

Wednesday, 03 February 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back everybody to a very positive and exciting start to 2016. A special welcome to new staff members; Assistant Principal—Lee-Anne Maxwell; Haemata Senior Team Leader and CS 19 teacher— Jayne Senington; CS 16 David Munro; CS 21 Lucy Lane; CS 03 Annette Grayson. A special thank you to class teachers and admin staff for their efforts and hard work in ensuring 2016 begins so efficiently. Also thanks to Chris Taylor for our lovely tidy school to start our school year.

The students are focused and very happy to be back with their friends and once again involved in their learning. It is important for parents to take an active role in students' learning, so remember to ask them questions on a daily basis about their goals, and different subjects and what learning they find challenging, fun and their next steps for reaching goals. It is important to always have positive conversations about school as this will ensure your child also feels positive about learning and interacting with others.

We started Term 1 with an excellent assembly to welcome new teachers and students and were very impressed with our students' singing and great behaviour—a positive start to Term 1.

Should parents have any concerns or wish to discuss students progress (once they have settled in) feel free to contact the office or the teacher concerned to make an appointment for this. It is not convenient for parents to address any issues at length before school or after school when teachers are preparing or attending meetings. Our team leaders are listed in bold print (please see staff list) and our year level leaders are indicated by 'YLL'.

Parents please see class teachers first followed by Year Level Leaders, and then Senior Team Leaders if you have issues to discuss.

Have a wonderful first week back at school—enjoy another long weekend for Waitangi Day and we will see you back on Tuesday!

Always think SAFETY FIRST.

Kind Regards **Jan Robertson, Principal**

Classes & Teachers for 2016

Teams & Class Space	Teacher
Kotahitanga	Years 6/7/8
CS 11	Graeme Parsons -Y8 YLL
CS 10	Jackie Kingi
CS 09	Rebecca Ledingham
CS 12	Danielle McQuinn
CS 14	Kulbir Nand- Y6 YLL
CS 08	Nicky Stewart— Y7 YLL
CS 07	Quenten Brown
Haemata	Years 3/4/5
CS 15	Darel-Anne Carpenter
CS 16	David Munro
CS 17	Fergus Lang - Y5 YLL
CS 18	Elyse Johnson
CS 19	Jayne Senington- Y4 YLL
CS 20	Pauline Hartnoll - Y3 YLL
CS 21	Lucy Lane
CS 22	Jemma Abernathy
Timata	Years 0/1/2
CS 05	Katie Brooks
CS 04	Sally Davidson Y1 YLL
CS 03	Annette Grayson
CS 02	Janice Metcalfe
CS 01	Maria Robb- Y2 YLL
CS R	Natalie Hooker - NE YLL
CS R	Robyn Aston

Specialist Teachers

Tech	Michael Lim
Tech	Rebekah Gage
Music	Lynnette Denton

Admin/Support Staff

Office Manager	Janine Laing
Admin	Jodi Eames and Stephanie Yearbury
Accounts	Sandra Read
Library	Sonja Brown

"Quote of the week"

Children that aren't taught accountability for their actions grow up to become adults that think nothing they do is wrong



UNIFORM SHOP



HELPERS {Desperately} NEEDED: Are you able to assist in our Uniform Shop this year? It is on a roster-like system and is not more than an hour in any given week. If you are available or have any questions, please contact the School Office with your details.

Uniform Shop Hours are as follows:
MONDAY MORNINGS 8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m.
THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 3:00p.m. -3:30p.m.



A Tip..... For avoiding premature sun fading on clothing/uniforms; It is recommended that uniforms (and any dark coloured clothing) are washed inside-out and then dried in the shade to avoid premature colour fading on fabric. The sun in New Zealand is extremely harsh so these steps will ensure longer colour fastness.



A reminder that wearing Sun Hats is compulsory during Term 1 and 4 - they are available for purchase through the School Office OR the Uniform



The lost property box is **OVERFLOWING** — please come and have a look and see if any of the items belong to your child/ren/family.

It is located in the School Office for your convenience. It fills daily with all sorts of goodies-even the odd shoe!



A reminder of the importance of updating the office with any change of contact details, especially mobile phone numbers. It is crucial that we are able to get in touch with you in case of an emergency with your child during school, and we are unfortunately experiencing an increase in wrong numbers when our texts are sent out in the mornings for absentee notifications.

TERM DIARY 2016

08 Feb	Waitangi Day—NO SCHOOL
15 Feb	Kotahitanga Swimming at Massey Pools
17 Feb	Haemata Sports Day
02 March	SCHOOL OPEN EVENING/MEET THE TEACHERS THEN A PTA SPECIAL FUN EVENT FOR FAMILIES
25 March TO 29 March	Easter Friday—NO SCHOOL Easter Monday— NO SCHOOL Easter Tuesday—NO SCHOOL
15 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
02 May	First Day of Term 2

2016 TERM DATES

Teacher Only Day - 28 January 2015

TERM	STARTS	ENDS
TERM 1	STARTS 2 Feb	ENDS 15 April
	Waitangi Day Easter Daylight Savings ends 3 April	8 February 25 – 29 March (100 half days)
TERM 2	STARTS 2 May	ENDS 8 July
	Queen's Birthday	6 June (98 half days)
TERM 3	STARTS 25 July	ENDS 23 Sept
		(90 half days)
TERM 4	STARTS 10 Oct	ENDS 16 Dec
	Labour Day	24 October (98 half days) (Total 386 half days)



School Stationery 2016.....

Class packs are available through OfficeMax. You can either buy online OR in-store.

Shop online: www.myschool.co.nz Simply select Conifer Grove School and your child's year level for 2016.

Community Notices



JUNIOR TEAMS TRIAL DATE
WED 10TH FEBRUARY 2016
from 5pm–7PM
 AT THE CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL NETBALL COURTS



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