

Dear Parents and Caregivers

For the second time in less than six months, we turn all of our thoughts to Christchurch our friends and our families who are yet again stunned by the brutal effects of another earthquake. This time it is much worse than it was in September. September was all about damage to heritage, infra-structure, surrounds and property. This time the focus is on the people – the injured, the homeless, the grieving, the rescue workers and the emergency teams.

Here at Frimley we will hold an “I see Red” mufti day/sausage sizzle on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March and send any monies raised through to the Christchurch Red Cross for distribution to those in need. I know you will all want to support this venture, a number of Hawkes Bay Schools will be doing something similar on the same day.

We would like to welcome the following children and their families to Frimley: Leah, Brody and Izaiah.  
**School Roll 511.**

**Enrolment Zone** - As from the BOT meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011 we will not be accepting any more enrolments who live out of zone for the rest of the 2011 school year. All new entrants who have already been pre-enrolled will be accepted, as will all children who live In Zone and younger siblings of children already attending Frimley. The only exception to this is that schools have been directed to enrol all children who are relocating from Christchurch.

**Pre Schoolers** - It is really important that parents of all pre schoolers in or out of zone enrol their child/ren as soon as they turn four if they want them to attend Frimley School.

### School Diary

28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Inter School Swimming Sports at the Raureka Pool - selected children (am)
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	School Camps - Rm 17 Kaitawa, Rm 18 Akitio, Rm 19 Wakarara
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Rm's 1- 5 Swimming Sports at Frimley 1:15 – 2:30ish
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Rm's 6 – 9 Swimming Sports at Frimley 1:15 – 2:30ish
4 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly 9:00 All welcome
7 <sup>th</sup> March – 11 <sup>h</sup> Mar	School Camps - Rm 15/16 Yr 5's Kaitawa , Rm 20 Wakarara ESOL/Migrant advisor visiting Frimley (pm)
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Rm's 13,14, 15, Yr 4's 16 Yr 4's Camp Day at Frimley
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Rm's 10,11,12, Camp Day at Frimley
11 <sup>th</sup> March	School Assembly 9:00 All welcome
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Rm's 1 – 5 White Pine Bush Trip Next newsletter – Community Requests by 15 <sup>th</sup> March please.
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Rm's 6 – 9 White Pine Bush Trip New Zealand Principals Federation Meeting Palmerston North - Mr Dixon
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Canoe Polo starts for selected children.
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	BOT meeting - Admin Block 7:00 All welcome.



### **Congratulations**

**2011 House Captains** – These Yr 6 pupils were elected by their peers

#### Ikanui (Green)

Captains: Cameron, Tymika

Deputy Captains: Ethan, Eden

#### Lyndhurst (Red)

Captains: Andre, Tia

Deputy Captains: Stewart, Grace

#### Nottingley (Blue)

Captains: Ruaridh, Sally

Deputy Captains: Harkamal, Samantha

#### Pakowhai (Yellow)

Captains: Matthew, Elizabeth

Deputy Captains: Andrew, Caitlyn

## Senior School Swimming Championship House Results

1<sup>st</sup> Pakowhai (3<sup>rd</sup> Year in a row) 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyndhurst 3<sup>rd</sup> equal Ikanui, Nottinghamly

## Middle School Swimming Championship House Results

1<sup>st</sup> Nottinghamly 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyndhurst 3<sup>rd</sup> Ikanui 4<sup>th</sup> Pakowhai

**Physical Activity Leaders (PAL's)** These children have been selected to be trained to umpire or referee a range of lunchtime sports/house activities – Eden G, Stewart C, Andrew R, Ruaridh D, Elizabeth M, Kalam L, Sarah P, Sam H, Taine W, Rawinia H, Elizabeth H, Tymika T, Navratan K, Cortez T, Kenah A, Kate A, Alfred S, Brianna T, Caitlin S, Andre P.

**Bicycles/Scooters** – If your child is bringing either of these to school then they need to have a lock. Not all teachers have a suitable storeroom and if they have they were not designed for scooters.

**Census Forms for 8<sup>th</sup> March** - There is no need for either adults or pupils to take these to campsites for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Camps will be visited and forms issued by the census officials.

**Air Conditioning Units / Heat Pumps** In early February we had three parents who expressed concern that classrooms did not have air conditioning units. To clarify the issue I wrote to the Ministry of Education for a ruling that I have copied and pasted for all to read.



*“There is no requirement for schools to install air conditioning in classrooms. There is no maximum temperature range set for a school and there are many factors that can effect this including solar heat gain, inadequate ventilation etc. The Ministry's advice to schools on ventilation is set out in DQLS in the booklet Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality.*

*We are not aware of any situations where the temperature in classrooms could be called a 'health and safety' issue. It may be uncomfortable and not conducive to good learning but then so are poorly ventilated classrooms in the winter. All NZ schools, and many Australian schools, are designed to achieve natural ventilation and generally this achieves heat reduction as well in the buildings as long as there is some air movement and the facilities are well designed for cross ventilation. Insulation can also help to reduce solar heat gain as does planting or verandas. So there is more than one solution. Retro fitting air conditioning in existing buildings is not like installing a heat pump in the domestic home. There are 30 students in a confined space and the air needs to be regularly changed. Many heat pumps just recycle the air within the room in the cooling process, they are not air conditioning. Generally air conditioning would need to cover more than just one classroom and require solutions that ensure adequate fresh air control and this is not achievable in many older school designs with out significant cost. The NZ weather web sites say hottest months in NZ are January and February. Schools are only open in February and then for about only 18 days of that month. For Hawkes Bay they say average temperatures will be exceeded on no more that 30% of the time so that represents only a few days in February and generally this would be late morning or early afternoon. While this may not be what actually is occurring on a day by day basis this month, but it does suggest this is generally not a significant issue over a prolonged period of time. It is also important for schools to realise installing air conditioning or heat pumps will impact on their operations grant as heat light and water costs have been capped and any increases will not be refunded in future.”* **The MOE allocates all schools a set amount of funding for heat, light and water. Any over runs are funded through the schools operation grant. In 2010 we were over by almost \$10,000 and this was money we could not use on resources.**

Thank you for your continued support.  
**Malcolm Dixon Principal.**