



Corinna School

Newsletter No. /

Tuesday, 7th February 2012

Kia ora, Fakalofaatu, Bula, Talofa, Marhaban, Susaday Salam, Greetings, Sabydee, Kia Orana, Malo ni

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back and I hope you all had a great holiday with lots of family time. We are enjoying seeing our students looking so refreshed and ready to learn.

I would like to welcome three new teachers to Corinna School:

- Lisa Chilcott (Room 2A)
- Ethan Porteous (Room 11)
- Colin Thompson (Room 5)

We hope you will enjoy working at Corinna as much as the rest of us!!

Welcome also to the following new children and their families:

Porirua Tawhai-Hunt (started at the end of 2011), Rylee Copeland, Amaziah Finau Potoa'e, Jordan McRae-Te-Huia, Luka Paulo, Andrew Philipo, Jame Philipo, Miximilian Philipo, Wairua Poni, Aaiti Maiava, Blessing Fa'Atau, John Fa'atau, Kerisiano Fa'atau, El-Shaddai Mau'u, Juliana Vaimoli, Milca Valoaga, Joe Ekei, Lueli Lio, Petesa Lio and Drusilla Liufau (returning student).

We hope you enjoy your learning and making friends at Corinna School.

As you know, the first day for Term 1 at our school was last Monday, 30th January. The first day for many other schools in our area is today. Beginning the year early is our choice as we like to finish early at the end of the year. So remember we will be finishing a week before all other schools in December.

Please find listed below the term dates for 2012:

Term 1 - Monday, 30 th January to Thursday, 5 th April
Term 2 - Monday, 23 rd April to Friday, 29 th June
Term 3 - Monday, 16 th July to Friday, 28 th September
Term 4 - Monday, 15 th October to Thursday, 13 th December

Please take note of these dates so if you are planning any holidays away, you can arrange to take them during the holiday breaks. To reach our school target, we aim to have students attend school at least 95% of the time (that's ten days away per year). We expect children to remain at home if they are sick, however if they are to be away for three days or more, a doctor's certificate will need to be sent to school.

There is a strong link between high achievement and high attendance.

Family Fun Afternoon Barbeque

Thursday, 9th February 3.15 -5.00

Please come and join in a few games, hear about our plans for the school this year and meet your child's teacher. Have a sausage and fruit kebab with us and meet other parents.

2012. Stationery

It is very important that your child has his/her school stationery as soon as possible as it is hard for them to participate fully in the class programme without it. All children need to have their stationery by this Friday, 10th February. Stationery is being sold in prepared packs every day from the meeting room opposite the office between 8.30 am and 3.00 pm. If you are buying stationery from another source, please ensure all items match our school stationery list and are of good quality. Please visit Michele if you have any issues with the deadline. Also, we always encourage students to look after their books and keep them free from scribbles and graffiti. If students do deface their books they will have to buy new ones.



Hats

Hats are compulsory in the playground in Terms 1 and 4. All students must wear a hat that covers their ears and neck (bucket hat or legionnaire hat). Our policy states "no hat, no outside play". Hats can be purchased from the school canteen for \$2.00 – we have also included them on the stationery list. We suggest your child's hat stays at school so they always have one available for outside activities.

Patrols and Road Safety

Our student patrollers will be out every morning and afternoon at the Corinna Street and Kalingo Street crossings. A teacher will also be on duty. The Kalingo Street crossing can become very dangerous if cars park on the yellow lines or drive into the carpark. Please make sure you park a safe distance from the school entrance and, if you are walking with your children, always use the school footpath and cross where the patrollers are available. Thank you.



Tabloid Sports

This Friday, 10th February from 9.45 am, all Corinna students will be placed in mixed-age teams to play some fun activities. You may like to come and watch or join in! At lunchtime, everyone will sit in their whanau groups and eat lunch picnic-style!!! We look forward to seeing you.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin today in the Library from 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Notices were sent home last week with an outline of expectations and a contract for parents to sign. Children who have returned these contracts will have received a note to say that they have been accepted for the Club they have chosen. Numbers are limited to each Club. There are a few places left in some Clubs, so if you are keen for your child to attend, please contact Trish Nash in the Library or Jenny Drummond our After School Clubs teacher (after 3.00 pm).

These Clubs are a great way for your child to extend their learning in fun and interesting ways. The Clubs are held on:

- Mondays - Magazine Club
- Tuesdays - Problem Solving and Strategy Games
- Wednesdays -Technology Club
- Thursdays - Art Club

Curriculum Overview

Our main focus this term is our **Science** Inquiry.

Science: This term, your child will be exploring the big idea that living things depend on one another and also on the environment in which they live. They will learn about what a living organism is and will investigate what threatens relationships between living things and their environments.

Health: Relationships with other people

Literacy (Reading, Writing, Oral Language): Building skills and strategies to investigate and respond to our Science Inquiry. This may include skills such as locating information and finding the main idea in reading and writing to describe, explain and persuade.

Maths: Building skills and strategies in real life contexts. This may include number knowledge, problem solving and basic facts.

P.E: Working together/team building using adventure based learning.

Arts: Music/ Drama/Dance - activities to support Inquiry learning.

Te Reo: Ko au, ko toku whanau

Later in the term our Noho Marae will take place.

Children's Clothes

Every term we have a big pile of lost property including jackets, shoes and jerseys. If the clothing was named, we could return it to the students very easily. We will display the lost property twice per term for either you or your child to check. Please visit the school office if you would like to check the lost property box.

Cell Phones

Cell phones are not allowed in the classrooms. If you would like your child to have a cell phone at school, the phone will need to be left at the school office. It can be collected by your child it at the end of the day.

Keeping Our Students Safe and Happy

One of our school rules is that there will be no unwelcome touch within the school. We encourage students to solve their problems peacefully, but needless to say, that doesn't always happen!! If children do get into a fight, they will be removed from the playground for three days and will have to solve the problem with the other person, or people, before being allowed back in the playground. In most cases, this might only happen once or twice. We will contact parents if children have been in this situation on three or more occasions.

Healthy Food Policy at Corinna School

At Corinna we have a healthy food policy. Our policy states that school lunches must **not** include sweets and lollies, big bags of chips, large cookies and fizzy drinks. We encourage families to provide their children with nutritious lunches that will help them through a busy school day. Sandwiches are a healthy and affordable option. Any student who brings unhealthy options to school will have the item/s taken off them and given back at the end of the day. Thank you for your support.

Children's Lunch Arrangements

No child is allowed to leave the school grounds unless teachers have received a note or phone call from a parent or caregiver beforehand. Please return the tear-off slip below to school as soon as possible indicating whether your child/children will be at school or at home for lunch. Thank you.



Community Notices

Strengthening Families

Does your family have to work with lots of support agencies? Some examples are - WINZ, Schools, CYFS, Health etc. Strengthening Families can help, call them on 04 237-7923, txt 021 613-240 or visit at 206 Mungavin Avenue, Porirua.

Kia ora

Michele Whiting
PRINCIPAL

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I have received and read Newsletter No. 01.

Signed:.....

Child's Name and Room Number:

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Lunch Arrangements Slip

My child/children's lunch arrangements will be:

(Please tick one box only)

- At school
- At home
- *Sometimes at school or at home

(I understand that I need to send a note with my child if he/she will be going home for lunch sometimes)

Signed:

Child's Name and Room Number:

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