

Tuesday 14 June 2016

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kia ora

Nau mai haere mai! Ki te wiki o Matariki

Our school is celebrating Matariki this week with lots of activities and a special tree planting of a Pohutakawa outside the Timata classes. We will be taking part in lots of exciting Matariki activities each afternoon this week followed by a special school assembly this week. Our children have been practicing our school haka and will be presenting this daily in their groups during their Matariki rotations.

Fantastic news—our school website is up and running and live as from tonight! Please take time to have a look at our exciting new website which has lots of great photos of our amazing students in a wide range of activities and events. We will be updating this regularly to communicate all upcoming events, notices and student participation in a wide range of cultural and sporting opportunities. Thank you to all those involved in this project.

*Take Note—all students will be finishing at 12.30pm and will need to be collected on these following days: **MONDAY 04 JULY AND WEDNESDAY 06 JULY.** These are the two afternoons for Year 4-8 three way conferences and our Year 0-3 teachers will be involved in professional development on these days. Please go online and book your interviews—all details below—or return the paper copy to the Office and our Admin staff will book these for you. **Bookings close on Sunday 03 July.** The sooner you get your bookings in then hopefully you can get the time that is most suitable.*

*A reminder about lateness—for example yesterday, we had 31 students late to start class—and this is a normal day at school. **School starts at 9am sharp.** It is incredibly disruptive for teachers and other students when children are late into class. As well as this, the late students are missing key learning day after day, which hinders their progress and achievement.*

Have you been watching the TV program “Why Am I?” -It is an excellent look at Nature versus Nurture– it is still running or you can watch it on demand. The messages about raising our kids and their learning is outstanding as well as teaching them to take responsibility for their actions to ensure they are well adjusted and responsible adults.

Kind Regards, **Jan Robertson, Principal**



Conifer Grove School
Board of Trustees Elections

Declaration of
Parent Election Results

Parent Representative Nominees:

Umesh Patel
Robert Green
Olaf Van Daalen
Bevan Assink
Onesemo Old
Jarrod MacKenzie
Ngaira Pera
Eve Carter
Munita Pillay

After voting I hereby declare
the following duly elected:

**Umesh Patel
Robert Green
Olaf Van Daalen
Bevan Assink
Onesemo Old
Jarrod MacKenzie**

Signed: Janine Laing
Returning Officer



Year 4-8 Learning Conferences

Monday, 4th July and Wednesday, 6th July.
Online Bookings at: www.parentinterviews.co.nz
and enter the 'Event Code' which is: **4FWFQ**

All conferences will be held in the School Hall and will be 15 minutes in duration for each student. A reminder this is solely dedicated to learning and progress of the student and will be student led.

*****ALL STUDENTS will finish school early on these days and go home at 12:30**

EATING WELL at Conifer Grove School...

Staff have noticed the high intake of sugar, food colouring and salt levels in the packaged food our children are bringing to “feed” their brain during the day. We realize the pressure to give kids these items, however— PLEASE, sandwiches, fruit, and HEALTHY snacks are the best fuel for hungry minds and remember .. We are a Water ONLY school.

REMINDERS



Sickness-Flu Season is upon us with viruses running rampant –If your child is sick then it is in the best interest of your child, other students as well as our teachers that you keep your child home to rest and recuperate until they are well enough to return and are no longer contagious. A handy website to refer to is: www.kidshealth.org—it is full of great advice and information.

Reporting absences— use our text service or phone our 0800# to leave an absence message on our voicemail. The numbers are on the top of this Newsletter for your convenience.

"Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them" - Bruce Lee



Do you have any **carpet** no longer needed, in good condition? We are looking to carpet one of our offices in the school hall and need a large piece of approximately 3 metres by 4 metres. Thank you in advance!



****Special Request****

To enhance and expand our school's garden, we are requesting 4 good pallets so we can make some vertical gardens. If you know of anybody that can source these for us we would be

extremely grateful. Please contact the school office with the information. Thank you again- your continued support is vital to us.

CELEBRATE MATARIKI

"hoki whakamuri, kia anga whakamua"
"look to the past in order to forge the future"

**Listen, Learn, Share,
Sing, Celebrate...
Together.**

June/Pipiri is a celebration and time of culture, language, spirit and people.



Congratulations to...

Ethan H. & Joshua G.
Auckland Kiwis Basketball U14 Rep team won their grand final in Melbourne 46-34
Well Done Boys!!



Special recognition to Tyson G. & Chloe W. (CS05) for their Great Efforts in Writing! Outstanding!



TERM DIARY 2016

13-17 June	Matariki Week
15 June	ICAS—Spelling Yrs 7/8 Zone Rugby
16 June	ICAS—Writing
22 June	New Entrant visit 2—1:30-3pm
23 June	Junior Kapahaka Trip to Papakura Museum
24 June	Year 6-8 Girls Netball Winter Field Day
4th & 6th July	Years 4-8: 3-Way Conferences 1.30-6pm **All Students will finish at 12:30 on these days**
01 July	The Palace Dance Studio "Bubblegum" Performance—1:15 Cost: \$3 entry—Optional Attendance
05 July	East Tamaki Visit
08 July	END OF TERM 2
25 July	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
23 Sept.	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
10 Oct.	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
21 Oct.	BOT Holiday—NO SCHOOL
24 Oct.	LABOUR DAY—NO SCHOOL
29 Oct.	Marimba Festival— ASB Stadium

Community Notices

Women's Self-Defense Classes

Zero Gravity Martial Arts are running Women's introduction classes every Monday 7-8pm through the school terms. These classes are specifically designed to teach awareness and build confidence along with learning basic self-defence skills. We have a great learning environment with all fitness levels welcome! Come along and **TRY A CLASS FOR FREE**, bring a friend and make it a girls night out with a difference!
Phone Inger Craven 027-255-8050 or email inger@zqma.co.nz

STEELY 7'S

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

4-DAY PROGRAMME FROM 12TH - 15TH JULY AT ECOLIGHT STADIUM - 8.30am - 3pm
FOR BOYS & GIRLS YEAR 4 - YEAR 8

For more information - <http://www.steelers.co.nz/community-rugby/224/>
or email sarah.mercer@steelers.co.nz

\$160pp includes
T-SHIRT
DAILY MORNING TEA
SPOT PRIZES

Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways.

After \$2.5 million donated to the Starship Foundation from the sale of unwanted old mobile phones it is time for a new multi award winning NZ charity - Sustainable Coastline to benefit from this scheme.

It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into School any unwanted mobile phones you may have. Phones collected help our School gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the reception area at School.



**Year 4 - 8 Learning Conferences –
4th & 6th July 2016**

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Please book a time to meet with your child's class Teacher.

This conference will be student led and will be solely dedicated to the learning and progress of the student.

Each child will be allocated one time slot only (15 minute duration)

Students are to attend in school uniform.

1) Book online at www.parentinterviews.co.nz
(enter event code 4FWFQ and click GO)

OR

2) Return this form to the school office

as soon as possible indicating times suitable for you.

- Please include all family members on one form.
- A reminder slip will be sent home with your children the day before interviews.

<p>1) Student/s Names:</p> <p>.....CS.....</p> <p>.....CS.....</p> <p>.....CS.....</p> <p>.....CS.....</p>	<p>2) Choose a day: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mon 4th July or <input type="checkbox"/> Wed 6th July</p>
<p>3) Choose a time (15 minute appointments) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> please tick one</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1pm – 2pm <input type="checkbox"/> 2pm - 3pm <input type="checkbox"/> 3.45pm – 4pm <input type="checkbox"/> 5pm – 6pm</p>	

Yours sincerely
Jan Robertson, Principal

**On these two days
Parents are asked to please:
collect children from school at 12.30pm**