Forrest Hill School

Thursday 10th August 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have had a very busy start to the term. With lots of learning and success happening.

Visiting Chinese Students.

Next week, we welcome 14 students from Jiangdong Central Primary School -Ningbo China. This is the start of a cultural exchange and a sister school relationship. Auckland City and Ningbo have an established sister city relationship and currently there are 54 schools involved in different exchanges. The students will be with us for a week and we will be invited to visit Ningbo and Jiangdong Central Primary School in 2018. I will let you know the details of next year's exchange in early 2018 to get an expression of interest.

New Website.

Next week we will be launching our new website. This has been a major project for the school and I am excited to get your feedback on the site so we can continue to adapt it to make it an effective site for information and communication.

One of the great features is the ability to change the wording on the site to Chinese and Korean.

More information will be sent out early next week.





Year 5 Bake Sale.

The Year 5 students are busy preparing for tomorrow's bake sale both at school and at home.

They are fundraising for an all weather information board for our Garden.

The board will contain information about the gardening process they have been involved in as well as identifying some of the food they have been growing.

This is a great example of student's taking action.

Staff Leaving

Tomorrow is the last day for Mr Steve Guy and Ms Courtney Ryder. We would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

FORREST HILL SCHOOL WINS NORTH SHORE CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday we had 24 students involved in the North Shore Primary School Chess Tournament. We decided to take all the students who regularly attend Chess Club. Students from Year 2 to Year 6 competed. The younger students got a chance to experience the pressure of tournament play including using the timer for each move. We are very proud of how the students represented the school in the way they competed positively and with great sportsmanship.

Our Top team of Richard Meng (Year 6), Jeffrey Yu (Year 5), Harrison Xiao (Year 3) and Aaron Shi (Year 5) won the tournament and a place in the New Zealand Nationals. The team won by the narrowest of margins - one game.

We would like to thank Miss Delaney for her work with the Chess Club.



PTA NEWS

On Monday, the school sent home information on the Fact-a-thon 2017 which all the students will be participating in August. The Fact-a-thon will raise funds for the school and go towards things like school camps, shade sails, etc.

There are two options available for students to collect sponsorship. You can either choose the option you would prefer or you can use a combination of both.

1 - Using the sponsorship form which was sent home on Monday

2 - Using the online sponsorship through Every Day Hero (Charity - Forrest Hill School)

To use the online sponsorship, please follow the instructions below:

1 - Click on the link to Forrest Hill Schools Page

https://nfp.everydayhero.com/nz/forrest-hill -school

2 - Click on the 'Start Fundraising' button

3 - Create your child's fundraising page and give the page a name (e.g. John Brown Fact-a-thon 2017)

4 - Make sure you select 'Forrest Hill School' as the charity. If you miss this important step, your child's sponsorship money will not be forwarded to our school.

5 - Enter your home address.

6 - Log in options are available using either Facebook or email. *Please note if your child did online sponsorship for the Adidas Fun Run, they may already have a log on when you get to step 6. If you have forgotten your password, you can easily reset it using the 'reset button'.

7 - Your child can also add a photo to their page if they choose.

8 - You have the option of either posting your child's fundraising page on Facebook or forwarding the email link to family and friends. If you have any queries regarding registering online, please email pta@forresthill.school.nz or phone Tania on 021-414848.

Thank you for your support with this school fundraiser.

<u>Congratulations to this week's</u> <u>Yummy Apple Sticker</u> <u>collectors:</u>



Zac Parker-Hansen Rm 19, Alex Ivanov Rm 21, Richard Meng Rm 22, Thomas Smallfield Rm 16, Martin Ivanov Rm 9, Irene Fan Rm 3 / 4



Jessica Hoogenboom Rm 11

Arriving late at school

It has come to our attention that a number of children are often late arriving at school.

It is so important that children are at school on time in the morning. Classes start at 8.45am. Children should have their bags in the cloakrooms and their pencils and books ready for the first learning block by 8.45am. Arriving on time gives them the chance to meet up with their friends then come together for the first part of the learning programme.

We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

Dates for your diary

14th August - Year 6 students visit Wairau Intermediate 14th August - Ningbo students arrive from China 15th August - ICAS Maths exam 17th August - Rippa/touch tournament 18th August - Whole school assembly 21st August - Board of Trustees meeting 25th August - Whole school assembly 1st September - FHS Cross Country 1st September - Whole school assembly Please note that all requests for medicine to be administered at school must be accompanied by a signed "Request for School to Administer Medication" form (available from the office).

All medication must be handed in to the office and not kept in the classroom or children's bags.

FHS Cross Country

Students are practising for our Cross Country Day to be held on Friday 1st September. In case children slip over it would be preferable for students to have a change of clothes in their school bag as the ground is still so wet.

Enrolments for 2018

To assist us with planning for the 2018 school year can you please advise the school office if you have a child turning 5 years old next year.

This will help us allocate classes for next year.

Thank you

Medicine at school

Room 18 Newsletter Contribution

Room 18 have been practising a cross country course that the class made up, first by looking at a map of the school and then drawing a course thought suitable taking into account the grass areas are often closed. After having a go at their groups' course, adjustments were made and a final route decided on. Practices have been timed and graphed in anticipation of improving rates.

Some students decided to write about their experience, using a genre of their choice to express their ideas.

Gia wrote:

Calling, "On your marks, get set, GO!" Racing past the people in front Overtaking the first person Seconds to go Stopwatches timing

Catching my breath "Ow, my feet are hurting." Up and down the hill "Nothing will stop me. Two more laps?" Running too slow "Yes, I bet my time!"

Mona wrote: Haiku poem

huffing and puffing "So tiring," I mumbled running really fast fit

Abigail wrote:

Cross country is... Lap 1 Easy Fun Tiring Walking Jogging Running

Lap 2 Bit hard Stitch Sweating Hot Exhausting

Jing wrote:

Huffing and puffing, At the end of cross country practice

Seoyeon wrote:

Huffing and puffing, "Keep going, you can do it!" "Run, run for your life!!! We need to cross the finish line," Jing encouraged me. We finish together. "4 min 15 sec," Mrs Spray says. "We better beat our high score soon!" I say.

Kaleb wrote:

"I can't wait to run," I said to Hamish.

"I know right bro,"

"Yep bro."

"Go," shouted Mrs Spray. I jogged for the first bit but then I decided to save my energy for the last bit running down the big hill! I was behind Hamish and Harper for most of the time but I lost them at the junior playground. I saw them running up the big hill. I high fived both of them. I was running down the hill and they were running up the hill. I managed to get up the hill in under 6 mins and got 5 mins 10s. After running the course, me, Harper and Hamish wrote our time in our maths book for our cross country graph then ate brain food.

Alegria wrote:

"Ow my legs and feet are so sore, I said. "Same," said Gia. "Me too," Aya replied. "Come on let's finish the cross country track," I said. Everyone kept on running till the end. "Wow that was our first lap come let's finish the rest." Aya laughed. "What time did you get?" Aya replied. "I got nine minutes and 7 seconds," I blurted. "Ah I hate cross country," I said. "Well not hate I just don't like it," I whispered. "Why?" replied Aya. "I always get the stitch," I said. "Oh same," she said. "I need a drink," Gia yelled. "Me too," said Aya. "Me three," I said. "Let's go have brainfood," Gia gurgled.

I put up my time and say: "Look! I've improved!"

Forrest Hill School Music News Term 3, Week 3

We have been very fortunate to have had three fantastic music performances so far this term. Firstly ACE Brass from the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, then last week Camerata string group from Westlake Boys. Yesterday we had Westlake Girls' choir Cantare and as well as Westlake Boys and Girls mixed choir Choralation.

Our FHS students are certainly learning to appreciate a wide range of musical styles and gain a lot of enjoyment from being in the audience.





Camerata from Westlake Boys performed to the whole school in week 2. Camerata, conducted by Mr Warwick Robinson is Westlake Boys' top string ensemble with violins, violas, cellos and double bass. They demonstrated different ways the instruments could be played; bowed and plucked. The double bass was very low and enormous!

Cantare from Westlake Girls performed to the whole school yesterday. Cantare, conducted by Ms Fiona Wilson is Westlake Girls' top girls' choir with Soprano and Alto singers. They sang a lot of their songs in Latin. The sopranos had extremely high voices!

Choralation is the award winning mixed choir from both Westlake Boys and Girls schools. They performed captivating and spine tingling songs to the whole school. We heard a talented soprano saxophonist and solo singers also. Choralation choir consists of sopranos, altos, tenors and bass singers with super low voices!

Term 4 Local Touch Junior Competition

If your child is interested in playing Touch Rugby in Term 4, please refer to the email that was sent out on Wednesday 9th August titled Term 4 Touch. This email includes information about the competition and the registration form which needs to be completed and returned to be able to play. To request the information to be sent again, please contact Sam Ness: <u>sness@forresthill.school.nz</u>





Our very own Greta in Year 6 did a great job conducting the Choralation choir!

Kids For Kids Choir

The students in the Kids For Kids Choir have started rehearsing every Monday lunchtime. These students have their own song booklet that can be taken home to practise the words, however it must be brought to school every Monday for rehearsals.

The songs have also been shared with all the Kids For Kids Choir students, the songs can be downloaded at home for the students to sing along with and listen to.

BECROFT PARK TENNIS CLUB - JUNIOR REGISTRATION

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YOUR CHILD DOESN'T HAVE TO MISS OUT ON MUSIC

Music is both a great educational tool and a fun activity. For some students, the option of extending their musical education beyond the core music and other group activities at school can be difficult as busy parents are not always able to take their children to lessons after school times.

Our school is pleased to be able to give parents the option for students to take lessons here at the school through our association with the Music Education Centre.

To find out what lesson spaces are still available for this term, please contact them directly on 0800 89 39 39.



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