

Wednesday 30 March 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back after an amazing Easter break— the weather was superb and a beautiful time of the year. Staff and students are feeling refreshed and ready for a busy few weeks before the end of term.

Thanks to the amazing RRT (Rapid Relief Team) for their fundraiser at Bunnings for our school in light of our stolen Speakers—The school is very grateful for your support and the fundraising will go along way towards replacing these.

PLEASE parents and students, can we try really hard to make improvements around the issue of lateness (not just the odd lateness) but when students are late day after day. This is really disruptive to teachers and students who have already started their day with key learning concepts—students who are often late also miss these. This lateness also concerns after school pickups as well with some students still here on a regular basis 30-40 minutes after the 3 o'clock bell. We do understand the odd time when you have been held up and notify the school urgently at that time. Please enrol your children in After-school Care, rather than expect school staff to supervise at this time. Thank you.

The Board of Trustees and school staff have been working through the new Health and Safety guidelines. It is important that we do all we can to ensure all our students and staff are safe at school; please read below the playground guidelines and also ensure that all messages and visitors to the school are made through the school office. It is for this reason as well that we ask that parents remain off school grounds until 2:50 each day to collect your children. We need to work together to ensure our students and staff are as safe as can be, physically and emotionally.

You will have noticed in the media recently about sugar and soft drinks— here at Conifer Grove School we have always been a water only school—So remember to bring drink bottles everyday to fuel your body.

Coming up on the 20th of May (early next term) is Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day. Help us celebrate Caring/Manaaki as one of our school values but also a way of life.

Have a fabulous short week everybody — and GO THE BLACK CAPS!!

Kind Regards

Jan Robertson, Principal

SPORTS RESULTS

NORTH COUNTIES SWIMMING

Congratulations to our swimming team who competed at the North Counties Swimming Sports. Tian Z: 2nd place Y7 Boys 50m Backstroke; Butterfly; 100m Freestyle; 3rd place & 50m Freestyle.

Nathan P: 3rd place Y7 Boys backstroke; Breast-stroke and our Y7 Girls who finished 3rd in the relay: Mariken, Jessie, Indianna, Mackenzie.

Tian and Nathan were also selected to represent the group at the Counties meet.

COUNTIES CRICKET

A huge effort last week from our team who managed to finish 3rd in the Counties Zone tournament. We only lost our semi final by 3 runs! We were also the only school to have a mixed gender team in the tournament. The behaviour, sports-personship and values our team played with were outstanding and great role-modelling for the whole school. (Ethan H, Reuben P (C) Vandan P, Haithan A, Nathan P, Mackenzie B, Gian W, Gurjeet S, Roman W, Danielle W, Tina P)

WEARABLE ARTS 2016—ANOTHER REMINDER!

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. Do not bring any accessories or completed costumes to school until we ask for them (After Easter sometime).

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



****Also—please save all milk/juice bottle tops (all colours) and bring to the Music Room, thank you. ****

"Quote of the week"

"Children are like wet cement—whatever falls on them makes an impression"



- Amber H. –** Displaying School Values of Respect and Caring
- Celeste N. –** for being an excellent role model by displaying Leadership and Respect
- Jason J. –** For an excellent display of Respect, Organization, and Initiative
- Chalisa B. –** For showing incredible amounts of Respect, Organization, Leadership and Initiative

Friendly Reminders 

****PHONE MESSAGES****

We also would like to encourage you to discuss with your child/ren, alternate plans whenever delays may occur for after school pickups, as traffic and other uncontrollable circumstances often arise and we have seen an increase in phone calls with various message requests, which is sometimes difficult to deliver at the end of the school day. Having a "Plan B if..." alleviates any distress if your child happens to find you not at school after the bell. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping phone traffic to a minimal at such a busy time of the day.

**** NO SPEAKERS ****

As many of you already know, our speakers were unfortunately stolen, making the task of trying to call children from outside the classroom that need to leave school early for appointments (or various other reasons) - extremely difficult—especially late in the school day when students are doing various sports and tech. Please schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible, thank you!

**** PLAYING AT SCHOOL ****

Conifer Grove School has been reviewing Health & Safety at School and has some concerns in regard to "Playing at School" after 3pm on fields and playgrounds.

Students should not be playing on site before or after school, even with parent permission and supervision. The school takes no responsibility for students on site after the end of the school day.

The only students in the school at this time are After School Care and organized clubs who lease our facilities and are responsible for their students.

Pre-schoolers:

Parents, could you please ensure that your pre-schoolers are supervised by you at all times. The school takes no responsibility for pre-schoolers in the playground and they should not be on our playgrounds which are designed for older students.


FIJI RELIEF COLLECTION—(CHANGE OF COLLECTION DATE)!
Our Student Council is currently collecting **NEW OR QUALITY USED clothing items** to be sent to the villages affected from the cyclone.

**** PINK SHIRT DAY ****

As part of our School Value of Caring — Conifer Grove School will be participating in **Pink Shirt Day**, to be held on **Friday, 20th May**. Please bring a Pink shirt to wear on this day in support of the Anti-Bullying theme "Together we can prevent bullying in Aotearoa".

Community Notice



 TERM DIARY 2016	
06 April	Sports Day for Year 5/6 New Entrants Visit—1:30 Fiji Relief Collection Day-quality goods - CS 13
07 April	Games Day Year 7/8 Rip Rugby
11 April	CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3 off to Auckland Museum BOT Meeting—6:30 p.m.
12 April	CS R, CS 4 and CS 5 off to Auckland Museum Year 7/8 Zone Futsal
13 April	**WEARABLE ARTS PARADE**
15 April	ANZAC Service Assembly—Students only * LAST DAY OF TERM 1 *
02 May	First Day of Term 2
20 May	PINK SHIRT DAY
29 October	Marimba Festival— ASB Stadium



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Becoming a school trustee could be one of the most rewarding roles you have.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. Step forward and nominate yourself or someone you know by filling out a nomination form available from your school.

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SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
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Community Notices

CANOE DAY 2016—Free Event— Sunday 10th April 11.30-3pm Youngs Road Beach, Cliff Road, Papakura—Cook Islands Waka, Coastguards, canoes, kayaks, free bouncy castles, sausage sizzle, games & activities

EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS: Thank you for your support!!!

TIMATA		
1 ST	Lucas Taylor	CS Reception
2 nd	Pranay Chand	CS Reception
3 rd	Eden Loneko	CS Reception
HAEMATA		
1 ST	Luka Blakelock	CS 19
2 ND	Trent McVeigh	CS 19
3 RD	Liam Neighbour	CS 15
KOTAHITANGA		
1 ST	Ethan Foo	CS 14
2 ND	Jake Hodder	CS 14
3 RD	Surleen Saggi	CS 9