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Kia ora te whanau

PRINCIPALS BLURB

Welcome back to term 3. I would like to say a special thankyou to all the whanau that supported nga tamariki to prepare kai and attended our Matariki Celebration. We were inundated with donations of kai and our leftovers went out to our Matamata Community Shared Fridge. This began our new term with reconnecting with whanau and celebrating the Maori new year. We planted our wishes for the coming year and shared kai together to build whakawhanaungatanga. I am excited to announce that we will be having a whanau hui in week 5, Tuesday 18th August at 7 pm in the Firth School Multipurpose room. I would love to hear your aspirations and vision for your child/ren, our whanau and community of Firth Primary School. We are currently working on several projects that are waiting to be signed off by the Ministry of Education. One being, turf on the netball courts, we anticipate this will be completed by the end of term 3. We want to develop, both the courtyard between our classrooms and the Native Area so please come along to the whanau hui and share your ideas. Our teachers are busy preparing for parent/teacher interviews next week, please make a time, using the link, to have a korero with your child's teacher and set goals for the remainder of the year.

Welcome:

A special welcome to our new students:

Welcome to Danny Wharawhara, Carlos and Aleah-Rose Sullivan and Riella-Skyy Rewi and their families. We hope your time here at Firth is enjoyable.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Early finish:

These are scheduled for **Thursday 6 August 2020**. School will finish at **12.00pm (Midday)** to allow teachers to prepare before commencing interviews at 1.00pm. We are hoping to complete all the interviews during the day and evening on 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.

Book School Interviews Online

To book your interviews, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code in your browser, enter the event code: udv6c

Follow three simple steps:

Enter your details: First enter your name, can your child be released at 12 noon on the day of the interview **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.

Matariki:

Thank you to all our students, staff and whanau that made this celebration an amazing start to term 3 for us at Firth. A special thank you to our dads, Pauly Tahuri and Paul Hunter for the early morning start to prepare and cook the hangi for us and to the many mums/nans that came to help prepare the kai on Thursday and then serve the kai on Friday. Congratulations to our kapahaka team and school choir who performed as part of the celebration, you are truly amazing, with massive talents within the performing arts. Thanks Whaea Lena and Mrs Johnston for supporting nga tamariki.



PhotoLife - Sibling Photographs

There were some whanau that missed out on sibling photos last week. Photolife photographers will be back next Friday 7th August 2020 at 8.30 am to take sibling photos of those that were missed. Please see Diane at the office for a form.

Yummy Sticker Collecting

We are still collecting Yummy stickers. They can be found on all types of fruit, not just the apples. This will assist us to win free sports gear again at the end of 2020.

TEACHER'S EMAILS

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Important Term Dates 2020

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

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 - Friday 25th September

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

Whanau hui - Tuesday 18th August 2020, 7 pm

Thursday 6th August – Parent Interviews

Tuesday 11th August - Miniball Tournament - Walton

Thursday 20th August - Cotters Cup

Friday 21st August – Teacher Only Day

Wednesday 2nd September - Firth School X Country

Wednesday 16th September - Inter School X Country

**Matamata
Intermediate School**
OPEN DAY
FOR PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS
Wednesday 19th August 2020

If you have a Y5 or Y6 child please take this opportunity to come along and experience our:

- Unique environment to develop the confidence and independence of emerging adolescents
- School culture founded on the vision of 'Inspired Learners. Empowered to Achieve'.
- Strong academic, cultural and sports focus
- A tour of our classrooms in action
- with current students
- You will also have the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Principal, Deputy Principal and Board of Trustee members.



**Open Day Programme**
9.30am Coffee and informal discussion
10.00am Tour around classrooms by students
10.30am Question time with Principal, DP & BOT

- Inspired Learners. Empowered to Achieve -



**Thank you to Wilcox who donated
potatoes, carrots and onions for our
hangi.**



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's happening.

Kia kaha,a mihi
Michelle Ryan
Principal

