

From the Principal...

Kia ora,

THIS WEEK is Cultural Week - Visit your child's classroom in the afternoons - see info below

It is hard to believe that Term 1 has nearly come to an end! This week we focus on what is our unique cultural make up at Conifer Grove School. We are an extremely diverse community and this has been celebrated during our cultural week. The makeup of the school is 33% European/ Pakeha, 23% Maori, 23% Asian, 17% Pasifika and a wonderful melting pot of African, Middle Eastern and South American. Our students are learning about countries and cultures and will display what they have learnt on fridge boxes. With a finale on Friday and a cultural parade where students are encouraged to come in cultural dress. We would love to see as many parents as possible to come and celebrate with us, remember parents - you can visit classrooms in the afternoons to see what students are doing this week. Maybe you can assist with some of your own expertise.

For those wondering what has happened in relation to Waiata Shores please make sure you read the Board of Trustees section of the newsletter. Finally, thank you for a wonderful term; it was great to see such support with all the amazing events we had throughout the term.

Have a fantastic holiday and see you all safe and sound in Term 2!

Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal



Celebrating Excellence

STUDENT OF THE TERM - Term 1 2018

Yr 1	Marily C.	Yr 2	Ella W.
Yr 3	Kokono K.	Yr 4	Mo'omo'oga V.
Yr 5	Silvana R.	Yr 6	Matthew E.
Yr 7	Courtenay C.	Yr 8	Elizabeth W.

Congratulations on your great achievements!

Sporting Excellence

Congratulations to **Jarryll C-U** as he was selected to represent NZ Under 12 tag 20 team in Australia at the end of the year!



Congratulations also to **Callum C.** for earning, respectably, 2x Bronze Medals and to **Madeline M.** for receiving 1x Silver Medal at the Taekwondo Regional Tournament recently held at Bruce Pulman Arena.

Well Done on these magnificent achievements!

This Week is Cultural Week -

Parents are welcome to join in the class activities each afternoon from 1:30-3pm this week. **On Friday** we will have a special assembly at 9am, Cultural Parade at 10am, followed by a shared morning tea in class at 10.30am. *We hope you can join us!*

WEARABLE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA



Congratulations to all of our talented entrants in this year's extravaganza, who put on an amazing show - this years Supreme Winner was Katie-Rose, rocking a "pohutakawa" inspired ensemble (above) made of recycled items. The talent shown was awe-inspiring!

Reminders

This week is Cultural Week

9-13 Apr 1.30-3pm Parents welcome to celebrate Cultural Week in classes

13 Apr 9am Cultural Assembly

10am Cultural Parade

10.30am Shared Morning Tea

13 Apr Term 1 ends - 3pm

30 Apr Term 2 BEGINS 9am

2 May Class Photos - 9AM

9 May Young Leaders Day

15 May PTA meeting 7pm-staffroom

22 May Yr 5-8 Netball at Bruce Pulman

24 May SC Gold Coin Mufti Day

04 Jun QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY-NO SCHOOL

07 Jun Yr 7&8 SC Mud Run

06 July End of Term 2

23 July - 28 Sept Term 3

15 Oct -14 Dec Term 4

(please note that school finishes early on the last day of Term 4)- 1:30p.m FINISH

PTA News

Easter Raffle - Thank you to everyone who donated items so generously for our raffle and to those who supported us buying tickets! Funds raised were just on \$1000 and will be well used for the school

Congratulations to all of the lucky winners!!!!

Entertainment Books are on sale now from the office \$70 per book with some great savings to be made on food and entertainment

Photolife Class Photos - 2 May

Class Photo Order Envelopes have been sent home with students - * with online payment option, PLEASE NOTE: whichever payment option used **your envelopes must be returned to the office, by 1st May**

- to ensure your order is processed correctly by Photolife. Thank you!

(Individual Photos will be in Term 3)

If your child is new to the school please pick up an order envelope from the office.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES News

Hello Conifer Grove School Community,

The Board met with the Ministry representatives, Niall and Janet (MOE Planning Manager), on Friday afternoon to present the community feedback regarding the Waiata Shores zoning. They were impressed with the work the community had gone to in responding. They have taken all the feedback, and will be reviewing each item. Thanks to those who took the time to make sure the information they used in their submission was accurate.

They did remind us that the Board does not have the authority to reject the zoning proposal! They also explained they have no jurisdiction over the connection of roads between Waiata Shores and Conifer Grove. We did know this, but they do need to take the strength of community feeling into account when making their decision, and they need to understand that we see the road connection decision and the School Zoning decision as completely inter-linked.

We were told the Ministry are going to review their assumptions around roll-growth, and confirm whether the Council plans to build a pedestrian / cycleway bridge between Wattle Downs and Waiata Shores in a near time-frame before they make their final decision. We were told to expect this to take a couple of months.

We asked that should they still **want to pursue** Conifer Grove that Ministry representatives front a Community Meeting to explain how they plan to manage the issues raised in your submissions.

We have also given a copy of our submission to the local Papakura Local Board. Should anything change, we will let you know.

Thanks and regards,

Olaf van Daalen, Board Chair - Conifer Grove School



Congratulations to Boston W; winner of the Ray White Easter Colouring Competition!

Thank you to Gagan Dhillon from Ray White for organising this event. The children all enjoyed participating and their efforts were outstanding!

Thank you to Rovi Varma once again for your generosity in donating stationery items to our school!

Community Notices



Lest we Forget...
Anzac Day; Friday 20th
April - poppies available in the school office for purchase -thank you for your support



Welcome to GREAT TIMES HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Monday 16 th April	Tuesday 17 th April	Wednesday 18 th April	Thursday 19 th April	Friday 20 th April
<p>WHEELS DAY Beep Beep Bring along your wheels and helmets as we make and master our circuit abiding by our road code rules</p> <p>Don't forget your helmets</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$30</p>	<p>GREAT GYMNASTICS Get crazy over Gymnastics. Become a little Olympian today with Franklin Gym Club and their wonderful instructors.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45</p>	<p>COLOUR FESTIVAL Cool, Funky and Bright. Create and experiment with our variety of different techniques. Have a try at tie dying</p> <p>B.Y.O. Pillow Case, T-Shirt or T-towel</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$30</p>	<p>WEST WAVE POOLS Splish, splash and swim the morning away at West Wave indoor pools Henderson. Pop on the bus and join us for a park hop on the way back</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45</p>	<p>TALENTED TEAMS Our combination of games will require your skills, team work and energy to conquer our range of hands on fun we have installed</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$30</p>
Monday 23 rd April	Tuesday 24 th April	Wednesday 25 th April	Thursday 26 th April	Friday 27 th April
<p>HIP HOP DANCER Put your dancing shoes on and come and learn some new moves with our tutors from Groovit Dance Studio</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$35</p>	<p>1, 2, 3 SAY CHEESE! Enjoy our very own Photo booth. Get creative as we make our own props and get dressed up. Let's make some Great Times memories</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$30</p>	<p>CLOSED FOR ANZAC DAY</p> 	<p>EVENT CINEMA MANUKAU Off to watch the latest movie for our always popular trip day out.</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$45</p>	<p>GREAT TIMES CARNIVAL Today is all about the fun factor. Enjoy the carnival games and activities. WIN PRIZES??</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">\$30</p>

*Morning Care 7:30–8:30am \$5.00 *Structured Programme 8:30–3:00pm *Afternoon Care 3:00–6:00pm \$15.00



PARENT Information Sheet

Centre Ph # 027 518 0066 or 021 876 139

Trish 027 518 0077

Thank you for your enrolment to the Great Times Holiday Programme.

Please note full payment is required prior to attendance: ASB 12 3110 0071786 02

Daily Requirements:

*Drink Bottle *Morning Tea *Lunch *Wheels Optional *Helmet Compulsory

Week One	Mon 16 TH April	Tues 17 th April TRIP DAY	Weds 18 th April	Thurs 19 th April TRIP DAY	Fri 20 th April
Special Requirements:	Bring your wheels Skateboard, roller blades, bike..... Helmet NO HELEMNT NO WHEELS!	No Instant Noodles Comfortable Clothes Packed Lunch Extra Large Drink	Dye Tying today please bring either a white or light Pillow Case T-Shirt or T-towel	No Instant Noodles Togs Towels Warm Change of clothes Packed Lunch Extra Large Drink	Comfortable clothes for active games
Week Two	Mon 23 rd April	Tues 29 th April	Weds 25 th April	Thurs 26 th April TRIP DAY	Fri 27 th April
Special Requirements:	Comfortable clothes for dancing		CLOSED ANZAC DAY	No Instant Noodles Packed Lunch Extra Large Drink	Dress Up Optional Carnival day

PROGRAMME NOTES:

- CYF approved and OSCAR funding available.
- Trip Days – please ensure your child is at the centre by **8.30 am**.
- Trip bookings in advance are essential as there are limited spaces.
- It is suggested the child/ren bring a spare set of clothes every day.
- Please label your child/rens clothing: we accept no responsibility for any loss of clothing or property.
- If you know that your child is going to be absent please contact the Centre via text or voice message before 9am.
- Cancellations – Great Times Holiday Programme has a no refund policy. Staff are employed based on the number of children enrolled.
- If five days' notice is given for cancellations within the current holiday programme parents may choose to swap the absent day to another day, providing space is available, or our no refund policy will apply.
- To avoid late fees please ensure your child is picked up by the time specified on your enrolment sheet – late fee rate is \$10 per 15 mins.



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