

**Tuesday, 15 March 2016**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

*Dear Parents and Caregivers,*

*This morning we had a lockdown exercise where we carried out a "practice" lockdown scenario and acted accordingly by following the procedures and moving through what would happen in a true event. Our school and student were outstanding. The Health and Safety Consultant, Wade Harrison, took us through the procedure and was extremely impressed with the actions from staff and students throughout this whole process. Well done everyone.*

*This lockdown is now part of our emergency procedures. Should you hear of a lockdown procedure happening at our school, we please ask that you DO NOT attend the school or ring the school as we will not be in a position to respond. All families will receive a text / email message and then all updates will be on our school website. It is important that no one compromises the safety of our students and staff during this time and that families keep contact phone numbers updated in the school office.*

*We have had a very disappointing fortnight with thefts of our external speakers, laptops, a camera and a school guitar during two break-ins to the school after hours. It saddens me to know that people in our community would take from our school community when so many people work so hard to ensure our children have the learning resources they need. We are very thankful for the support and the positive nature from our students, staff and police in dealing with these incidents.*

*Remember, Wearable Arts is coming up—so help your children at home design and create amazing outfits for this extravaganza. Some students are creating accessories such as handbags, glasses, hats and other items ready for display. This should not be a costly exercise, as Wearable Arts is all about recycling and being creative with what you can find.*

*The school is designing and having a new website built—we will be using photos of students involved in various activities and will be sending home letters to parents of these students in the next few weeks seeking permission to use these photos. If you feel strongly that you do NOT want your child involved, please notify the office.*

*Remember that Tuesday, 29th March is a school holiday (right across New Zealand) so do not come to school this day and enjoy and extra long Easter.*

*Have a fantastic week everyone, enjoy this weather as much as I do and lets hope we have a nice sunny cooler Easter long weekend to get out and about in our beautiful Country.*

**Kind Regards**

**Jan Robertson, Principal**

Board of Trustees elections will be held this year. Have you recently moved?? Do we have your correct updated address? Election papers will be mailed out soon, so please ensure we have your updated details



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Have you seen us on Facebook?

[www.facebook.com/ConiferGroveSchool](http://www.facebook.com/ConiferGroveSchool)

Keep up to date by 'liking' us and being a part of our school community.



**REMINDER ABOUT WEARABLE ARTS 2016**

Students can make a costume/or accessorize at home. Parents are allowed to help.

**Categories: A.—Accessories** (can be done at home or school):

= Shoes, Hats, Handbags/Manbags, Jewellery, Glasses

**Category C.—Costumes:** (Can be made at home with/without parent help) — Themes are as follows:

- 1) NZ Water-Swamp Thing, Taniwha, rainbow, Rivers, Lakes, etc.
- 2) Recycled—any theme you like
- 3) Cosmic Couture High Fashion of the future, shiny, iridescent, illuminated.
- 4) Minecraft inspired
- 5) Pacifica Nature / Fauna / Flora

Garments must be made from: Household, industrial, manmade waste (nothing new), Reused, recycled clothing, objects and fabric offcuts. \*\*Garments must be able to walk up stairs onto the catwalk, for the 2 performances. Do not bring any accessories or completed costumes to school until we ask for them (After Easter sometime).

**\*Parade will be held during Week 11—Wednesday, 13th April\***



**\*\*Also—please save all milk/juice bottle tops (all colours) and bring to the Music Room, thank you. \*\***



**"Positive anything is better than negative nothing". Elbert Hubbard**

## Friendly Reminders



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**EASTER HOLIDAY**

Please note that Easter break is from **Good Friday, 25th March, 28th March** – Monday and also includes **Tuesday, 29th March this year—there will be no school on these days.** Enjoy the nice extra long weekend with your families!






As you have been made aware, our speakers have unfortunately been stolen, making the task of trying to call children from outside the classroom that need to leave school early for appointments (or various other reasons)- extremely difficult. Please schedule appointments outside of school hours whenever possible, thank you!

**PHONE MESSAGES**

We also would like to encourage you to discuss with your child/ren, alternate plans whenever delays may occur for after school pickups, as traffic and other uncontrollable circumstances often arise and we have seen an increase in phone calls with various message requests, which is sometimes difficult to deliver at the end of the school day. Having a "Plan B if..." alleviates any distress if your child happens to find you not at school after the bell. Thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping phone traffic to a minimal at such a busy time of the day.


**How does the school contact parents in the event of a whole school emergency of concern?**

The school will text and email a message to all Caregivers stating that there is an emergency situation at the school - any updates thereafter will be posted on our school website – please do not contact the school as we will not be in a position to answer your call. (It is important that we have current mobile numbers on record).



**Gardening Group.....**

If anyone has spare seedlings for our school garden, we would love to plant them. Please send them to Mrs. Denton. Also we are in need some extra hand tools for weeding if you have any spares willing to donate to us, we would be most grateful.



**TERM DIARY 2016**

25 March TO 29 March	→	Easter Friday—NO SCHOOL Easter Monday— NO SCHOOL Easter Tuesday—NO SCHOOL
11 April		CS 1, CS 2 and CS 3 off to Auckland Museum
12 April		CS R, CS 4 and CS 5 off to Auckland Museum
13 April	←	**WEARABLE ARTS PARADE** <span style="color: red; border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">CORRECTION</span>
15 April		LAST DAY OF TERM 1
02 May		First Day of Term 2
29 October		Marimba Festival– ASB Stadium

**Student of the Month**

Once a month a pupil from each class is selected for the Pupil of the Month Award, which recognises their achievements and whose attitudes reflect our school values

CS R: Strickland S.	CS01: Sanna S.	CS02: Taka K.
CS03: Mereana R.	CS04: Neel P.	CS05: Zara K.
CS07: Ella W.	CS08: Mackenzie B.	CS09: Logan W.
CS10: James C.	CS11: Alisha P.	CS12: Owen R.
CS14: Oliver J	CS15: Courtney C.	CS16: Mya K.
CS17: Carla G.	CS18: Hana A.	CS19: Trinity H.
CS20: Kamya D.	CS21: James B.	CS22: Shyna M

Dear Parents and Caregivers,...

We are looking for Parent volunteers to be a part of our Parent Reading Tutor programme. The programme runs on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1.45 – 2.45. If you are interested in helping, you can collect information from the office or please email me [-katieb@cgschool.ac.nz](mailto:katieb@cgschool.ac.nz) or leave your contact details with the office staff please include the days and times that you would be available. Thank you for your support.

CONIFER GROVE PTA

## Easter Raffle

\$2 TICKET OR \$5 FOR 3  
TO BE DRAWN ON THURSDAY 24TH MARCH



### Community Notices



**GOLDEN FRESH SCHOOL DONATION**

Golden Fresh are delighted to have donated a complimentary bag of **Apple Snappz** to every child at Your School.

We have a passion for our Kiwi Kids and know the importance of eating healthy while at school.

With the vast array of delicious snack products now available in the market place, we understand why the level of Fresh Fruit consumption is dwindling and wastage is at an all-time high. How often is that a ½ eaten Apple is thrown in the garbage bin or returned home bruised? This is why Golden Fresh bring **Apple Snappz** – A product that is healthy and easy and yet, kids love them!

At last our kids are eating Healthy!

From the team at **GOLDEN FRESH**



**There will be no LUCKY Book Club Issue 2**

Due to delays caused by unexpected technical issues, there will be no Issue 2 of LUCKY Book Club this term. Scholastic apologises for any inconvenience. LUCKY Book Club will return at the start of term 2 with a special bumper edition. Any outstanding vouchers due to expire in term 1 will be extended until the end of term 2.






Join us for the **BEACHLANDS KIDS TRIATHLON** at Te Puru Park on Tuesday 12th April



Year 4 - 8 students represent your school as an individual or 2-Person Team



Enter online @ [www.bsgevents.co.nz](http://www.bsgevents.co.nz)

**GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS...March is biscuit selling month for Girl Guides.**

.Plain # Chocolate # Mini...  
\$3.50 per packet—for a supply of this ever-popular treat — phone or txt 021 055 885

**St. Paul Collegiate School Open Day—** Saturday, March 19th 2pm. Register online for the open day— [stpauls.schools.nz/events](http://stpauls.schools.nz/events)

Are you looking for a new sports..... or interested in playing hockey, we welcome new and old members to join us at Papakura District Hockey Club. Come along to our fun day on Saturday 12th of March between 1 – 3pm grounds (Cnr of Marne Rd and Onslow Rd) or phone 021 344 856 for more details