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**Newsletter October 16th 2020**

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**Kia ora te whanau**

**PRINCIPALS BLURB**

Welcome back to school for another exciting and busy term. I hope you have all enjoyed some family time over the term break. I am excited we are in Alert Level 1 and the sun will shine this term enabling our students to participate in the sporting and cultural events that they have missed out on this year. Parents are most welcome to come into school to collect children from their classes. Our senior students are getting ready for camp in week 5. There are a lot of mixed emotions with our students as they prepare for a week of adventure. Thanks to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Murray who have put together an amazing week of activities and experiences that will challenge our students and create memories that will last a lifetime. I am excited about the prospect of attending camp with our year 6 students, it's a first for all of us!! We have had some youths disrespecting our environment and smashing bottles and windows in our school environment over the weekend. Please keep an eye out during the weekends, and let us know if you see or hear anything that will assist us to stop this behaviour.

**Welcome:**

**A special welcome to our new students:**

Ryan Mouat, Hunter Hansen, Courtesy Whaiapu-Peters, Octavia Kaa, Airini and E.K. Duff, Kourtney and Kierra Johnston, Promise Koro-Hemi and welcome back to Ryder Hemi, Tara & Harlem Garrett.

**Car Park Safety**

Please ensure that your child is escorted across the carpark by an adult during drop off and pick up times. We have noticed students being called across the carpark while cars are moving in this space. Please do not stop or park in the middle of the car park as this is creating unsafe space for our students and blocking the flow of cars entering and exiting. Safety of our students is paramount and we appreciate the frustrating and challenging restrictions during COVID level 2, however we ask that you please be vigilant to keep nga tamariki safe. We have also spoken to our students and staff so we are all working together for the safety of everyone.

**Yummy Sticker Collecting**

Thank you for collecting and sending to school your Yummy Stickers. We have just sent the stickers away to receive some free sports gear. We collected 4,226 stickers. Please continue collecting Yummy stickers for 2021.

### **Rongohia te hau survey**

Thank you to all our whanau who completed the Rongohia te hau survey. The winners of the \$50 vouchers were: Ali-May and Cleo Lllwell, Bhavik Naidu, Kaea Hemi, Zeppelin Blyth.

### **Bell Times**

We are trialling a change in bell times to allow more fluidity with teaching and learning. I can assure you that students are still having the same amount of time to eat. The only major change is that the brain breaks during the day are determined by the students and teachers of each class.

**9.00 am school begins**

**11.00 am morning tea - students play**

**11.30 am students sit and eat**

**11.45 am students in class**

**1.00 pm lunch break - students play**

**1.30 pm students eat lunch**

**1.45 pm students in class**

**2.50 pm school ends**

### **Firth Primary School**

2021 Abacus Calendars, Greeting Cards, Diaries, Notepads and Mouse Mats

Once again we are offering you the chance to order Greeting Cards, Calendars, A5 Diaries, Kids Notepads and Mouse Mats.

These make awesome Christmas presents as they feature your child's artwork or your favourite photograph and great for sending overseas.

Samples and spare order forms are available from the school office.

The cost will be Classic Calendars (Art/Photo) \$12. 00

Greeting Cards (Art & Photo) (8 cards per pack) \$12. 00

Kids Sketch \$12. 00

A5 Diaries \$15. 00

Mouse Mats \$14. 00

Our School Code is: KZ12162 if you are wanting to upload photographs instead of the artwork.

**The last day for ordering and payment will be 23rd October.**

### **School X Country Results 2020**

#### **5 Year-old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ellie Hyslop
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cora Andrew
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sophie Hyslop
4 <sup>th</sup>	Addison Goldsbury
5 <sup>th</sup>	Aleigha Fox

#### **5 Year-Old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Levi Ramsey
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Legend Wilson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Addison Hepworth
4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Wharawhara
5 <sup>th</sup>	Baylie-Glen Clothier

#### **6 Year-year old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Harper Judge-Moloney
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mia Jones
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Waikura Wharawhara-Muriwai
4 <sup>th</sup>	Rylee Tuaine
5 <sup>th</sup>	Amber Martin

#### **6 year-old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Eli Tempelmeyer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Grayson Broadhead
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jaxon Lautenbach
4 <sup>th</sup>	Deacon Burgess
5 <sup>th</sup>	Flynn Clayton

### **7 Year-old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Milla Hyslop
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annabelle Maunder
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emily Burgess
4 <sup>th</sup>	Charlotte Tolley
5 <sup>th</sup>	Charlene Wharawhara

### **8 Year-old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Millie Mahanga
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tori Steiner
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Choville Ramsay
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jezz Lee-Fuller
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tigerlily Sdoeung

### **9 Year-old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ava Hyslop
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hinetapora Aoake
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Theresa Paterson
4 <sup>th</sup>	Shyla Haumu
5 <sup>th</sup>	Zoe Galbraith

### **10 year-old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Alyssa Te Bay
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lily Limmer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Saffire Walters
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bree Wilson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Paige Raupi

### **11 Year-old Girls**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rylee Pou
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Manaia Kete-Gage
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlotte Venk
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jodeci Tahuri
5 <sup>th</sup>	Raquelle Turner

### **7 Year-old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kaleb Kaa
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cooper Lautenbach
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Te Arahi Wharawhara
4 <sup>th</sup>	RJ Aoake
5 <sup>th</sup>	Logan Weymouth

### **8 Year-old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Lander
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kayden Carswell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kaden McLaren
4 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity-Hayez Tuhakaraina
5 <sup>th</sup>	Conor Judge-Moloney

### **9 Year-old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Korbin Todd
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Locky Wharawhara
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ben Martin
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tallyn Morris
5 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah Vakalah

### **10 Year-old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Quinn Sinclair
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blayde Walters
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ben Laird
4 <sup>th</sup>	Alex Wharawhara
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hemi Retimana

### **11 year-old Boys**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zeppelin Blyth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nethan Hunter
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teagan Johns
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bronson Edwards
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney Gardiner

### **Te wiki o te reo maori**

Our week consisted of whanau group rotations within school completing many varied tasks that promoted kia kaha, te reo maori. Congratulations to those students who showed leadership and excellence in working alongside their peers supporting in a tuakana/teina role and using te reo.

### **Speech finalists**

Congratulations to the following students who placed in our schools senior speech competition

**William Wightman - Winner**

**Trinity Lawrence - Runner Up**

**Kaden McLaren - Third Place**

**Bronson Edwards - Third Place**

**Kyra Moana-Wallis - Highly Commended**  
**Grace Pilmore-Evans, Highly Commended**

**Book Fair**

Many thanks for supporting our Book Fair last term which has enabled us to purchase nearly \$1,000. worth of books for our Library.

**Scholastic Bookclub Offer No 7**

This offer will close on Friday 30 October. Brochures have been distributed this week.

**Year 6 Camp**

All the Year 6 students are busy working on their camp books and are very excited about heading away to camp from Monday 9 - Friday 13 November.

A reminder that the cost is **\$250.00** per student due by Monday 2 November.

Payment can be made online to Firth Primary School Camp Account

12-3438-0009409-01

There will be further information closer to camp.

**Important Term Dates 2020**

**Monday 26th October Labour Day - No school Public Holiday**

**Friday (even weeks) assembly weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 2.15 pm**

**Monday 9 - Friday 13 November - Year 6 Camp**

**Monday 16 November Teacher Only Day**

**Wednesday 18th November School Athletics**

**Thursday 26th November Interschool Athletics**

**Friday 4 December Pet & Flower Day**

**Friday 11 December Last Day for Buses.**

**Monday 14 December Prizegiving/Concert - Matamata College Hall**

**Wednesday 16 December 2020 School Year Ends**

**Wednesday 3rd February First day of Term 1 2021**

Kia kaha, Nga mihi

Michelle Ryan

Principal



