

13 February 2018 - Term 1 Week 3

From the Principal...

Family Fun Night - Tues 20th Feb 4.30-6.30pm

We would like to invite all students of Conifer Grove School and their families to our Family Fun Night, next Tuesday 20th February, 4.30-6.30pm. Bring along a picnic to enjoy with your family on the field, we will also have ice blocks, drinks and sausage sizzle on sale. Come along and have a fun evening with your kids, there will be lots of games and a waterslide to enjoy. If the weather is not kind to us on the 20th we will postpone until the evening of 27th February.

Later this week we will be sending home a Back to School Summary Report for all students. The aim is to inform Parents/Caregivers on how your child has settled into school so far this term. Parents/Caregivers will have an opportunity to comment on their child's development, we encourage you to complete this and send back to the class teacher or email a copy to us admin@cgschool.ac.nz.

This Thursday, our emergency management consultant from Harrison Tew will be training our staff and students in procedures developed to allow us to respond safely and quickly to a range of circumstances. The training consists of a low key but detailed approach to potential threats, and has been successfully implemented in a large number of schools throughout New Zealand. It is important that the school is able to contact you in the event of an emergency - if you have changed any of your contact details in the last year - please email us: admin@cgschool.ac.nz

As a safety reminder, PLEASE be mindful of our children around our gates- especially before and after school. With nearly 500 students coming and going with parents and siblings too, it can be extremely congested. Vehicle traffic can be frustrating but we ask that you remain patient and safe at all times. Thank you in advance.

To both our new families of the school and existing families, the PTA are looking for volunteers to join them to help organise fundraising activities this year for the school. Our PTA play a vital role within our school in creating and implementing fun events and activities that our students love. It's a great way to meet new people and bring families together as well as being a key component within our school body. Last year they raised \$15k towards sports equipment. The school appreciates their hard work and ongoing support. If you are interested in joining please contact conifer.grove.pta@gmail.com



Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal

from the Teams

**Timata - Year 0-2**

The Timata Team are a dedicated group of Teachers and Akonga who are committed to scaffolding the development of happy, positive learners. We interweave the NZ Curriculum, Key Competencies, Inquiry Learning and our School Values to teach the foundations of Literacy and Numeracy as well as developing well rounded students ready for the 21st century. We encourage independence while nurturing our students to grow and learn alongside each other. We work as a Team to guide our tamariki to be confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners.

Learning Focus Areas for Term 1, 2018:

Inquiry Topic: 'Keeping healthy bodies and minds'. **Maths:** Number knowledge and strategies, position and orientation, statistics and probability.

The Arts: Visual Arts: Exploring a variety of techniques using paint and the works of Vincent van Gogh.

Physical Education: Fundamental movement skills: Hopping, skipping, leaping, small ball skills – overarm throw, one-handed strike and two handed strike skills and games. Fitness: Activities and Jump Jam.

Whanake - Year 5-6

Whanake is a future focused team which fosters confidence, competence and resilience in its students.

We believe that learning is more effective, engaging and empowering, when it is delivered through meaningful contexts that the students have some control over. For this reason, the students are engaged in STEAM Inquiry projects throughout the year, where teaching and learning is integrated across a range of subjects and the students take some ownership over the projects. While we aim to develop curriculum based knowledge and skills, we also place importance on developing inter-personal skills. These include the five Key Competencies and our five school values.

*STEAM is an acronym which represents the subject areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. It is an approach to teaching which allows for students to work across a range of disciplines to develop numeracy and literacy skills in the context of a research/design/community problem solving project that is relevant to them.

Learning Focus Areas For Term 1, 2018:

Current Themes: Turangawaewae: A place to stand (culture and identity); Developing independence, resilience and collaboration.

Current Goals: Setting up routines and expectations; Developing collaboration and teamwork; Introduction to the STEAM approach.

Teaching and /or Assessments successes for this month: Formative assessment in classes to inform teaching and learning; Target students identified; Swimming Sports, Orienteering and Athletics events.

Trends and next steps for action: Positive start to the year with students settling into their new classes well. We will continue to develop greater independence, work habits and taking responsibility for students' own learning.

PB4L Focus: Responsibility – students taking responsibility for their own learning, behaviour and property. Respect - for self and for others at all times.

Reminders

- 14 Feb** Orienteering Yr 5-8
New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 15 Feb** Orienteering Yr 5-8
Emergency procedures training
- 20 Feb** Family Fun Night 4.30-6.30pm
- 21 Feb** New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 23 Feb** Yr 5 & 6 Athletics Day
Yr 7 & 8 NC Swimming
- 26 Feb** New Entrant Intake 2
BOT Meeting 6.30pm
- 07 Mar** New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 14 Mar** New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 19 Mar** New Entrant Intake 3
- 28 Mar** Wearable Arts Extravaganza
- 29 Mar** New Entrant Visit
- 30 Mar** EASTER BREAK
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EASTER BREAK
- 3 Apr** EASTER BREAK
- 4 Apr** School reopens after Easter
New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 25 Apr** ANZAC Day = School Closed
- 13 Apr** Term 1 ends
- 30 Apr** Term 2 starts
New Entrant Intake 4

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Shop hours:
Monday's 8.30-9am

Uniform orders can be placed at the office each day, items can be collected at the end of the school day or sent to your child's class.

Please call into the office or email an order to: admin@cgschool.ac.nz - office staff will be contact with you if the item(s) are not in stock. School Hats can be purchased from the school office at any time.

Our Uniform Shop will not close until later in the year once all remaining uniform stock is sold. The Warehouse Takanini will be stocking and selling uniforms on our behalf thereafter.

POSITION AVAILABLE

CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL PTA
TREASURER

Our lovely current treasurer Gail Lovelock has unfortunately for us had to give up her position as treasurer for the Conifer Grove School PTA.

If you wish to take on this position please contact Yvonne on 022 0681970 or email coniferpta@gmail.com for a copy of the job description.

WEARABLE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday 28th March
- Week 9

Our CGS Wearable Arts Extravaganza is for all students !

- Students may design a costume for this years Wearable Arts Parade or an Accessory to go on display.
- Parents may inspire, collect recycled bits and pieces and help construct the costume.

Categories for costumes are:

Mythical / Cultural / Futuristic / NZ Nature Inspired

Categories for Accessories are:

Hats / Shoes / Bags / Jewellery / Belts / Glasses

- All garments must include recycled junk, stuff, bits and pieces.
- Students must be able to climb the stairs to the stage and costumes need to be worn three times, so think carefully about how to get in and out of it!

GOOD LUCK &
HAVE FUN CREATING !



Fonterra Milk for Schools is back !

We're pleased to let you know that our school will be participating in the Fonterra Milk for Schools Programme.

The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is all about growing healthy children. The natural nutrition of milk gives children calcium for building bones and nutrients they need for sustained energy, concentration and learning in the classroom. It is about creating healthy habits and teaching our children to have something nutritious throughout their day.

Please ensure you return your permission slip to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Papakura Junior Rugby Club are taking registrations this week for the new season starting soon contact Natalie Papakura Wasps Junior Rugby Club Registrar 0272288440

ZIRKA CIRCUS is coming to Papakura - if you would like to go into the draw for FREE family pass or half price passes email admin@cgschool.ac.nz



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