

28 May 2019 - Week 5 Term 2

School Closed TOMORROW 29 May - Teacher Strike

From the Principal

Talofa Lava,

Tomorrow will see a teacher mega strike with up to 800,000 children not attending school. Teachers are striking for better working conditions and pay. We recognise and appreciate the issues that teachers face, and please understand that the decision to strike without pay, is not one that has been taken lightly. We appreciate the support that the community has shown for all teachers and hope that a resolution can be made so that students and staff have better conditions.

Please make note of upcoming dates for Three-Way Learning Conferences, [school will finish early on these days for all students](#). Bookings for conferences will be online today (see information Page 2&3). It is vitally important that parents take this time out to share their child's learning journey and support them through this progress and achievement.

Friday saw our Te Ara Hou Whanau Fun Night, it was an excellent turn with over 30 parents and lots of students enjoying the fine spell of weather that we have been having. There were fun activities like gumboot throwing competition, a pukana face off and fantastic performances from our junior and senior kapa haka. The free sausage sizzle went down a treat!! A big thank you to all parents and staff who supported this wonderful event.

A reminder that Board of Trustees nominations have now closed, with 7 candidates nominated.

All eligible voters will be receiving voting papers and candidates statements in the post this week. We encourage you to vote for our next Board Of Trustees.

I would like to thank the current BOT who have been very active and supporting of the school in recent years. I would like to especially thank Olaf Van Daalen, our current BOT Chairperson, who has served on our BOT since 2013.

A reminder that school will also be closed on Monday 3rd June for Queen's Birthday long weekend.



Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal

Celebrating Excellence

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - May 2019

Congratulations to the following students for continually striving for Excellence:

- Sienna M.**
- Melevasitai V.**
- Divine R.-A.**
- Madeline C.**
- Te Raihe R.**
- Jeraline Y.**
- Xander W.**

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KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Timata & Whanake
May, 2019**

Reception	Amelia W.
Room 1	John F.
Room 2	Taiga K.
Room 3	Brett C.
Room 4	Rehmat K.
Room 5	Isla Millett
Room 6	Sasmeka M.
Room 7	Nathan D.
Room 8	Silvana R.
Room 13	Lakshita A.
Room 14	Lilly P.
Room 15	Nimisha P.
Room 16	Kamya D.
Food tech	Isaac C.

**Conifer Grove School
2019 Board of Trustees' Elections**

All eligible voters will be receiving voting papers in the post this week.

You may vote for up to 5 candidates.

Please return your completed voting papers in the envelope provided by noon on 7th June to:
The Returning Officer
Conifer Grove School Office
Evanda Cres
Conifer Grove
TAKANINI

Voting papers will be accepted if delivered in person, or by mail. No email votes are permitted.

Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.
J Laing, Returning Officer

2019 ICAS Exams

If you would like your child to participate in these exams please click [here](#) for more information



3 Way Conferences - Mid Year Reports

WHEN: Tues 25 & Thurs 27 June

School finishes at 12.30pm for all students on both days.

Parents/Caregivers are invited to book a time to meet with your child/ren's teacher/s. These conferences will be student led and will be solely dedicated to the learning and progress of the child, and their mid year progress report.

Conferences run from 12.50pm to 7pm on both days.

To Book online click on event code: [MWNFKLDT](#)

Or return the form on page 3 to the school office

Each child will be allocated one time slot only (20 minute duration)
Students are to attend in full school uniform.

Measles in Auckland schools

Please vaccinate your child or young person if they have not had one measles (MMR) vaccine. It is free at your GP.

Students in a class with someone who has measles may be asked to stay home for one to two weeks, if they have had no MMR vaccinations.

Students with one or more MMR vaccinations can still attend school.

Check your child's immunisation records in their Well Child/Tamariki Ora book or ring your GP clinic.

Tell your GP or after hours clinic if you suspect measles before you arrive, so you don't infect others.

Symptoms: cough, runny nose, fever, sore red eyes, then a rash.

Measles info at: arphs.health.nz/measles



Reminders

- 27 May - 5 June** Samoan Language Week
- 29 May** **TEACHERS STRIKE SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 31 May** Whole School Assembly
- 3 June** **Queen's Birthday - NO SCHOOL**
- 4 June** ASB St John in Schools
- 5 June** Whanake Yr 5&6 Winter Sports Day
- 5 June** Matariki
- 5 June** New Entrant Visit 2-3pm
- 7 June** Year 7&8 Tough Guy/Gal Ngaruawahia
- 7 June** BOT Election Day
- 11 June** Yr 7&8 Winter Field Days
- 18 June** Yr 7&8 Boys Hockey
- 18 June** BOT Meeting
- 25 June** 3-way Conferences school finishes 12.30pm
- 27 June** 3-way Conferences school finishes 12.30pm
- 27 June** Eye on Nature Wearable Arts
- 28 June** Whole School Cross Country
- 2 July** Tip Top Trip Room 17 & 19, 21 & 22
- 3 July** Tip Top Room 18 & 20
- 3 July** New Entrant Visit 2-3pm
- 5 July** **Term 2 finishes at 3pm**
- 22 July** **Term 3 starts**
- 3-12 Sep** ICAS Exams
- 27 Sept** **Term 3 finishes**
- 14 Oct** **Term 4 starts**
- 18 Dec** **Term 4 ends**

HAEMATA NEWS

Every Monday Haemata will have their Cross Country practice. Students are required to bring their PE gear and sensible footwear. Please ensure that this is all packed and ready to go. The school Cross Country is an excellent way for our students to challenge themselves and do their very best.
Regards, Team Haemata

POSSIBLE SCHOOL UNIFORM OPTION

I am working with the school to see if families would like trousers added as a uniform option for all students.

Trousers would provide our children comfort and warmth. Cold children struggle concentrating in class and keeping warm can prevent illness. Current school uniforms are based on styles from decades ago, that were wool based. Today's uniforms are polyester and the wind goes straight through.

If you would like to join a community group to determine if there is an interest in adding trousers to uniform options, please get in touch. We are interested in the voice of our children as well as the community. Contact me directly: Kylie Dudfield kylieududfield@gmail.com

PTA News

Thank you to all who came along to our Quiz Night. It was a fun and very successful night. A huge thanks to our Gold Sponsors Heather Obern and Kevin Arthur - Ray White Manukau.

We are well into planning our Gala and more information will follow.

Save the Date: **SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER**

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Trish Le Prou, Great Times Out of School Care, Ph 0275180077



Have you seen our fantastic new mural...

Mrs Denton's Art Group have just finished this amazing masterpiece (outside back entrance to Room 14) which is made entirely from bottle tops. Thanks to everyone who has donated bottle tops!



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OR

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 will be sent home with your child/ren the day before interviews.

Student/s Name/s	Room	Day		1-3	Time 4-5	5-6	6-7
		Wed	Thurs				

If your would like a confirmation email of appt time please enter your email address:



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