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Kia ora te whanau

PRINCIPALS BLURB

Wow we have reached week 5 already. The term is fast passing us by. I am excited to announce the new student leadership structure at Firth Primary School. We have created a new student council which will be the voice of our students, made up of students in year 5 and 6. They will be working very closely with myself to create projects that are initiated by our students for our students. Also, alongside these leaders are our house captains whose role will be to support the whole school house activities and to support our whole school sporting events. Thank you to all our students who applied, we had a rigorous process and due to the high calibre of our students who applied, not an easy task for the leadership team. I look forward to working with both these groups to grow leadership amongst our students and to have the student voice at the forefront. Thank you to all the whanau that returned the updated information form and Congratulations to Cadence Pomare and her whanau who won the \$50 new world voucher and 2x family passes to Matamata Pools. Congratulations to the following:

Student Council:

Teagan Johns, William Wightman, Bronson Edwards, Grace Pilmore – Evans, Raquelle Turner, Phillipa Thomas, Carter Matehaere, Hailey Raupi, Digger Tuhakaraina, Paige Raupi.

House Captains:

Rimu House:	Zeppelin Blyth – Captain/Quinn Sinclair – Deputy House Captain
Matai House:	Jasmine Haines – Captain/William Wightman – Deputy House Captain
Kowhai House:	Nazareth Saunders – Captain/Ezekiel Clarke – Deputy House Captain
Kauri House:	Jodeci Tahuri – Captain/Teagan Johns – Deputy House Captain

WELCOME

A special welcome to our new children:

Ryder Hemi, Shelby Wilson, Cohen Anderson, Ellie & Sophie Hyslop and their families. We hope your time here at Firth is enjoyable.

Reporting to the school office

If your child/children arrive at school after 9 a.m. they must report in to the school office so we can amend the school attendance rolls.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews – early finish

These are scheduled for Thursday 2 April. School will finish at 12.00pm (Midday) to allow teacher's a break before commencing interviews at 1.00pm. We are hoping to complete all the interviews during the day and evening on the Thursday. If for some reason you are unable to attend on that day, please let your child(rens) teacher know so an alternative time can be arranged.

Fundraising:

School camp Hot cross buns:

On Friday your child bought home an order form to purchase hot cross buns to support our year 6 students going to camp in term 4. This fundraiser enables us to keep the cost of this camp affordable for our whanau.

Grocery/Easter Raffle:

Please can every student bring a grocery/easter item to school by Thursday 26th March 2020, this be part of our fundraising efforts at the Colour Fun Run. This raffle will be drawn on the day of the Colour Fun Run. Please bring these to the office.

REMINDERS

Absentees – if your child is going to be away for any reason or is unwell please notify the office.

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. Please make sure you leave a reason as to why they are absent as we are required by the ministry to record these.

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New enrolments

If you do know of any soon to be 5 year olds joining us at Firth, please remind them to pre-enrol to allow us to plan for growth.

Improve our Communication - Your email is required.

If you have an email address could you please send one to your child(rens) 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.

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

NOTICES

Our Sun Smart Policy.

Please remember we are a sun smart school. Our learners will have a Firth Hat supplied throughout the day and there is extra sun block available for those who require it. Please ensure all children wear sun smart clothing and that they do not have any bare shoulders exposed. When swimming we encourage children to wear a rash vest please.

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 if you need these.

Friday Assembly this week

Our Celebration Assembly will be at 9.00am Friday mornings. We look forward to seeing you.

Firth School Swimming Sports

What: Our whole school swimming sports.

When: Tuesday 10th March. (No postponement day).

Senior school (years 4-6 including all R7) from 12pm - 2:15pm.

Junior school (years 1-3) from 1pm - 2:30pm.

Who: Everyone!

How: We will all be travelling by bus down to the Matamata Sports Centre.

Student Checklist

Sun hat

Sunscreen

Plenty of food: morning tea & lunch

Drink - water bottle

Frozen ice in another bottle?

Couple of towels is handy

Togs

Goggles

The senior learners will go first, ready to start their swimming races in the covered pool at 12:15pm.

The senior swimmers will be ready to start their races in the outdoor pool at 12:45pm.

All the juniors will be ready to start at 1:15pm using the indoor and beach pools.

If your child is unable to participate please send a note to the classroom teacher.

If anyone is able to help as a timekeeper for some of our senior races please let Mrs Griffin in the office know.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you wish to take your swimmer home direct from the pools, please inform their classroom teacher.

COMING EVENTS - TERM 1

Firth Primary School Lunch Orders List 2020

Thursdays & Fridays only.

Mince / Mince & Cheese / Potato Top Pies \$2.50 Pizza \$2.50 Sausage Roll \$2.50 Cookie \$1.

Please place your money in an envelope at the office, named and with your child's room number.

There will be no Sushi available for lunch orders.

Primary School Netball

Welcome to Primary School Netball 2020. This year the season starts on Tuesday 17th March with a mini tournament at the Matamata Netball Centre. The competition season will run for approximately 12 weeks. This competition is open to Year 4,5&6 students, Yr 4 students are able to play if they have been enrolled and are attending the Thursday after school sessions this year.

All players will need the following:

* Firth Dress or Skirt (Hire from school \$5 per season)

* Netball shoes

* Boys will need black shorts and a Firth T shirt.

The subs this year are \$35 for the season and \$5 skirt hire. Total cost \$40.

We are looking for coaches, if you would like to be a coach or help out in any way please contact us.

Get In To Football!!

Get Your Friends into Football!! Do you want to have fun and keep fit with your friends? Now is the time to sign up for football again... as well as introduce your friends to the amazing game. Matamata Swifts have opened registrations for the 2020 season. Players can sign up here: <http://www.matamataswifts.com/get-in-to-football>

Term Dates 2020

Term 1- Monday 3rd February - Thursday 9th April

Term 2 - Tuesday 28th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3 - Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4 - Monday 12th October - Wednesday 16th December

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.


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COMING EVENTS - TERM 1

Wednesday 19 February	Board of Trustees Meeting - Meeting Room 7p.m.
Friday 21 st February	Fun in 1
Wednesday 26 th February	Free Ear Clinic - Raungaiti Marae, Waharoa 9.30 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 27 th February	Free ear Clinic - Pohlen House Carpark, 58 Rawhiti Avenue, Matamata
Friday 6 th March	Fun in 1
Tuesday 10 th March	Firth Swimming Sports
Thursday 12 th March	Japanese Visitors R5/6
Friday 20 th March	Fun in 1
Friday 20 th March	Inter-School Swimming
Friday 27 th March	2020 Colour Fun Run
Wednesday 1st April	Free Ear Clinic - Raungaiti Marae, Waharoa 9.30 a.m.- 2.30 p.m.
Friday 3rd April	Fun in 1
Thursday 2 nd April	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday 9 April	Free Ear Clinic - Pohlen House Carpark, 58 Rawhiti Avenue, Matamata
Thursday 9 April	Term 1 Ends



Firth Primary Colour Fun Run
When: Friday 27th March 2020
Where: Firth Primary School
Time: 5pm – 8 pm

We are asking friends, whanau and community businesses to sponsor this event. If you would like to sponsor prizes or donate to this event please email, fpg@firth.school.nz information.

Have a great week and weekend.
Nga mihi
Michelle Ryan and the team at Firth.