

Wednesday, 01 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back everybody to a very positive and exciting start to 2016. A special welcome to our new students and new staff members; CS Reception teacher Delene Schoeman, CS18 teacher Amanda Lal and CS 1 teacher Joanna Petrie.

It is with much sadness we inform you that Gavin Rumney (a teacher for 17 years and of late a reliever teacher and much valued colleague) passed away the week before Christmas, aged 61 years. Gavin was an outstanding teacher, had devoted his life to teaching and learning and is sadly missed by those who knew him and were fortunate enough to have had the privilege of being in his class.

A special thank you to class teachers and admin staff for their efforts and hard work in ensuring 2017 begins so efficiently and big thank you to Chris Taylor for our lovely tidy school to start our school year. Our new wallboard in the Hall looks amazing.

The students are focused and very happy to be back with their friends and once again involved in their learning. It is important for parents to take an active role in students' learning, so remember to ask children questions on a daily basis about their goals, different subjects, what learning they find challenging, fun and their next steps for reaching goals. It is important to always have positive conversations about school as this will ensure your child also feels positive about learning and interacting with others.

We started Term 1 with an excellent assembly and powhiri to welcome new teachers and students and were very impressed with our students' singing and great behaviour— a positive start to Term 1.

We have spoken to our Year 5-8 students today separately (girls and boys) about their rights and responsibilities to ensure that all students are safe, happy learners who feel valued by others. It is important to ensure that all others also are safe and happy at school and it is our responsibility to ensure this. We will not tolerate bullying and inappropriate behaviour at Conifer Grove School.

Our school values are very important to us—

(Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Excellence & Honesty)

the whole school will be involved in "Values Day" this Friday to remind everyone of what our values mean and our expectations at Conifer Grove School.

PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is an important program here at school—as part of this program students "earn" gold tokens for demonstrating our values. The tokens are deposited in a special box at the office, when our target is reached a reward wheel is spun at assembly and all students earn a schoolwide reward (ie a free mufti day / extra long morning tea time)

Should parents have any concerns or wish to discuss students progress (once they have settled in) feel free to contact the office or the teacher concerned to make an appointment for this. It is not convenient for parents to address any issues at length before school or after school when teachers are preparing or attending meetings.

Our team leaders are listed in bold print (please see staff list)

Parents please make an appointment to speak to class teachers first followed by Year Level Leaders, and then Senior Team Leaders if you have issues to discuss.

Have a wonderful first week back at school—enjoy another long weekend for Waitangi Day and we will see you back on Tuesday!

Always think SAFETY FIRST.

Kind Regards *Jan Robertson, Principal*

Staff 2017

Teams & CS	
Kotahitanga	Years 7/8
CS 11	Graeme Parsons –Team Leader
CS 10	Jackie Kingi
CS 09	Kulbir Nand
CS 12	Elyse Johnson
Whanake	Years 5/6
CS 14	Nicky Stewart –Team Leader
CS 15	Darel-Anne Carpenter
CS 16	David Munro
CS 07	Quenten Brown
CS 08	Rebecca Ledingham
Haemata	Years 3/4
CS 18	Amanda Lal
CS 19	Jayne Senington -Team Leader
CS 20	Manna Vahaakola
CS 21	Lucy Lane
CS 22	Kate Assink
Timata	Years 0/1/2
CS 05	Katie Brooks
CS 04	Sally Davidson -Team Leader
CS 03	Annette Grayson
CS 02	Janice Metcalfe
CS 01	Joanna Petrie
CS R	Robyn Aston
CS R	Delene Schoeman
Specialist Teachers	
Technology	Michael Lim
Technology	Rebekah Gage
Music	Lynnette Denton

Senior Management

Principal	Jan Robertson
Deputy Principal	Raj Dullabh
Assistant Principal	Lee-Anne Maxwell

Admin/Support Staff

Admin Manager	Janine Laing
Admin	Jodi Eames/ Stephanie Yearbury / Kerry McCallum
Executive Officer	Sandra Read
Library	Sonja Brown
Caretaker/Property	Chris Taylor

2017 Activity Fees

These are currently being finalised and will be sent home in the next few days with students .

2017 School Donation

\$160 (1 child) \$240 (2or more children)

Resilience is all about being able to overcome the unexpected. Sustainability is about survival.
The goal of resilience is to thrive. *Jamais Cascio*

IMPORTANT HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

In the interests of safety of all students we ask that you please adhere to these school rules below:

PICK UP & DROP OFF TIMES:

AM—Students should not be at school before 8.15am.
8.30 bell—students can go into class and prepare for the day.
PM—3pm Finish—no Parents on site before 2.50pm please.

Please refrain from using the school office as a thoroughfare when dropping off and collecting your child.

ONSITE DURING SCHOOL HOURS:

We ask that you please schedule appointments outside of school hours to reduce disruptions to the class.

Should you need to come in during school hours please use the Evanda Cres entrance only and report to the school office (this includes dropping off supplies for your child)

All students arriving after 9am must be sign in at the office, if a student leaves before 3pm they must be signed out by their caregiver at the office. Our school gates are locked during the day. except for the Evanda Cres front pedestrian gate.

PARKING:

Our school carparks are for staff only.
Please also observe the "no parking areas" at Evanda Cres and Walter Strevens Drive and take extra care when driving in the area at pickup/drop off times. Our entrances are regularly monitored by Auckland Council traffic wardens.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Please ensure you advise that school office of any changes to phone numbers / email / home addresses, it is of utmost importance that this information is kept up to date—so that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency at school. Thank you

TERM DIARY 2017

3 Feb	Values Day Year 5/6 Swimming—Massey Park Pools
6 Feb	Waitangi Day—NO SCHOOL
8 Feb	Year 7/8 Swimming—Massey Park Pools
16 Feb	SCHOOL OPEN EVENING 5—7.30pm # MEET THE TEACHERS information/forum # (in the school hall)
20 Feb	New Entrant Intake 2
27 Feb	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
28 Feb	Year 5/6 Summer Sports Day
1 Mar	School Council Spirit Day
2 Mar	Year 5/6 Harbour Clean Up
10 Mar	Year 7/8 Swimming (North Counties reps)
13 Mar	Year 0-2 Life Education Van
14 Mar	Year 0-2 Life Education Van Year 3/4 Swimming—Massey Park Pools
17 Mar	Year 7/8 Swimming (Zone reps)
20 Mar	New entrant Intake 3 Year 3/4 Ak Museum Trip CS21 & CS22
21 Mar	Year 3/4 Ak Museum Trip CS18, CS19 & CS20
22/23 Mar	Year 0-2 Swimming at Massey Park Pools
27 Mar	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
29 Mar	School Council Games Day & Mufti
2 Apr	Daylight Savings Ends
3 Apr	New entrant Intake 4
12 Apr	School Council Anzac Activities Day
13 Apr	LAST DAY of Term 1
01 May	FIRST DAY of Term 2

** UNIFORM SHOP NEWS **

HELPERS NEEDED (*Desperately*) 2-3 hours per term

We rely on a wonderful group of volunteers to operate our uniform shop and this enables us to keep prices low for our families.

Are you able to assist in our Uniform Shop on a roster system?

If you are available or have any questions, please contact the School Office.

As from 20 February: (due to a shortage of helpers)

Uniform Shop Hours are as follows:

MONDAY MORNINGS 8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m.

Outside of these hours orders may be left at the office.

Timata Team need your help...

Parent Helpers are needed for CSR, CS1-5 to help with gluing, cutting, sharpening pencils, putting books away. Please see the class teacher if you can help us

Parent readers are also needed to listen to children read, learn their ring words etc—please see Miss Brooks in CS5 katieb@cgschool.ac.nz

Year 0-4 Stationery extra items required:

All students in these year groups are required to buy extra items (as listed on stationery lists) these are available from the school office:
Year 0/1/2/3/4 Handwriting Book \$3.50 Year 3/4 CSI Book \$5.00

A reminder that wearing Sun Hats is compulsory during Term 1 and 4 - they are available for purchase through the School Office OR the Uniform Shop for Bucket Hats \$10 (Yr0-6) or Caps \$12 (Yr7-8)



The lost property box is OVERFLOWING — please come and have a look and see if any of the items belong to your child/ren/family. It is located in the School Office for your convenience. It fills daily with all sorts of goodies—even the odd shoe!



A reminder of the importance of updating the office with any change of contact details, especially mobile phone numbers.

It is crucial that we are able to get in touch with you in case of an emergency with your child during school, and we are unfortunately experiencing an increase in wrong numbers when our texts are sent out in the mornings for absentee no-



Conifer Grove Netball Club Trial Dates 2017

Registration forms email: catherines@outlook.co.nz

Senior	Wed 1 & Tues 7 Feb - 6-8pm
Collegiate/U15	Tues 31 Jan & Thurs 2 Feb - 6-8pm
Intermediate (Y7/8)	Wed 8 Feb - 5-7pm
Junior (Y5/6)	Wed 9 Feb - 5-7pm

Location: Conifer Grove School Courts

Art & Craft Classes

Mon/Wed 3-6pm
contact Debbie
0274990166
www.mozaics.co.nz