



Term 3, ISSUE 1

Te Kura Ô Ponganui

Aug 2nd, 2013

Kia Ora tatou katoa, Greetings, Namaste, Talofa, Konnichi wa, Gruetzi, Hola, Kia orana

Welcome back to Fernworth and the start of a new term. This term our main focus is on Cracker Jacks, and the character and PE skills teaching that go with that. We have a Maths Week in Wk 3 with an opportunity for you to come to your child's class and learn some Maths games in Wk 4.

We have our Three-Way Conferences in Wk 2 and our optional Fono as a Celebration of Learning for Pasifika families in Wk 3.

Children will learn some art techniques while doing their calendar art, and will learn about cyber safety later in the term.

We will offer an opportunity for Grandparents to come in during the last week of term. All-in-all, another busy term.

Have a great weekend
Anne



Storm Uru: We are excited because Storm is coming to speak to us on Monday morning. It is wonderful to have such a great role model, who is also a proud Southlander, to come and talk to our kids.

Community Notices

Invercargill Health Shuttle Service: A St John service is available to provide transport to Dunedin for health-related appointments. The health shuttle stops at towns between Invercargill and Dunedin.
For information or to make a booking contact 0800 103 046 or emailpam.hall@stjohn.org.nz

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Chess Tournament

Today 9 children from LS18 took part in an Interschool Chess Tournament at Otatara School.

Whaea Sue was very impressed with their attitude, support for each other, persistence in playing, and just their general behaviour. They were all great role models for Fernworth.

Well done Nikora Davis-Materoa, Nithaniel Daly-McGregor, Tama Ranui, Kodi Cameron, Brynn Te Kooro, Kiana Wineera, Alex Stewart, OShya Pou, and Rawiri Tipuna

Meadow Fresh Sticker Competition

Please support us as we collect stickers from Meadow Fresh products. This will help us earn some art and sports gear. More sheets are available from the Office.

Dogs at Fernworth

This is a reminder that we don't want dogs in the school grounds. We know that most dog owners are very careful, but we have to err on the side of safety for children.

On Wednesday, one of our children fell over and landed in fresh dog droppings!! Not nice at all.

It is also important to consider that some of our students and parents are scared of dogs.

Milk at School

We have put milk on hold this week because we need to relearn the process of recycling cartons. We will start this again next week for one day, and then gradually increase this as children get better at the process.

Attendance: Please remember to inform us if your child will be absent, including the reason for this absence.



Book Fair

To help raise funds to buy books for our wonderfully refurbished library, we are holding a Book Fair on August 19-21

Year Six High School Visits

This is the time for our Year Six students and parents to make the time to visit the local high schools. We recommend that you attend as many Open Days as you can. Each high school has its own strengths, and you need to find the one that best fits your child's needs.

SBHS and SGHS have had their Open Days this week, but individual appointments are possible. Aurora has its Open Day next Wed from 7pm. Verdon's Open Day is this Sunday and JHHS is next Sunday from 12.30pm

Healthy Eating

Earlier this year we held a session for parents on healthy eating and healthy lunches.

The first thing we did was to complete a quiz which was an eye opener for us all. I will include some of this information over the next few weeks.

How many small chocolate chip cookies are in one large cookie?
Answer = 9, or 6 shrewsbury or 14 malt biscuits

How many teaspoons of sugar are there in a 600ml bottle of carbonated sugary drink (e.g. Fanta or coke)?
Answer = 16. Just Juice = 10 ½ tsp sugar

Three-Way Conferences

As you know, next week we hold the second round of our Three-Way Conferences.

Today you should have received a time for these. Please contact the school urgently if you didn't receive a notice, or if you need to change your time.

Remember that school finishes at 12.30 on Thursday to allow enough time to fit in all the conferences.

Please let us know asap if you need us to look after your child at this time.

Kids Can Fundraising

Kids Can is a wonderful organisation which provides your children with breakfast and lunch food, as well clothes and other items at different times of the year.

On August 9th there will be nationwide fundraising for this organisation, and we are excited to be able to support this.

We plan to have a mufti and Wacky Hair day, along with a coin trail which will be a Learning Team Challenge.



FOR THE CALENDAR

- Aug 2** Assessment Books issued
- Aug 5** Storm Uru visits Fernworth
- Aug 7/8** Three-Way Conferences
- Aug 8** School finishes at 12.30 for 3 - Way Conferences
- Aug 9** Last day for return of Assessment Books
- Aug 9** Mufti / Wacky Hair Day & Coin Trail for Kids Can
- Aug 9** Yr 5/6 Netball Tournament
- Aug 12 - 16** Maths week - look out for information about this
- Aug 15** Fono / Celebration of Learning - an alternative option of our Three-Way Conferences for our Pasifika families. 6.30pm
- Aug 19 - 21** Scholastic Book Fair - after school
- Aug 20** Class photos
- Aug 21** Polyfest