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Kia ora te whanau

PRINCIPALS BLURB

Thank you to all our whanau that supported and helped out at our School swimming Sports. I am so proud of all our students who pushed themselves to their limits with their "can do" attitude. Congratulations to all our students who will be representing our school next Friday at the interschool swimming sports. We are having a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 9th April which is the last day of term 1. As a new Principal to Firth School this will be a valuable opportunity for staff and I to connect, review and reflect and to create effective and personalised teaching and learning programmes moving into Term 2. I apologise for any inconvenience however this is an opportunity to grow staff and ensure that our tamariki are receiving the best education we can provide.

WELCOME

A special welcome to our new children: Tuterangiwhiu Smale, Maddox Swatton-Bernard, Taylor Crump & Yohan Sdoeung and their families. Welcome back to Tallyn Morris. 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

Book School Interviews Online

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 2 April (Week 9.) To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, enter the event code: mk778).

Follow three simple steps:

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.

- Choose Teachers - On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet.
- 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.

Fundraising:

School camp Hot cross buns:

On Friday your child brought 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.

School Camp Chocolates:

This is a fundraiser for our year 6 students. They will be selling these chocolates door to door. Chocolate bars are \$2 per bar. If you are interested you can also purchase chocolates from 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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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.

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



Back to School

Stay "in the loop" in 2019 with our school app!

Events | Cancellations | Notices
Newsletters | Permission slips
Instant notifications | Absentees

Simple free download:
In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

SKOOL LOOP

COMING EVENTS - TERM 1

Friday 20 th March	Fun in 1
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Friday 27 th March	2020 Colour Fun Run – POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 4
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
Wednesday 8th April	Term 1 Ends
Thursday 9 April	Free Ear Clinic - Pohlen House Carpark, 58 Rawhiti Avenue, Matamata
Thursday 9 April	Teacher only day – School is Closed for students

Friday 27th March
5pm
Firth Primary
Station Road

Register at the
Firth Primary office
from Monday 16th March

\$5 per person,
preschoolers free
(must be accompanied by an adult)

Firth Primary presents:



COLOUR FUN RUN 2020



Stalls open 5pm – Run starts 5.30pm

Sausage Sizzle • Bake & Treat Stall • Quick Fire Raffles • plus games for the kids!

Fun for the whole family!

POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 4

Firth Primary Colour Fun Run
When: Friday 27th March 2020
Where: Firth Primary School
Time: 5pm – 8 pm
Registration is open from Monday 16th – Friday 27th
at
8.30 – 9.00am - daily
2.30pm – 3.00pm - daily
Registration also, open on the night
\$5 per person – pre-schoolers free

A massive Thank you to Daltons who are our major sponsor for this event.

Today your child will bring home a plate for our bake sale – please return this on Thursday 26th or Friday 27th - bring this to the staffroom.

We are asking friends, whanau and community businesses to sponsor this event. If you would like to sponsor prizes or donate to this event you are not too late, please email, fpg@firth.school.nz.

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.

Have a great week and weekend.

Go the CHIEFS

Nga mihi

Michelle Ryan and the team at Firth

Matamata Junior Hockey

2020 Hockey Season

Matamata Sportsworld are selling these packs below for \$49.95

The kit includes Hockey Stick, Shinpads, Mouthguard, Hockey Ball and Bag

They have a lot of packs available, if they don't have your size they can order on the day and will be at store in the next day

Sportsworld also stock, Mouthguards, Shinpads, Hockey Sticks, Hockey Balls

They also have some Hockey Sticks on special at the moment (half price)

If you need to just purchase a Hockey Stick Sportsworld will also offer you a discount on a full priced Hockey Stick

Please support our local businesses



MATAMATA PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION UPDATE RE COVID-19

It is important to note that we have no confirmed cases in schools or early learning services throughout NZ. The Matamata Principals have agreed, however, to cancel or postpone any interschool or large events as advised and guided by the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health in order to minimise the risk for our community.

As a collective group of Principals we will continue to monitor the situation under advice from the MOE. As we receive further information from MOE / MOH we will keep you informed.

Events that we have agreed to cancel are:

- **Cancellation of Interschool Swimming Sports**
- **Postponement of Energize Leadership Day**
- **Postponement of Firth School Colour Run**

In the meantime we continue to stress the need for good hygiene practices, cleaning hands with soap for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly. If coughing, please cough into your elbow or cough into tissues which are then disposed of. We encourage staff, students, parents and whanau to refrain from handshakes, hongi and other close face to face contact. We also recommend that you keep your child at home if they are unwell.

The Ministry of Health website remains the best source for information about Covid-19. www.health.govt.nz
We commend the Government's pro-active approach to minimise risk and re-iterate that the actual risk because of the Government's stance remains low.