

**Tuesday, 16 February 2016**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

*To Parents and Caregivers*

*Thank you all staff, students and parents for your great efforts in making the start of 2016 so positive and settled. We couldn't have asked for a better way to kick off 2016.*

*Thanks also to students for the way you demonstrate our school values and work hard at using these at school and hopefully at home. Given the recent and on going news items, I believe that personal responsibility may be one of the best qualities we can teach our students. There will always be consequences for wrong doings and it is so vitally important that we teach acceptance of these and understand that teaching our kids, (next generation adults) to be responsible for their actions, and make good decisions simply because it is the right thing to do. It can also potentially save the possibilities of tragedy and heartbreak. For all those around them who are also affected in many ways.*

*We will be sending information home this week about the changes to "Reporting to Parents " in 2016. Changes in times and the way this is carried out will affect Years 0 to 3 students the most -so PLEASE when you receive this, keep it to refer to over the year.*

*We understand how exciting it is to have a birthday at school, however we ask that if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday with the class, you limit it to one bag of sweets as a treat, it is not possible for us to have lots of cakes, homemade goodies or huge amounts of chocolate, cupcakes, etc. at school. This is in the interest of allergies and personal choice in regards to sugar intake and dietary concerns.*

*The PTA is holding a School Open Evening (please see below for more information), this is a great opportunity for a nice family evening and to meet your child/ren's teacher(s) and enjoy all the activities planned for the evening. We hope to see you there.*

*Have a great week everybody.*

**Kind regards, Jan Robertson— Principal**

**In addition to our List of Staffing 2016 (in our previous Newsletter) our wonderful Support Staff is as follows:**

<b>Part-Time Teachers for 2016</b>	
Andrea Ng Waishing	
Linda Roberts	
Linda Bohse-Mansell—Sign Language	
Louise Faire	

<b>Teacher Aides for 2016</b>	
Irene Tuit	Carol Luxton
Dianne McMurtrie	Gail Lovelock
Lorna Gill	Lianne Dixon
Saraj Parsot — ESOL	Rowena Pearse— Rainbow Reading



**WEARABLE ARTS 2016**

Students can make a costume/or accessorize at home. Parents are allowed to help.

**Categories: A.—Accessories** (can be done at home or school):

= Shoes, Hats, Handbags/Manbags, Jewellery, Glasses

**Category C.— Costumes:** (Can be made at home with/without parent help) — Themes are as follows:

- 1) NZ Water-Swamp Thing, Taniwha, rainbow, Rivers, Lakes, etc.
- 2) Recycled—any theme you like
- 3) Cosmic Couture High Fashion of the future, shiny, iridescent, illuminated.
- 4) Minecraft inspired
- 5) Pacifica Nature / Fauna / Flora

**Garments must be made from:** Household, industrial, manmade waste (nothing new), Reused, recycled clothing, objects and fabric offcuts. **\*\*Garments must be able to walk up stairs onto the catwalk, for the 2 performances.**

**\*\*Parade will be held during Week 11—Wednesday, 13th April\***

**Supporting success in your school.**

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

**\$1,000**

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016. ASB lending criteria, and terms apply. Fees may apply. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property. This donation offer is only available when you apply for new home lending through an ASB branch, contact centre or mobile lending manager. Other terms apply. For full details and to download the voucher visit [asb.co.nz/schoolbanking](http://asb.co.nz/schoolbanking).

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## **REMINDERS:**

### \* Biking or Scooting to School \*

A helmet must be worn. No helmet—no bike or scooter please. Bikes and scooters should be locked—the school is not responsible for looking after bikes and scooters.

### \* Safety at the School gate \*

Parking opposite school on Evanda Crescent is illegal from:

8.45—9.00 am and 2.45—3.15 pm

Please ensure you park appropriately and recognise the need to keep all our students safe.

### \* Walking to and from School \*

We have an ideal area to walk to and from school. Why not organise among yourselves to do this? Walking is great for your health, for our environment and also for traffic congestion at our gates.

### \* Healthy Eating \*

Please ensure items in your child's lunchbox are healthy. Please no fizzy drinks, chocolate, lollies at school.

### \*School Office\*

Please respect the Admin environment as this is a work space, so if you could keep noise to a minimum and ensure this is a 'walk only' zone.

### \*SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS\*

Book Orders are due into the School Office no later than this Thursday, 18th February, thank you.

### \*Uniform Ship Hours\* are as follows:

MONDAY MORNINGS 8:30a.m. - 9:00a.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 3:00p.m.-3:30p.m.

**\*\*Have you read through and discussed with your child / signed & returned the Conifer Grove CYBER SAFETY PLEDGE yet?**

### **\*\*NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT\*\***

'SPIRIT DAY' IS BEING POSTPONED FROM THIS THURSDAY AND CHANGED TO THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY— IT WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE 25TH FEBRUARY. THE THEME is being decided by each individual Class Space, so communication with your child/ren's Teacher will help in planning their fun Spirit Day outfits. Thank you.

## **Community Notices**

**World Class Education in Karaka**


ACG Strathallan

**Open Day**

Saturday 12 March. 10.30am-2.30pm



## **TERM DIARY 2016**

17 Feb	Haemata Sports Day
<del>18 Feb</del> 25th Feb	Spirit Day — classes to determine individual 'themes'
02 March 	<b>SCHOOL OPEN EVENING/MEET THE TEACHERS THEN A PTA SPECIAL FUN EVENT FOR FAMILIES 5:30-7:30p.m.</b>
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

## **SCHOOL HOURS:**

Teaching time is 9am to 3pm—please ensure your children are at school by 8.45 am. If parents have an appointment during these hours for their child we ask you to come to the Office to sign them out. A staff member will collect or call for your child to come from class.

**It is not appropriate (under Health & Safety Guidelines) or a matter of courtesy for parents to arrive in a classroom during teaching time to collect students.**

Please do your utmost best to ensure students are here *before* 9 am and stay until 3 pm most days. All those little bits of absence add up to be a lot and we want all our students to get the best opportunity to learn.

**Parents: Please do not be on school grounds until 2.50 pm each day to collect your children. Classes are busy tidying up and preparing to end the school day.**

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

## **2016 School Open Evening**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

The school will be open from 5.30pm – 7.30pm for a family evening to meet teachers and take part in a family picnic and games evening.

### **5.30pm**

Parents and students to go to classrooms to meet teachers and listen to a short presentation about their child's class  
-goals and expectations  
-2016 year programs

There will also be written information covering team/class expectations for you to take home.

This is not a parent interview, but it is a chance to meet your child's teacher and discuss communication avenues for 2016.

### **6.15pm**

Picnic on the field (please bring your own)

For sale will be:

Sausages \$1.50

Ice Blocks \$1.50

### **6.45 – 7.30pm**

Games & activities organised by the PTA