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Newsletter No 1: 7th February 2025

Dear Parent / Caregiver, Kia ora, Malo e lei lei, Talofa,

Welcome back everyone for the 2025 school year. It has been great to see so many of our familiar faces looking happy to be back at school. The first few weeks of the year are a very important time for students to learn the class routines, form new friendships and settle into the year ahead. If your child has joined us this year as a new entrant learner, from another school or from overseas, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome and we look forward to getting to know you all.

SCHOOL HOURS 8:40am - 2:30pm

At Fairfield Primary, children are expected to attend every day unless there is a very valid reason for them being absent. As parents and carers, along with making sure your child attends school every day, it is also important to ensure they are at school before 8:40am. Children must also remain at school until the 2:30pm bell everyday.

STATIONERY PACKS

Thanks to those who have already paid for stationery. **Stationery is \$35.00 per student.** Stationery is compulsory for all students and must be purchased from the school. Class teachers have been given the stationery requirements for every student on their class roll. *It is an expectation that stationery is paid by the end of February. Payments can be made by CASH or INTERNET BANKING. (Sorry, No eftpos)*

If paying by Internet banking, please ensure you give clear details so we can your identify your child/family and payment type. If you know your child's Room number, use this also. Example: Particulars Code Reference J Smith Rm7 Stationery Internet banking: Account name: Fairfield Primary Account number: 03 1556 0007691 00



SUNHATS

Our regulation school sunhats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4. Hats cost \$15.00 which is heavily subsidised by the Board of Trustees. Hats are available from to purchase from the school office.

COMMUNICATION

Facebook is our school's preferred means of communicating notices and events. Please find us on Facebook and "like" or "follow" us to ensure you keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Each class also has their own facebook group. These are closed groups for family members of students in the particular class only. The welcome letter sent home from the class should have included the link for you to request to join. We will also put up the links to the class groups on our main school facebook page should you be having difficulty finding your child's class.

Newsletters are only sent home every 4-5 weeks depending on what is going on.

Class notices are sent home as required. We ask that you regularly check your child's schoolbag for any notices or newsletters and return any forms or permission slips promptly.

If you feel you may have missed a newsletter or notice, there are always spares at the office.

NEW TEACHERS

We are fortunate to have three wonderful teachers join us this year. Mrs Valentine (Room 6), Whaea Elisha (Room 8) and Mrs Mey (Room 19). We welcome you all to Fairfield Primary and look forward to working alongside you.

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

Whilst we strongly recommend that students do not bring a cellphone to school, we are aware that this is becoming more frequent.



In compliance with government regulations and ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, <u>ALL</u> cellphones must be handed in to the office at the beginning of the school day and collected at the end of the day. Failure to comply could result in confiscation requiring a parent to collect or consequences of a much more serious nature.

A reminder that lunches are provided, but children are still required to bring their own morning tea and a drink bottle to school every day.

SWIMMING

Swimming has begun. Aquatics is a compulsory part of the NZ Health and Physical Education Curriculum and it is expected that <u>all</u> students will swim unless they have a medical reason.

A note from home must explain why a student is unable to swim.

Swimmers are expected to wear: Girls - Swimming Togs Boys - Shorts above the knee

Please bring a towel and have a plastic bag or swim bag for wet gear. Our pool water is tested three times daily and we receive a weekly analysis report on water quality to comply with health regulations.

BEACH ED

Our Senior classes are off to Beach Ed at Waihi Beach in Week 4. Detailed notices and consent/health forms have been sent home. Please ensure consent/health forms are returned asap and no later than the day prior to the trip. NO PERMISSION = NO TRIP

These trips are a full day with the buses leaving school at 8:15am sharp and returning to school around 3:30pm. You will need to ensure you make suitable arrangements for your child on the trip to be collected at 3:30pm and any younger siblings to be collected at 2:30pm.

TERM 1 TOUCH

With the very short time frame before registration cut off, dedicated players from Term 4 were given first preference to fill the teams for Term 1. As this newsletter went to print, there are 2 spaces available in the Year 5/6 Team. Please contact Whaea Sandy at the office if your child would be keen to play. Our Year 3/4 team is currently full.

2025 STAFF LIST AND CLASS ORGANISATON

Principal	Anne Johnson
Senior Leaders	Rob Newton
	Lisa Deane
	Brian Malone
	Sue Ross
Administrators	Sandy Koning & Vicki Reihana
Release teachers	Debbie Wrigg & Hera McQueen
Caretaker	Wayne Gollop
Gardener	Niki Kusalic
Learning Assistant Team Leader	Chris Trevithick
Learning Assistant Staff	Allie Gray-Ure, Janet Goldsmith, Donna Hall,
	Leonie Butler, Jessica Irwin, Lisa Ross,
	Clair Smit, Rebecca Francis, Liz Jamieson

ROOM	TEACHER	YEAR
3	Mr Kumar	3/4
4	Whaea Larissa	5/6
5	Matua Mitchell	3/4
6	Mrs Valentine	5/6
7	Mr Baird	3/4
8	Whaea Elisha	1/2
9	Whaea Lynn	1
10	Whaea Belinda	1
12	Whaea Suzy	2
14	Whaea Shelby	3/4
16	Mrs Stucki	2
17	Whaea Desiree	3/4
18	Whaea Jacqui	5/6
19	Mrs Mey	5/6
21	Whaea Sandra	5/6

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

Presiding member:	Priscilla Kerapa-Broughton
Principal:	Anne Johnson
Staff Representative:	Sue Ross
Members:	Karen Knight, Simon McQueen,
	Sailokeini Talakai, Zainub Noori (Co-opted 2025)
Minute Secretary:	Chris Trevithick



Jessie, Richelle, Kilo-Blue, Patarana, Winter, Chris, Whetu, Tinalasa, Cyrus, Ryder, Lav, Rkelly, Neihana, Deacon, Kahu, Rangimarie, Sophie, Braxdyn, Hazel, Zealand, Joel, Chloe, Diamond, Faith, Jahkaylah, Lorenzo, Ihaia, Anahera and Kris. **We are glad you are here!**

ABSENTEES

It is essential that you notify the school when your child is absent. You can txt 021502978, phone 8556284 or email vicki@fairfieldprimary.school.nz

School policy information can be viewed anytime at:

fairfieldprimary.schooldocs.co.nz Username: fairfieldprimary Password: clarkin

TERM DATES FOR 2024		
Term 1	30th January - 11th April	
Term 2	28th April - 27th June	
Term 3	14th July - 19th September	
Term 4	6th October - 16th December (to be confirmed)	

Kind regards

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Anne Johnson **PRINCIPAL**

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First Steps Donny is known for its home-like environment. Our warm and nurturing centre offers the perfect environment for your child to flourish. Come and see for yourself!

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- Qualified and nurturing teachers
- Swimming lessons and music classes
- Centre set up to encourage exploration and discovery

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