

Forrest Hill School Newsletter



Thursday 17th August 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week we have had the privilege of hosting students from our sister school, Jiangdong Central School, from Ningbo, China. The students have been accompanied by Xia, the vice principal, and Yuan, the coordinator of their school.

Student ambassadors, or 'buddies', from our classes have worked with the Chinese students throughout the week, sharing distinctive aspects of each other's cultures. All students have gained a fresh and valuable insight into the similarities and differences of education in New Zealand and China.

On Monday, the students participated in a tour of the school to orient themselves. This was followed by a photographic treasure hunt, in which the students needed to replicate a series of photographs taken around the school, as accurately as possible.

After this, the students and buddies undertook a 'BP challenge'. This involved using basic materials to slow the descent of a ping-pong ball through the air,

replicating the characteristics of airborne seeds. The students worked closely within their teams, learning to cooperate and negotiate; no easy feat given the time constraints and language barrier!

In the afternoon, the students participated in a Physical Education session involving the games *tapu ae* and dodgeball. It was fantastic to see the level of engagement and enthusiastic participation by all students.

On Tuesday, half of the Chinese students joined Room Eleven for their Garden to Table session. These students were able to join in with the gardening activities, rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty. Most significantly, our guests planted a kowhai tree to commemorate their visit to our school. We hope the tree flourishes and will be visited in years to come by those who planted it, and other visitors from Jiangdong Central School.

More exciting activities are planned for the remainder of this week, and will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Please refer to the following page for the photos of our week events to date!



Garden to Table

Open day

Thursday 24th August

9.15am-10.45am

Everyone is welcome to come along



**Room 17 have written poems inspired by
James K. Baxter's poem 'The Town'.**

Waihi Beach

Waihi Beach was usual enough: it had
golden sand, splashing waves, golden sunbeams
and shells scattered across the shore.

Ava, Sophie and I did what girls do –
collected shells, walked in and out of caves,
pretended to take selfies like teenagers and
watched the sun rise over the shining ocean.

Doing nothing important.

By Georgie Beesley

Mount Ruapehu

Mount Ruapehu was usual enough: it had
a dopey snowman, soft snow, slippery skis stuck in the snow
and a warm café with yummy food.

Me, Ligy, Kavita and Geethu did what families do-
threw snowballs at Geethu and Kavita, skied down the mountain
like a penguin on its belly, tripped over snow like a clumsy person and
climbed out of a hole.

Doing nothing important.

By Josh Teles

The Room

The bedroom was usual enough: it had
a small TV waiting to get turned on, a pile of cuddly toys,
a closet that was half open and a drawer full of CDs.

Sparkles the cat and I did what friends do-
threaded shells, tied knots in the ends and decorated the shells
like an artist.

Doing nothing important.

By Aoife Walker



Garden to Table Open Day

Next Thursday 24th August, we will be hosting a Garden To Table open day from 9.15am through to 11am in the school hall and of course, out in the gardens. The organisers of this programme will be attending, along with other garden and kitchen specialists from schools around Auckland, and of course schools thinking about joining up too.

It is a great opportunity for our community and sponsors to come and see the programme up and running in our school. Danielle, Pauline and myself are proud of the accomplishments we have made this year and we invite you to come along and join us too.

Hope to see you there!

If you would like to attend, please rsvp by email to the school office at : admin@forresthill.school.nz

Angela White - Deputy Principal

Dates for your diary

18th August - Whole school assembly
21st August - Board of Trustees meeting
21st August - Musical Performance
24th August - Garden to Table Open Day
25th August - Whole school assembly
31st August - FHS Cross Country
1st September - Whole school assembly
4th September - Cross Country Saver Day
8th September - Whole school assembly

Congratulations to this week's Yummy Apple Sticker collectors:



Zac Parker-Hansen Room 19,
Saanghyo Park Room 3

LOST

During the Year 6 visit to Wairau Intermediate on Monday a teacher lost a precious ring. If you find the ring can you please hand it into our office

FHS Y5 Netball Fun Game



PTA NEWS

Last 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 last 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.

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