Week**

Our Firth Parent Group will be hosting the Community Opportunity Shop in week 7 of this term.

From Saturday 9 to Friday 15 June, 9a.m. - 3 p.m. daily.

Please go through and see if you have any pre-loved but unrequired items that you could donate and bring to the Op Shop during that week

If you can assist by giving some time to help out in the shop, please let the office know so our friendly coordinator Karyn Rangitutia can make contact with you.

Wanted - plastic bags - please drop off at school.

## **Teacher's Stop Work Meeting Planned.**

In week 9 this term teachers are again being asked by their union the NZEI, to attend a stop work meeting to negotiate pay and conditions. We are planning this for the afternoon Wednesday 27 June. As several nonunion members are able to provide cover for the school. Wednesday afternoon will not require an early finish. Please appreciate we will be facing a teacher shortage in years to come and working conditions need urgent attention. Please support all teachers in their guest for improved conditions.

## **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 2 – Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July – TOD Friday 15 June.

Term 3 – Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September

Term 4 – Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

## **Coming Events**

Friday 1 June EPRO8 Challenge

Monday 4 June Queens Birthday Weekend

Friday 8 June Fun in 1

Thursday 14 June Parents and Whanau Evening with Nathan Mikaere -Wallis

"The Developing Brain" 6.30 p.m. Matamata College Hall

Friday 15 June Teacher Only Day for all Matamata Schools.

Parent Support Group - Reading Thursday 21 June

Friday 22 June Fun in 1 Friday 22 June Winter Sports

Free Ear Clinic - Matamata Primary School. 9.30 a.m. - 2. 30 p.m. Monday 25 June

Wednesday 27 June **Board of Trustees Meeting** Thursday 28 June Parent Support Group - Writing Thursday 5 July Parent Support Group- Maths

Friday 6 July End of Term 2

#### Totika - Balance

## Mahia i runga i te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki

With a peaceful mind and respectful heart. we will always get the best results

Ka kite ano James Eldridge and the team at Firth