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Empowering our students for life

## Term 3 ISSUE 4

Te Kura Ô Ponganui

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Kia Ora tatou katoa, Greetings, Namaste, Talofa, Konnichi wa, Gruetzi, Hola, Kia orana, Halo olgeta, Taloha ni, Malo e lelei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ni sa bula vinaka

It was very exciting for us on Thursday because we entered a Pasifika group in the **Polyfest** for the very first time.

They, and our Junior and Senior Kapahaka groups, were very well received. We have received lots of positive comments about their performance, their behaviour and their uniform.

They all did themselves and Fernworth proud. We thank all the wonderful parents and wider whanau for the support they gave us for this day.

Have a great weekend  
Anne



### Mayor Tim with our Kapahaka children at the Polyfest.



### Some of our new students



**Meadow Fresh**  
Don't forget to collect the stickers for us.  
More forms available at school

**We welcome** Dylan Ruri, Lakai Wynne, Jorga Moore and their families to Fernworth Primary

### Nutrition Quiz

What percentage of meat must be in a pie? **Answer** = 25%. Did you know that there is a golf ball size of fat in a pie?

How many minutes of brisk walking does it take for an adult to burn off a 600ml bottle of fizzy? **Answer** = 52 minutes

### The Slide

As I looked up the long tunnel, I can see the silver screws tightening themselves up and the wooden stilts holding the slide up. The blue seat sleeps soundly as the water drops dance along it trying not to wake it up. When the kids go down the slide, it moans and groans in pain. Crying out but no one hears it unless you listen while everything is silent.

By Kaija Bolger LS 12.

### My School Bag

I peek into my lonely and revolting abandoned school bag. A sweet swampy smell shocks my senses. It smacks my nose like a hammer hitting a nail. The sandwich comes out like a Camou soldier going to battle. I pick him up and put him in the bin. "Noooo, tell my wife and kids I love them". You would not believe what I saw in my school bag. It was a camou sandwich and if you have never seen camou clothing it looks like a green bush.

By Neo Bragg LS7



If you have unused sport or fitness equipment, Sport Southland wants you to **PASS IT ON** to schools and community organisations on Wednesday September 4!

Simply drop your gear off to your local school - they'll call us and we pick it up!

The gear will be distributed to

### Most Improved Learner

**Rimu:** Makayla McKay-Edwards, LS15

**Kowhai:** Gypsie-Rose Materoa-Arataura, LS4, and TeMana Smith, LS7



The girls who represented Southern Zone at the Netball tournament on August 9<sup>th</sup>.



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**Stars of the Week: for positive behaviour.** Brodie Gay LS4, Connor Hodgkinson-Harris LS5, Shikana Hughes LS6, EJ Teremoana LS7, Emma Cameron LS10, Cypress Lewis-Neho LS11, Kaija Bolger LS12, Zarien Ward LS17, Nithaniel Daly-MacGregor LS18, Jordan Bristow LS13, Dylan Cuckow LS15

**Students of the Week: for great learning.** Forde Hodgkinson-Harris LS10, Harlem Se'Au-Ioapo LS11, Angela Rye LS12, Nathaniel Lennon LS17, Shanaye Materoa-Paaka LS18, Sione Materoa-Arataura LS13, Nelson Bragg LS15



### Congratulations to Laura Shields.

Laura has got into the Invercargill Representative team for hockey and will play in the Festival of Hockey in Ashburton in the next break.

### PB4L UPDATE (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

For the first few weeks of term we spent time reminding children of strategies to use if they experience inappropriate behaviour. We call this bully proofing. Children are taught to decide whether to "Say Stop" clearly, to "Walk Away", or "Talk" to an adult if they need support.

We are now focusing on teaching social skills. Each teacher is identifying the key social skill/s that needs taught in their classroom, and then planning and teaching this skill.

It is important to remember that social skills; i.e. friendships, resolving conflict and so on; need to be taught just the same way that reading or maths skills need taught.

It is also important to remember that just as some children take a long time to learn to read or do maths, some children take a long time to learn appropriate social skills.

The best way to reinforce this learning is lots and lots of positive acknowledgement when children demonstrate these skills, just as you would do when your child practiced his learning in reading or maths.

It is a challenge to find the right balance of education and consequences, when children do display inappropriate behaviour.

### FOR THE CALENDAR

- Sep 4 Community Meeting 2-3pm
- Sep 6 Parent session - find out more about gifted and talented children, 2-3pm
- Sep 12 Parent session on cyber safety for students - 6.30pm
- Week 9 Grandparents invited in Look for information
- Sep 27 End of Term 3