

Tuesday, 02 May 2017

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. A very sunny and chilly start to the term but everyone is focused and ready to learn. At the end of last term, we celebrated "Conifer's Got Talent" - Congratulations to all our fantastic students who participated and made us so proud. Keep up that hard work, you all really shined.

Our focus for Term 2 is Empathy— to see with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling with the heart of another. Exerts from a recent article tell us that empathetic kids succeed in our "all about me" world.

Students are successful when they understand and appreciate others, they are more able to collaborate, innovate and problem solve. Students who are empathetic are less inclined to be involved in bullying, self absorbing and cheating. Overall, they are happier and have great self esteem. Cultivating empathy is a must do—caring and kindness is the right thing to do. - "Why kids need more empathy"— Michelle Borba

Remember to book out these dates—Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th July (last week of Term 2) for Year 4-8 Learning Conferences. Plan to come along to share and celebrate your childs amazing learning and what their next steps are to progress. Bookings will open online / in the office in a few weeks.

Have a great week everyone

Ngā mihi, **Jan Robertson, Principal**

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The Student Council would like to start off Term 2 with some fun for the whole school.

On **Wednesday 17 May**, the Student Council will put on games, during lunch time, to raise funds for a Leadership Conference they will be attending. So bring your pocket money and get involved. They will have an obstacle course, sack race, soccer kick, guess the lollies, face-painting and more. Ice blocks will be on sale - no other kinds of food, so bring your lunch. (Note: in case of rain, no games will occur but ice blocks will be sold still).

**Amendment to Conifer Grove School Enrolment Scheme**



The deadline for these submissions has been extended to 30 May 2017. Members of the community are invited to make comment regarding this proposed enrolment scheme in writing to our Board of Trustees. Email: bot@cgschool.ac.nz

The School farewells Ms. Jo Petrie and welcomes Ms. Dianne Hayman to CS01.

We would also like to thank Mr. Chris Taylor for a magnificent job of re-painting the lines and preparing the school to start Term 2 after all the rain and dirt everywhere.

Congratulations, also to Jo Petrie who recently won a Bronze medal for badminton!

**TECHNOLOGY FEES FOR YEARS 6,7,8**

**TERM 2 FEES ARE NOW DUE. WE THANK THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID THEIR FEES.** Reminders will be sent home this week. Students are able to pay \$3 per week as an alternative option. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



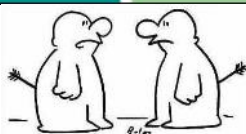
**Scholastic Book Orders are due in by NEXT FRIDAY—13th May**



**Empathy— Term 2 Learning Focus**

<p><b>Empathy</b> Feeling the same emotions as the other person.</p>	<p><b>Sympathy</b> Feeling sorrow or concern for the other person.</p>
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It is important we discuss with our children the word empathy and its importance — What does it mean? How do we demonstrate empathy? Why is it important?



"I know exactly how you feel."

**Empathy is**

seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another, and feeling with the heart of another.

*Thank You*

A huge thank you to Aaron Beard from SWIFT Access for his very generous donation of a swift lift. For all your scissor lifting and access hire contact Aaron on 0800 2 SWIFT

Also, we would like to thank the Stewart Family for their generous donation of Disney DVD's—they will be much loved by our Timata students.

Thank you to those families who have generously donated to pay towards the upcoming camps that help towards the funding so all of our students have the opportunity to attend. If you would also like to make a donation to sponsor a child, please contact the school office.

## ***"Quote of the week"***

If you have spare time, read this article about growing up with consequences—  
[http://www.moultrienews.com/opinion/teacher-to-parent---positive-reinforcement-doesn-t-work/article\\_cf5c0206-2522-11e7-98ed-b3a9b0e7d4f6.html](http://www.moultrienews.com/opinion/teacher-to-parent---positive-reinforcement-doesn-t-work/article_cf5c0206-2522-11e7-98ed-b3a9b0e7d4f6.html)

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL MESSAGES

⇒ **Class Photos - TOMORROW—**  
Wednesday 03 May



⇒ The Year 5/6 camp that was scheduled for next week has unfortunately been postponed due to the repair work from the floods not being completed on time.  
**\*\*The camp will now be from Monday 28 to Wednesday 30 August\*\*.**

### PTA NEWS

## 2017/18 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



The Entertainment Fundraiser is NEW at Conifer Grove School and we're sure it will become one of our favourites! The memberships sell for \$70 and 20% of that contributes to supporting essential sports equipment.

You can order your Book or Digital Membership securely online at: [www.entbook.co.nz/953w38](http://www.entbook.co.nz/953w38) or alternatively you may fill out an order form (available at the school office), enclosed with payment to receive your new Entertainment Book.

.....on sale now—please feel free to contact Nikki, School PTA 02102936212 or via email [coniferpta@gmail.com](mailto:coniferpta@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## TERM DIARY 2017

03 May	PhotoLife here today—Class Photos only
04 May	Year 7/8 Orienteering
08 May	Te Ara Hou-Whanau Hui—6pm in CS10
08-10 May	Years 5/6 Camp Adair <b>POSTPONED</b>
09 May	Year 7/8 Zone Boys Soccer
10 May	New Entrants Visit 1
14 May	Mothers Day
17 May	New Entrants Visit 2 School Council Games Day at lunch time
22 May	BOT Meeting 6:30
23 May	ICAS Digital Tech exam Years 4-8 Year 7/8 Girls Zone Soccer
25 May	National Young Leaders Conference
30 May	ICAS Science Exam Years 4-8
05 June	Queen's Birthday—NO SCHOOL
08 June	Student Leaders Mud Run – Hamilton
12 June	ICAS Writing Exam Yrs 4-8
14 June	NE Visit ICAS Spelling Exam Yrs 4-8
16 June	Yr 7/8 Netball
19 June	NE Intake Yr 3 & 4—Stardome Trip
22 June	Yr 5 & 6 Stardome Trip
03 July	Timata to Papakura Marae <b>**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12:30 TODAY 1pm—Yrs 4-8 Learning Conferences</b>
04 July	Year 7/8 Zone Hockey Boys New Entrant Visit 1:30 pm
05 July	<b>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12:30 TODAY: 1pm—Years 4-8 Learning Conferences</b>
07 July	TERM 2 Ends

### CLASS PHOTOS—TOMORROW!

Order forms must be returned to the School Office **NO LATER THAN** tomorrow morning - by 9 am. We have spare order forms available in the school office if you need. Payment can be made by credit card, internet banking or cheque—paid directly to PhotoLife, thank you.



### COMMUNITY NOTICES



Papakura Junior Basketball— Now at two locations!

Papakura Leisure Centre (Papakura) and Pulmen Arena (Takanini)

Starts Friday—7th May (registration for both venues at Papakura Leisure Centre— 294 Great South Road—5:30pm

Enrol as an individual or as a team. For more information please visit [www.sporty.co.nz/papakurajuniorbasketball](http://www.sporty.co.nz/papakurajuniorbasketball)  
 email: [keepingkidsactive1@gmail.com](mailto:keepingkidsactive1@gmail.com) or call 021 286 8288



**Great Times is pleased to announce that we will be offering Before School Care at Conifer Grove School from Term 2, 2017.**

**Hours 7am – 8.30am, Breakfast provided**

If this service can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to talk to one of our staff located at the school hall daily or contact Trish on 027 518 0077 for more information.

**After School Art & Craft Classes— Wednesday afternoons, 3-6 p.m.** - only 4 placements available – book now Cost: \$20 and includes: Pickup, afternoon tea, Homework \*Mosaics, \*Pottery, \*Jewelry, \*Handmade Cards, etc .  
 Contact Debbie: 027 4990 166 or visit [www.moZaics.co.nz](http://www.moZaics.co.nz)