Forrest Hill School Newsletter

Thursday 3rd August 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Once again I need to remind the parent community about safe driving practices when picking up and dropping off students before and after school. This continues to be an issue and over the last few days we have had a series of incidents that are very concerning. I have involved the police. The behaviours that are most concerning are:

- Parents completing U turns while the crossing is in use. Although it is not illegal to complete a U turn, you can get ticketed for inconsiderate driving and dangerous driving. Many large cars cannot completely complete a U turn and hold up traffic. We have also had parents drive up onto the path to complete the turn - only just missing students.
- Parents letting students out while the traffic light is red. A student was hit earlier in the week when they exited the car from the driver's side and ran towards the school gate.
- Parking in the 2min drop off zone before and after school. This stops the flow of traffic and causes unsafe situations.
- Parking on the yellow lines. This is illegal.

Keeping our students safe is a SHARED RESPONSIBILITY and we need your support. Most of our students are in zone and are capable of walking to school. Getting wet is a part of life and not life threatening. I hope that these behaviours are not due to laziness. I will be recording number plates and passing these onto the police.

Westlake Boys Growing Support

At Forrest Hill School we have been very privileged and honoured to be working with Westlake Boys High School to help support our children in their learning This term development. we have introduced a new programme for 2017. Coaching through PE and Sport. Initially we are getting to know our "Big Buddies" by sharing our interests and learning, but next week we begin our PE/Sport sessions. These will be held regularly over the term at the Westlake Boys Gymnasium. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 2 students in Room 8 to develop relationships with older students in a fun manner whilst also learning and developing their physical skills.





2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Will be open Friday 4th August from 8.30am - 9.00am in the school boardroom. Cash sales only accepted. Trade like for like.

Found Sweatshirts

There are a lot of found sweatshirts in the school hall. If you are missing a sweatshirt and it is not in the lost property box, please check the hall.

Basketball

All teams are full. Players please make sure that you pay your fees as soon as possible as they are now overdue. I am still waiting for three players to return their basketball singlets from last semester. Please return these to the office with your names on. Best wishes for the new season and a big thank you to the parents who volunteer their time coaching and managing and scoring for teams.

Drain Layer Wanted

Yr 4s are studying flooding and drainage. Would you be able to spare some time to come and speak with our children.

Contact Lisa Leggett Yr 4 Syndicate Leader lleggett@forresthill.school.nz



Kids Art and Craft Club

For 7 - 10 year olds
The club aims to give children the opportunity to enjoy art and encourage creativity. The programme will include all craft & art materials and

afternoon tea

When: Tuesdays 22nd August – 26th September Time: 3.30 – 5pm

Cost: \$50 for 6 sessions paid on first session

(catch the EarlyBird \$5 discount if received by 15th August) or \$10 per session paid each week

Where: Windsor Park Café, 550
East Coast Rd, Mairangi Bay
(Behind KFC)

To enrol or for more information email artist Shirley Smith 022 0180752

shirleysmithnz@gmail.com

Year 5 Bake Sale Fundraiser



Week 3 Friday 11th August

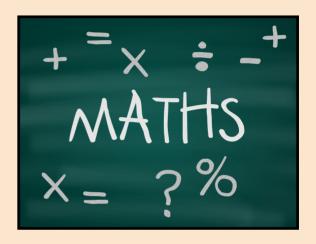
Funds to make an all weather information board about how plants grow to be placed in our garden.

Could your child please bring a small amount of money to buy something from our bake sale

Haiku Poems By Room 13

Maths

Adding big numbers
Shapes like rectangles and
squares
Problem solving fun
By Elaine



Spring
Best time for growing
Harvesting t
he vegetables
Watering the flowers
By Gilbert



Winter
Heaters are useful
Everybody drinks hot
soup
Snowflakes falling down
By Aaron



Turtles
Turtles like swimming
Turtles have flippers
and shells
Turtles walk on land
By Erick



Music
Calming and graceful
Flowing, flying and floating
Moving through our ears
By Aleen



Winter
Heaters are useful
Everybody drinks hot soup
Snowflakes falling down
By Aaron



Forrest Hill School Music News Term 3, week 2

Last week we had an amazing performance from ACE Brass, professional brass players from the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. Huw on trumpet, Emma on french horn and John on trombone.









ACE Brass took the students through an in depth look at the brass instruments, exploring how they work, how to play them and how they have changed throughout time. The students participated in some fun activities and also watched Huw complete some very impressive pushups!











The whole school participating in the ACE Brass Performance, lead by our very own Caleb in year 6.

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.

Important dates: Kids For Kids Concert

Date to put on your calendars: **Tuesday November 7th.** Daytime rehearsal and evening concert.

Orchestra practises on Tuesdays at lunchtime. We have keyboards, marimba, xylophones, recorders, flutes, clarinets, trumpet, violins and cello. If your child plays an instrument and they're keen to join please let me know. The orchestra are practising hard for a performance at assembly later in the term. This photo shows Torr on trumpet, Dom on clarinet. Elaine and Gilbert on Marimba.



It is recommended that your child in year 3 upwards has their own <u>named</u> descant recorder that they bring to school on the days they have music and then they can practise at home. They can be purchased from KBB Music from as little as \$9. https://secure.zeald.com/kbbmusic/results.html?g=recorder

<u>Ukulele Group</u> has been a big success, it's on Wednesdays at 8am with Mrs Webster. It is for all year 5 and 6 students who are keen to learn. There are a few spaces, if your child would like to join this term. We have school ukuleles to learn on. Your child doesn't need to have their own ukulele, although it makes it much easier as they can practise at home. KBB Music has a great range of ukuleles from \$40 that you could consider.

http://www.kbbmusic.co.nz/shop/Guitars/Ukuleles+%26+More....html

If you are keen to start learning an instrument please email Mrs Webster for more information.

Jacqui Webster, Music Teacher, Forrest Hill School jwebster@forresthill.school.nz

SPCA

The SPCA need towels urgently. Our Year 6 students have been doing good things for the community

If you have any old towels, please would you bring them to the office or to Medisa Sedighi in Room 20.



Dates for your diary

7th Aug Factathon notices go home 8th Aug Chess tournament @ Wairau Int 14th Aug Yr 6's visit Wairau Int 15th Aug ICAS MAths 16th Aug North Shore Young Leaders Day @ Kristin 17th Aug Touch Rippa Tournament @ Onewa



The school office has a new gadget.

We now have a digital tablet in the office.

This is for signing in and out, the staff, children, parents and helpers.

When you arrive at the school for any reason, please come to the office on your arrival.

For safety reasons, we need to know where all the children and staff are at all times.



















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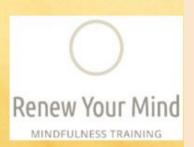
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"The parenting techniques were simple and easy to put into practice. Plus they really work! They have had a hugely positive impact on my family." \sim Mother of 3

"Highly rewarding for me personally and I'm glad my wife and I both completed the course together. I think it will multiply the benefit." \sim Father of 3

"I loved what Shirley shared. It is approaching parenting and discipline from a different angle and reaching a place in parents that is transformative." ~ Jenny Hale, Family coach at the Parenting Place

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