

Dear Parents, Whanau and Caregivers
Kia Ora Koutou

Hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend in the sunshine. What a treat!

Last Thursday morning, a group of year 6 students who are intending to enrol at Fairfield Intermediate went for an orientation visit. On Monday 5th November, a group who are intending to enrol at Peachgrove Intermediate will have an orientation visit there. If your child has indicated that they are enrolling at Peachgrove they will be given a permission slip this Friday. If you are still not sure and would like your child to visit Peachgrove Intermediate there will be forms at the office.

Yesterday, I was privileged to attend the Annual Commemoration Assembly of the New Zealand Wars, held at Fairfield College. I was able to take two students with me as year 6 representatives. Paora Cooper & Angel Takiari, who are Kapa Haka members really enjoyed the experience. It was particularly great for them to see Senior Students perform Kapa Haka and to learn about the impacts of the New Zealand Wars on the Waikato.

Education Review

Next week, an Education Review Team will be at school. I am sure that they will enjoy their visit. Your children are such happy, engaged learners that they can only be impressed. As I said, while here, they visit classrooms, meet with staff, meet with the Board, talk with leaders and look at documentation. On Tuesday 30th October at 2pm, there is a meeting scheduled for the ERO team to meet with parents. If you are interested in attending this meeting you are most welcome. Come to the office and you will be directed to the staffroom.

Sunhats Sunhats Sunhats

*Can you please ensure that your children have a sunhat at school every day.
The sun is already very hot.*

Dates - 2018

Day	Date	What
Monday	29 Oct	Education Review starts
Tuesday	30 Oct	ERO Parent Meeting - 2pm
Friday	9 Nov	Assembly - R 7 hosting
Friday	16 Nov	Potiki Zoo Trip (details to come)
Friday	23 Nov	Assembly - R 6 hosting Cluster Athletics - Y5 & 6 Road Patrol Training - Y5
Thursday	29 Nov	ppd - Cluster Athletics
Wednesday	5 Dec	Tuakana 'Time to Shine' Show (details to come)
Friday	7 Dec	Year 6 Road Patrol visit Waterworld
Wednesday	12 Dec	Celebration of Learning (details to come) Disco
Thursday	13 Dec	Year 6 'Party Day'
Friday	14 Dec	Final Assembly School Ends for 2018

The parking problem before and after school is becoming huge.
Please do not park:

- on yellow lines
- in the bus stop
- in staff parking areas



Sports
Inline Hockey -
Wednesday 24 October
Bankwood Blades
vs Knighton Jaguars 3.50pm

Regards
Kay Cleaver
Principal

Ruma Toru Gets it Write

Late

With the thump of hitting the floor, I was startled awake from my slumber. The cold air hits my body with force, sending a shiver up my spine. Staggering to my feet, I stumble to my drawers. I glance at the time and realise I am seriously late for school. I start ripping clothes out of my drawers, not really caring what I put on, only about getting to school on time. Accidentally, I put both legs in the same hole of my shorts and end up in a heap on the floor. Still with two legs in the same hole of my shorts, I struggle to scramble to my feet. The quicker I try to put my clothes on, the harder they fight against me. Exhausted, I slowly finish getting dressed.

"Hurry up!" Mum shrieked. As I stagger down the hallway, I hear my family gossiping in the lounge. My sister has just woken up, still with her onesie on, she pushed past me and started getting ready. Trying desperately, my mum is hurrying us up, obviously it doesn't work at all. I dart into the lounge, tripping over a toy, landing face first on the ground. Laughter erupts from my sisters mouth, I grunt. Expecting help I lay there, eventually I pulled myself up. I hear the toaster pop, the aroma of toast permeates the air around me. When I take another whiff, all I smell is nasty coffee, I almost barfed. I grasp my toast and guzzled it down.

Hastily I snatch my bag, which I forgot to put my lunchbox in, I grab my scooter and dash out of my house without my sister.

Author: Brennan

My special thing.

I remember those black glazed eyes with an orange pupil in it. I remember his floppy yellow and green ears on each side of his head. They were even floppy enough to turn into a different ear shape. I remember his soft blue nose with his black freckles underneath. I remember his long multi coloured legs that weren't strong enough to even sit himself up properly. I remember a business name on his belly that slowly faded over time. I remember brushing his wagging banana shape tail which got skinnier after brushing it to much.

I remember making his own business tie with his name on it. Beary written in rainbow colours and pink polka dots all around the elastic. I remember trying to feed him my green evil peas that mum would always force me to eat at dinner time. I remember giving him his first name at the age of four, Blue beary just because I spilt blueberry juice all over him and he's mostly blue. Now, I know not to replace him.

Author Louise