



Tuesday, 22 August 2017

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** (as you would have seen in numerous emails and newsletters) —  
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR OUR HOLIDAY THIS FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST.  
THIS DAY WILL BE MADE UP AT THE END OF TERM 4.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3 has been incredibly busy with students and staff alike involved in many school activities over recent weeks. We encourage parents and teachers alike to make contact where needed about student concerns. Please email to set up a time to meet—it is often not something that can be addressed over a phone/email so meet up and discuss any issues. Please don't just arrive at school and expect the teacher or senior management to meet with you at that time — as with our doctors/lawyers/dentist/hairdresser etc.— it is a common courtesy to ring and make an appointment at a time is convenient for BOTH parties.

Mr. Raj Dullabh (current Deputy Principal) will be Acting Principal at Conifer Grove School in Term 4. The Board of Trustees will then advertise the Principal position and go through the process, with outside consultancy, to appoint Conifer Grove's new school Principal for 2018.

Congratulations to our students who have been training and competing in Counties North Cross Country events. Year 7 and 8 Teams did exceptionally well with year 5 and 6 this week. All results will be in the next newsletter.

The new playground (Years 1-4) will be up and running in the next few weeks once some landscaping has been completed. A special thank you to PTA (past and present) for their fantastic contributions towards this as well as Board of Trustees and North South Trust.

At this stage of the year we are starting to consider enrolment numbers for 2018— IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE IN THE AREA OR AT CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL IN 2018 CAN YOU PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Also if you have or know any IN-ZONE 4 year olds who will be enrolling next year please email the school with the name of the child and date of birth.

### Safety Concerns

- There have been some concerns recently about behaviour from our students on the way home from school. Many of these incidents are occurring at the local dairy where some children have been threatened. We suggest that if you want your child to buy something from the dairy before or after school, they should be accompanied by an adult. Thank you to those parents who DO look out for other students and let us know, so we can in turn inform parents about these incidents to help keep our kids safe.
- Please talk to your children about what happens when they are waiting a long time for you at the school gate or can't find their parent after school—we encourage all children to PLEASE go to the school office so we can make contact with you. We do remind children about this here at school so your help in reinforcing this is appreciated.

How exciting that the Haemata and Kotahitanga team got to meet two players from the Warriors and hear all about the team and their perseverance and being part of the team. It is always so inspiring for our young athletes to be able to engage in this way with their mentors.

Have a great week everyone.

Kind regards, **Jan Robertson, Principal**

### Team Updates

Please note changes to team leadership for Term 3 & 4 should you need to make contact.

- **Timata:** Sally Davidson— Year 0, 1 & 2  
Team Focus: Amazing Structures - as part of Technology. Timata teachers have noticed great progress by most students in our key curriculum areas of Literacy and Maths. Please continue to support your child's learning and ensure they are attending school each day unless they are sick.
- **Haemata:** Jayne Senington — Year 3 & 4  
Team Focus: Haemata students are finishing the topic of Space and will be moving forward onto studying Plants. A new enrichment programme has begun, focusing on art, sewing, science, technology, sort and debating. The team is looking at Service to our community with CS19 continuing the Roots of Empathy
- **Whanake:** Nicky Stewart — Year 5 & 6  
Team Focus: Whanake students will be concentrating on Financial Literacy, Camp/Outdoor Education, Hydroponics, Plastics Recycling, Science Roadshow as well as the Oral Language Competition. These STEM Subjects ( Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) have been the focus of our year to date—exciting programs and very engaged students
- **Kotahitanga:** Jackie Kingl—Year 8, Kulbir Nand— Year 7 and Rebekah Gage—Team Communicator  
Team Focus: Kotahitanga continue their programs to include Science, Health, Te Reo, NZ History, Digital Media, Food Technology and Hard Materials. Excellent creations from these areas of Technology. Students are very involved in lunch time sports and Team PE fitness and sport. Year 8's are currently enrolling for High Schools following their talks from Rosehill College Principal S. Blakely.

### School Policy Reminders



Conifer Grove School will not tolerate any racial discrimination of any kind—at any time. This is unacceptable and parents will be notified if students are involved in this bullying at school.

Drugs, alcohol, weapons/knives of any description are NOT permitted on school grounds at any time.

Police will be involved immediately should we have any concerns and are visiting regularly to reinforce our stance.

**Papakura Principal's Association  
Rehu Tai Festival of Oral Language 2017**

A very special congratulations goes to Emma-Lee P.K. who represented our school at the annual Oral Language Competition, and earned herself a great result—  
Year 5 & 6 Spoken Word Runner Up. Well done!



**Papakura Year 6 Mathex Competition**

Congratulations to all of our students who recently participated in the Mathex Competition last Tuesday evening. Of considerable mention is that one of our teams consisting of Jeremy F., Zaid A., Dayle A., and Shivali M., finished **1st** place overall - What a fabulous achievement and result of all your hard work!

**Daffodil Day**

It is that time of year again where our school is supporting the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day Fundraiser Appeal. Daffodils are now available for purchase in the School Office with a Gold Coin donation. We thank you in advance in your continued support in this worthy cause. For more information or to learn of more ways you may be able to help, visit their website; <https://auckland-northland.cancernz.org.nz>



**TERM DIARY 2017**

23 Aug	Year 5/6 Zone X Country at Te Hihi School
25 Aug	<b>THIS FRIDAY — BOT APPROVED HOLIDAY— ***NO SCHOOL****</b>
28-30 Aug	Yr 7 & 8 Selected Students Zone XC
28-30 Aug	Year 5/6 Camp Adair
30 Aug	New Entrant Visit 1:30
01 Sept	Year 7&8 Basketball
02 Sept	Marimba Festival
06 Sept	New Entrant Visit 2—1:30
08 Sept	Year 7/8 Zone Badminton
11 Sept	New Entrants Intake
12 Sept	Year 3 & 4 Botanical Gardens Trip
19 Sept	PTA Meeting— ALL Welcome—in the office staffroom— 6:30 p.m.
29 Sept	<b>Term 3 ENDS at 3pm</b>
16 Oct	<b>Term 4 BEGINS New Entrant Intake</b>
23 Oct	<b>Labour Day—NO SCHOOL</b>
27 Oct	<b>PTA— Halloween Disco</b>
14 Nov	Kids for Kids Choir
15 Nov	New Entrants Visit 1:30pm
17 Nov	Year 7 & 8 - Zone Athletics
22 Nov	New Entrant Visit 1:30
25 Nov	PTA Event—Cultural Festival—
27 Nov	Final New Entrant Intake for 2017
15 Dec	<b>TERM 4 ENDS — at 12.30PM</b>

**PTA NEWS**



**SCHOOL JACKETS** (micro-fleece lined) Rain Coats still for sale. Most sizes available now from the School Office

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**PTA Calendar Art & SMENCIL Fundraiser**

The children's amazing artwork is displayed in the Office Foyer for you to view before and after school (Office hours are 0830 to 1530).

Orders can be handed in to your Class Teacher or the School Office.

Orders will close at the end of Term 3—  
Friday 29 September.

Also available are SMENCILS—these are scented pencils made from 100% recycled newspapers and are offered in 5 different packs. Order forms were sent home with your child yesterday. Samples are available in the office if you would like to view/smell. These would make awesome Christmas presents!

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- D. Scented Bundle of 5**  
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**29th September**

Orders must be returned to your child's class teacher by: \_\_\_\_\_  
If ordering for more than one child, please complete a separate order form and payment for each child.

- 1: Purchaser** Complete details for your yourself and your child
- 2: Products** Fill out the Order table so we know what products you want made
- 3: Photos** If you want to use a photo instead of art, be sure to provide the details
- 4: Payment** Payment is required with the order.

**1: Purchaser**

Child's Name:	Room Number:
Parent's Name:	Ph:

**2. Products**

Product	Price	Qty	Total
Art Calendars	\$ 12		\$
Photo Calendars	\$ 12		\$
Cards (pack of 8)	\$ 12		\$
Diaries	\$ 16		\$
Mouse Mats	\$ 15		\$
Notepads	\$ 12		\$
<b>Total</b>		<b>Amount</b>	\$

Phone your school or Centre  
If prices are not stated

- 3. Photos**
    - Photo products can be created on [www.dboocus.co.nz](http://www.dboocus.co.nz) using Submit Photo Parents Area.
    - Alternatively, you may be able to supply the image on disk to the school. Please only supply JPG files, min 250kb.
    - Photos should be landscape, not portrait - especially for Calendars and Mouse Mats.
- I have sent my photo via [www.dboocus.co.nz](http://www.dboocus.co.nz). My reference number is: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Payment** Please make payment when this form is returned  
Internet Banking: Deposit to account number - **Conifer Grove PTA 12-3032-0174025-00**  
Please include your child's name and room number as a reference when you make the deposit.

**Calendars:** High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's own Artwork or photo, wife bound to a 12-month tear off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

**Cards:** Each pack of 8 cards features your Child's own Artwork or photo, with Artist's name and age printed on the reverse of art cards; packs come shrink-wrapped with quality red envelopes.

**Diaries:** Hard cover A5 sized (148 x 210mm) Diary with a strong spiral wire bind featuring your Child's own Artwork or photo on the cover. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover of Art diaries. Includes week view and year planner.

**Mouse Mats:** Personalised Artwork or photo print, heated on to a high quality 5mm neoprene mouse mat. These are lightweight and ideal for sending overseas.

**Notepads:** Features your Child's own Artwork or photo on the card cover, 180mm x 130mm spiral-bound pad lined one side and blank on the other. Supportive card back with protective plastic sheet.

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