

**From the Principal...**  
 Kia ora Whānau

**This Friday Daffodil Day Gold Coin Donation Non-Uniform Day see pg 2 for details...**



**A warm welcome** to new students and families joining our Conifer Grove School whanau this term as well as new staff members Dwain Samuels Room 8, Nicole Forbes, Room 11, Grant Lloyd Room 10 (Year 7&8), Neena Dhingra Room 1 (Year 1) and Subashni Prasad Room 23 (Year 4&5).

**Ni Hao! this week we celebrate Chinese Language Week...**the week began with a flag raising ceremony and display from our local Tai Chi group, with more activities happening throughout the week.

**Pedestrian Crossings and safety - Adults please ensure you are modelling good road safety to our tamariki by using the allocated pedestrian crossings.** We are very concerned by a number of near misses due to unsafe road crossing by students and adults near the dairy, roundabout and intersection over the bridge. On a daily basis we are seeing cars double parked, making dangerous turns, children running across the road to meet adults at their cars. PLEASE take care on our roads and have consideration for ALL of our students when dropping off and collecting your children - we have requested that the Auckland Transport wardens make extra visits to our area.

**School Uniforms** - thank you to families ensuring your children are in CORRECT uniform. We are seeing an increase in hoodies and odd items, bright coloured shoes being worn by students - these are not part of our uniform. Classrooms are heated in winter, students need to remove these non-uniform items when they arrive at school. If you are having difficulty with correct uniform items please inform a staff member and we will do our best to help find a suitable second hand item for you. Please name all items of clothing (including socks) with your child's name. If you are using a second-hand uniform make sure that all previous owners' names are covered up, to ensure that they are returned to you if misplaced. Black shoes, not boots, are the correct footwear for winter uniform Please NO nail polish, make-up, jewellery, temporary tattoos. Long hair must be tied back.

**Attendance** - We have had illnesses affecting staff and students over these winter months, and appreciate parents ensuring their children are well enough to return to school, however, I would like to reiterate the importance of attending school on a regular basis. Every day counts towards a child's learning and pays huge dividends for their future. Regular attendance is needed for children to continue learning and improving their basic reading, writing and other skills they need. It also means they are more likely to experience educational success. **Please remember that school starts promptly at 9am** with all students being at school no later than 8:45am to ensure they are settled by the bell time. Late students are a disruption to the rest of the class and it also means your child may miss out on key concepts at the start of the day. Have a great week everyone.

*Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal*



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS – July 2023

**Ahumairangi W., Gurnaaz M., Athina C.L., Gurtaj S.B., Amelia B., Sukhman K., Compton K.O. Gurshan S., Manim M.**  
**Displaying our school values consistently !**

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH – July 2023

Congratulations to the following students who display an outstanding attitude and work ethic and for always following our school values.

Ara Tuapapa	<b>Gurbaj S.</b>	Room 4	<b>Kayde H.S.</b>	Room 18	<b>Aarohi P.</b>	Room 21	<b>Rylee P.</b>
Room 2	<b>Riva S.</b>	Room 16	<b>Rehat K.</b>	Room 19	<b>Alex G.</b>	Room 22	<b>Briar D.K.</b>
Room 3	<b>Armann V.</b>	Room 17	<b>Jozaiah T.</b>	Room 20	<b>Laho L.</b>	Keep up the great work!	

# 2023 DATES TO NOTE



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21 Aug	Chinese Language Week New Entrant Intake 2
22 Aug	Yr 5-8 Kori Purakau Atamira Dance Co
24 Aug	Sports Camp Hui for Year 7/8 Parents 6pm - Admin Block
25 Aug	<b>Daffodil Day</b>
28-30 Aug	Yr 3-6 National Monitoring Survey
28 Aug	Scholastic Orders due in
3-8 Sept	AIMS Games Team in Tauranga
5 Sept	NC Basketball Yr 5-8
18-22 Sept	Year 7&8 Sports Camp
22 Sept	Term 3 Ends
9 Oct	Term 4 Begins
23 Oct	Labour Day - <b>school closed</b>
30 Nov	Whanake Overnight Stay
8 Dec	Teacher only day - <b>school closed</b>
15 December	Term 4 Ends

## Breakfast Club

**Every day, all welcome**  
**8:30-8.50am Hot drink / weetbix**  
**at 1st break sandwich / fruit**  
**in Whare Manaaki Room**



**Any donations of fruit etc gratefully accepted**

## Daffodil Day Non-Uniform Day

**Friday 25 August**

**Dress in red or yellow** colors  
to celebrate Chinese  
language week and  
Daffodil day -

**Gold Coin Donation please**  
All proceeds to Cancer Society.



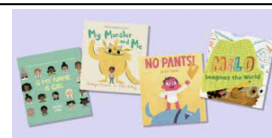
**Scholastic** Issue 6 due  
in online or at the  
office by 31 August

## Family Lending Library

Every Wednesday afternoon  
3-4pm

View books and choose up to six books to borrow from  
the Knowledge Centre.

If you are interested - visit the Knowledge Centre.



## CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL UNIFORMS

### Unisex uniform items for all students



**Summer**  
(Black lightweight sport short) + Schooltex Green Polo Shirt

**Winter**  
(Black trackpant) + Schooltex Green Polo Shirt  
Green Polar Fleece Half zip Pullover / Red Zip-up School Jacket



### Sunhats:

Red Bucket Hat (Year 0-6)  
Green School Cap (Year 7+8 only)

(to be worn in Term 1 and 4)

### Footwear:

Black Sandals OR  
Black Shoes with black socks

### Sports Uniform: (Year 3-8 only)

Schooltex Red Sports Tee  
Schooltex Black Sport Shorts



## On sale this week at the office:

New items:

Polar Fleece sz 16 \$37

Red Sport Tee \$19

sz 6,16,18

Black Sport Short \$14

sz 14,18,20

Long Black Socks sz6-10 \$5 pair  
(adult size)

Some second hand items are available  
please inquire at the office. \$5 each

**CLEARANCE**  
**SALE**



## CROSS COUNTRY

### School Cross Country Results:

Year 0 boys: Leon M., Grayson B., Avraj S.  
 Year 0 girls: Isabella W., Jaismeh K., Fiona M.  
 Year 1 boys: Samarbir B., Shivaay M., Casper G.  
 Year 1 girls: Sophie R., Michaela-Dawne O., Awatea C.  
 Year 2 boys: Hunter E., Biraj S., Griffin S.  
 Year 2 girls: Freya L., Marwa E., Annabel R.  
 Year 3 boys: Ryder T., Zak L., William I.  
 Year 3 girls: Adeline K., Shanaya S., Jyotsaroop J.  
 Year 4 boys: Kayd C., Luke F., Jimmy H.  
 Year 4 girls: Kyla S., Aria W., Brianna W.  
 Year 5 boys: Nathan D., Jack K., Darren L.  
 Year 5 girls: Thais H., Huda A., Abby R.  
 Year 6 boys: Laho L., Brett C. Cooper M.  
 Year 6 girls: Kenzey C., Maryum A., Shiloh G.  
 Year 7 boys: Amani E., Jarnail S., Xander W.  
 Year 7 girls: Paris L., Lawon L., Evelyn K.D.  
 Year 8 boys: William F. Connor M., Kyle G.  
 Year 8 girls: Deborah Q., Naye Y., Nessie H.S.

Our annual School Cross Country took place on Wednesday 1 August. We were all so proud of the efforts of all our students. A big congratulations to the our place getters this year. The top Year 5-8 place getters have recently represented the school at North Counties.



Our Year 5&6 team had a cold start and a very muddy, challenging cross country course at Te Hihi last Tuesday.  
 Thais (Yr 5 girls) and Laho (Yr 6 boys) both place 2nd !  
 Well done Team Whanake !!



## PAPAKURA MARAE WHANAU VISITS



Whanau groups visited the Marae and learnt about our local area and history, enjoying time in the Wharenui. They were treated to the stories represented in the tukutuku patterns and carvings. a poowhiri and kai hakari.

## COOK ISLAND LANGUAGE WEEK !

We celebrated with a special flag raising assembly to mark this occasion. Students were involved in activities such as dance, art and language, colours, numbers, games and greetings. We ended the week with a special performance from our Island Dancers.

**Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna'** which means, 'Connect me to the soil of my ancestors'



## CONGRATULATIONS KHARLYN !



Congratulations to Kharlyn, who entered a short film into the PYSFC (Pasifika Youth Short Film Competition 2023). She was very proud to be representing Conifer Grove School at the awards ceremony recently. Kharlyn's short film was nominated for four categories - Best Film, Best Director Junior, Best Actress and People's Choice Award. She was very thrilled to be nominated and even more stoked to walk away with the 'Best Actress' award. Thank you everyone for supporting Kharlyn. In case you missed her film : <https://youtu.be/SvzCl7hy7tq>



## GUITAR LESSONS AT SCHOOL



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**Wed 6 Sept, 9:30 - 1:30**  
**Due Drop**  
**Events Centre Manukau**



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## REMINDERS

- Please name each item of uniform clothing clearly with your child's name in TWO places.
- Hats are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 (from Labour Weekend).  
Year 0-6 red bucket hat - the green school caps are for Year 7&8 students only.
- Black sandals or black shoes (with black socks)
- Long hair to be tied back with brown, black, red or green hair ties.
- No makeup please, nails to be short with polish removed.
- No jewellery to be worn other than a small pair of stud earrings.
- For more information on our school uniform please refer to this [school website](#) link.
- Students in possession of mobile phones are encouraged to hand in phones to the office for collection at the end of the day, phones must be switched off once on school grounds - no responsibility accepted for items kept in students possession.
- Scooters / Bicycles - for health and safety reasons wearing of helmets is strongly recommended. It is advisable to lock up bicycles/scooters at the bike rack.

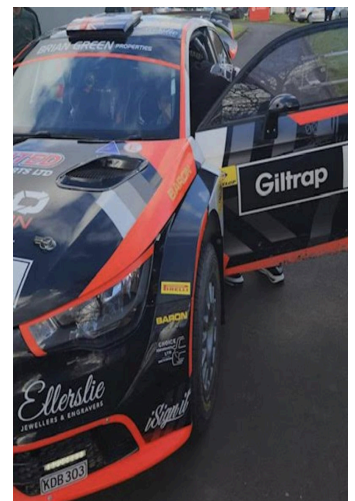
## Lost property

**Please name** your items clearly in two places.

The lost property box is located opposite Room 7 - and is overflowing with polar fleeces and red jackets.  
if you are missing items please check the lost property box or the bag racks.

## SIONE'S COOL GALA PRIZE!

Sione & Sharina were the lucky winners of the LJ Hooker Rally Car raffle prize at our School Gala, here is Sione earlier this month enjoying his prize, a rally car ride home - Thanks to Dylan & Rovi from LJ Hooker !



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