

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have managed to get away to a fabulous start to our 2011 school year. A huge vote of thanks for purchasing your child/ren's stationery so promptly. Wonderful support and co-operation are keys to success.

School Diary

4 th Feb	School Assembly 9:00 Hall. All welcome.
7 th - 10 th Feb	Classroom Release Teacher Week Under the award, teachers are all entitled to two days per term to assist them with planning, preparation, professional development and assessment. Middle and Senior School Swimming at the Aquatic Centre during this week. PTA Picnic Organisation meeting 7:00pm in the Staffroom.
7 th Feb	FRIMLEY SCHOOL PICNIC SCHOOL GROUNDS 5:30pm – 7:00pm This is an opportunity to meet and greet your child's teacher. Information will be sent home early next week.
10 th Feb	Yr 5 / 6 Parent Camp meeting 7:00pm in the School Hall Assembly - School Hall 9:00am - All welcome.
11 th Feb	Saturday morning Cricket starts. Yr 4 / 6 students were issued with registration forms on Wednesday 2 nd Feb.
12 th Feb	Happy Valentines Day to you all! I hope something special happens for each and every one of you.
14 th Feb	Yr 4 Beach Day at Waimarama - More information via classrooms.
16 th Feb	Next newsletter. Community requests to the office by the 15 th Feb please. Yr 3 Beach Day at Westshore. More information via classrooms.
17 th Feb	Assembly 9:00am - All welcome
18 th Feb	Middle and Senior School Swimming Sports Aquatic Centre 9:30am – 12:30pm
21 st Feb	Frimley Parent Teachers Association Wine and Cheese and AGM 7:00pm B.O.T. Meeting 7:00pm in the Admin area - All welcome.
22 nd Feb	Leigh Johnson at ICT Facilitators conference - Rotorua.
23 rd /25 th Feb	Assembly 9:00am - All welcome.
25 th Feb	

Yr 5 / 6 School Camps

28th Feb – 4th March, Rm 17 Kaitawa, Rm 18 Akitio. Rm 19 Wakarara
7th March – 11^h March, Rm 15/16 Yr 5's Kaitawa, Rm 20 Wakarara

Parents Camp Meeting for all camps will be held on Tues 10th Feb at 7:00pm

Cost \$120 per child. \$80 per child if more than one child attending.

Payments or part payments can be made to the office from now on. Last years fundraising has been credited against the individual children concerned. The classroom

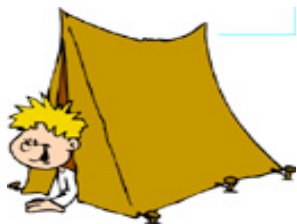
teachers of the children going on the camps sent out information to the parents on Wednesday 3rd February. Parents are required to go on camp. 1:3 ratio. 30 children = 10 adults maximum per camp everyday. **Insufficient adults available may mean no camps. Plan your holidays and come camping.**

Up to date School Information – A form will be sent home shortly requesting your latest Address, Phone Number and Emergency Contact. It is important that we have this information as soon as possible. It is important if your child becomes sick or is injured.

Website www.frimley.school.nz This is updated on a weekly basis with the latest newsletters and any other relevant information. Look at it regularly so that you are kept up to date with life at Frimley School.

Please urgently return to School, any **Sports Uniforms** you may have at home.

School starts each day at 8:50am. Please ensure that your child is at school and ready to start by that time. **A child being late is usually not the child's fault it is usually that of their parents. Don't let your child down by making them late for school.**



School Staffing - State Schools are all staffed by the Ministry of Education on a basis of our 1 July 2010 roll 1:15 New Entrants 1:23 Junior School and 1:29 Middle/Senior School. From this allocation schools are expected to run any reading assistance, professional development, release for Management staff etc. They make no allocation of staffing for any additional specialist type programmes (computers/music) in contributing schools. 1:15 staffing for New Entrant classes was introduced from the beginning of last year. It means that those rooms are expected to average fifteen across the year. It does not mean that the classroom will have a maximum of fifteen children. That is another politician's myth.

Class Programmes

This is just to remind parents that the programmes are designed to cater for the individual needs of each child. We have five year old children starting school who have an eight year old reading level and we have ten year old children reading at a six year old level. Most children read at the level of their chronological age.



Specialist Teaching programmes As many of you will realise all children go to the computer room and the music room on a regular basis for lessons taken by specialist teachers. Some children are also withdrawn from their classrooms for special reading programmes and English Second Language instruction. Our school choirs, music groups and Kapa Haka will start later as will our radio station programmes.

The Board of Trustees assists with the funding of these programmes.

Having a wide range of specialist type programmes is unique to Frimley School as far as a contributing school is concerned. We are really fortunate to have such talented teachers available to take these.

School Uniform

Our pupils all look extremely smart in their school uniforms. However we have a few children who are stretching the boundaries with jewellery. A watch and stud earrings are the only accessories that are permitted. No clothing should be seen underneath the uniform.

House System – Children in the same family should be in the same house and they will stay in that house while they are at Frimley. The house system is extremely popular and is used for sporting, cultural, academic and classroom based competitions.

House Names – are a selection of street names from around Frimley. Pakowhai (Yellow), Ikanui (Green), Lyndhurst (Red), Nottingley (Blue). As children arrive at school they are allocated a house. House T shirts can be purchased for \$18 from the school office.

Stationery – The teachers are delighted that so many of their class already have their stationery and better still most children purchased it from Frimley. Sincere thanks, as we know it is not an easy time on household budgets. Well done parents you have been wonderful.

Cricket – Yr 5–6 Saturday morning cricket starts 12 February. Yr 3–4 Friday, 11th Feb after school.

If your child is in a team it is important that they turn up for all of their games. Every week a notice is issued with the draw.

Drink Bottles – Please ensure that children are only putting water in them and they are washed out each night. Tell your child not to share his/her bottle.

School Banking - Auckland Savings Bank (ASB) operates a very simple banking system for school pupils. This is to encourage children to get into the habit of regularly saving money. Details and application forms are available from the school office. Children who register bring their money to school in a banking envelope anytime during the week, place it in Kashin (the elephant) and it is taken to the ASB every Friday.

Ink Cartridges - Please bring them all into the computer room as we are able to send them away for a refund. This is a good source of income for our computer consumable budget.

Lunch Order forms are available from the classroom teacher and on the website. They must be in by 9:10am. The produce is supplied daily. This service actually costs the school money. We are not in it to make a profit just to ensure that children are eating a healthy lunch.

Community News

If you have any items that you wish to bring to the attention of our school community, please provide a copy to the school office. They will be published when space is available.

K.A.S. (Kids After School) Care Frimley School Hall Mon – Fri 2:45pm – 5:30pm.

Children go to the hall immediately after school and are collected by parents from the hall. Afternoon tea is provided. For more information, contact Julie Field 8776345 or Karen Davidson 8777360.

When making any purchases from **Tumu Building Supplies** please mention Frimley School as they donate to us a 10% rebate on your total purchase.

Thank you for your continued support

Malcolm Dixon Principal