

**From the Principal...**

Kia ora,

We had a fantastic assembly last Friday where we were treated to a performance from our students singing and signing for "Sign Language Week". All of our students took part in learning Sign throughout the week, it is fantastic to see how much they learnt.

Congratulations to the students named below who received awards for Student of the Month, and Principal's Awards for demonstrating school values - in particular, Caring and Respect. Again, it was wonderful to see so many parents attend our assembly. We have had several visitors to the school recently who have praised our students for their wonderful manners and our students have also been praised outside of the school on trips for their outstanding behaviour—Keep it up everyone!

Please make note of upcoming dates for Three-Way Learning Conferences, school will finish early on these days, bookings for conferences will be online in Week 7. It is vitally important that parents take this time out to share their child's learning journey and support them through this progress and achievement.

Please support our PTA's upcoming Quiz Night on 26th May, tables are still available to this fun event, especially for Mums and Dads and friends to enjoy a night out. Have a great week everyone.



*Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal*

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**STUDENT OF THE MONTH May 2018**

Rm R	Sanaya V.	Rm 12	Michael R.
Rm 2	Asher D.	Rm 14	Olivia F.
Rm 3	Lesieli U.	Rm 15	Lukas Z.
Rm 4	Nikhil G.	Rm 16	Giselle K.
Rm 5	Jupjeet S.	Rm 18	Caleb B.
Rm 6	Arabella M.	Rm 19	Bella-Rose K.
Rm 7	Manvir S.	Rm 20	Coralee F.
Rm 8	Peter G.	Rm 21	Yui K.
Rm 9	Samantha L.	Rm 22	Aliya D.
Rm 10	Sophie B.	Food Tech	Alex W.
Rm 11	Dayle A.	Pacifika Group	Shonte F.

A big THANK YOU to the families who have already made their **2018 School Donation** - for bank account details please see below or set up a small weekly automatic payment with your bank - did you know that you can claim a portion of school donations back from IRD: **Account number:**

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(include surname and room number)

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS May 2018**

Caring & Responsibility	Toonga T. Leilani S. Riley S. Iroam K-T Joseph R. Hiro K. Connor R. Tegan PW
Respect	Magnify T. Kauri D.

**Board of Trustees Update**

The BOT is still awaiting feedback from the Ministry regarding Waiata Shores consultation and the assessment of your submissions. We had been given an estimate of mid-May for them to respond, so we are hoping it will be soon. If we receive feedback outside the regular newsletter cycle we'll publish an extra update through the School links to let you know.

We've just signed off the 5 year Property Plan with the Ministry of Education for the building maintenance plan for our school over the coming 5 years. This is different to roll-growth and is about maintaining existing buildings. The aim is to keep our current classrooms and facilities weather tight, up-to-date, and attractive. There will be focus on 2 of our older blocks that need renovation..

We have our next BoT meeting next Monday, 21 May. As always, observers are welcome, simply e-mail us at [BOT@cgschool.ac.nz](mailto:BOT@cgschool.ac.nz) prior to let us know you are interested.

Regards, Olaf van Daalen, BOT Chairperson

# Reminders

## TERM 2 ACTIVITY & TECHNOLOGY FEES ARE NOW DUE

- 15 May** PTA meeting 7pm-staffroom
- 16 May** New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 18 May** PINK SHIRT DAY-(anti bullying)
- 22 May** Yr 5-8 Netball at Bruce Pulman  
Yr 7-8 Girls Zone Football
- 23 May** New Entrant Visit 1:30-3pm
- 24 May** SC Gold Coin Mufti Day
- 26 May** PTA QUIZ NIGHT
- 29 May** ICAS - Science
- 01 Jun** Yr 7-8 Winter Field Day
- 04 Jun** QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY-NO SCHOOL
- 07 Jun** Yr 7&8 SC Mud Run
- 13 Jun** ICAS - Spelling
- 14 Jun** ICAS - Writing
- 18 Jun** Teacher Union Meeting
- 22 Jun** Grandparents Day-more info to come
- 25 Jun** Teacher Union Meeting
- 27 Jun** 3 Way Learning Conferences  
SCHOOL will close at 1230
- 28 Jun** 3 Way Learning Conferences  
SCHOOL will close at 1230
- 06 July** End of Term 2

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**23 July - 28 Sept** Term 3  
**15 Oct -14 Dec** Term 4 **\*\*PLEASE NOTE: IT IS  
A 12:30 FINISH ON THE LAST DAY TERM 4\*\***

## Uniform Shop News

Below is a list of the final items we **have** in stock:

- Green Polo Shirts:** 4, adult S, M, L
- Boys grey shorts:** 4, 8,10,12,14,16,18
- Girls culottes:** 4,6,10,12,14,16,18
- Polar fleece jumpers:** 4, 14, adult S/L
- Sport Red Tees:** 6, 8, adult S, M, L
- Sport black shorts:** 6,12,14,adult S,M,L
- Grey boys socks and black girls socks:** all in stock except for boys size 11-1
- Red winter Jackets:** 6, 16

Uniform Shop is open Mondays 8.30-9am or place an order at the school office.  
All other items can be purchased from The Warehouse Takanini.



**Food  
Technology**

Week 1: This week at food tech we made burgers. we used a recipe from the cooking 4 change book the options were beef, chicken and vegetarian. One of the food tech groups finished early so they prepared the red onion, lettuce and tomato. Our group chose the chicken we added some of miss jarvies sriracha sauce to add some spice. We melted cheese on the burger buns using the heat of the patties and spread garlic aioli on the buns.

Michael Room 12



## IMPORTANT DATES: SAVE THE DATES

### TEACHER UNION MEETINGS

Some of our Teachers will be attending union meetings on Monday 18 June and Monday 25 June. Normal class afternoon programs will be affected at this time. There will be adequate teaching staff onsite to supervise students while these meetings are on.

### 3 WAY TEACHER CONFERENCES

School will be closing at 12.30 pm on **Wednesday 27 June and Thursday 28 June** will teachers, students and parents attend conferences from 1pm to 6pm.

## \*\*\*\* POSTPONED \*\*\*\*

The Kapa Haka Hangi that was scheduled for Sunday 20 May has been postponed. Watch the space for new date and information.

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IS ONE SIZE  
Fits All

**SPEAK UP**  
*Stand together*  
**STOP  
BULLYING**

### \*PINK SHIRT DAY\* Friday 18th May

Our school is a proud supporter of 'Pink Shirt Day'- a global day that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected - Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations and individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying- so show your support by wearing PINK on this FREE Mufti Day - United, we will stand up; against bullying.

## Student Leaders' News

### Students Leaders Amazing Day

On 9 May, Student Leaders went to NYLD, National Young Leaders Day. It was very inspirational and an amazing experience for everyone. One goal that was repeated over and over again was, "Never Give Up. Take little steps to achieve a bigger goal." The Leaders will do a powerpoint presentation for a school assembly to share their experience with the school.

### \*\*UPCOMING EVENT\*\*

On THURSDAY, **24th May**, the Student Council will be having a **PJ and Gumboot Day**. This will be a fun day to come dressed in your favourite pyjamas and gumboots to school; **gold coin donation required**. This is also a day where you can help Women's Refuge by bringing in pre-loved PJs and gumboots that are still in good condition. Please bring your donation in a plastic bag, labelled with age and gender on it to room 13.

**Note: All pyjamas are to be worn over other clothes, please wear shorts and tops with your pyjamas.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**From the Teams - Term 2 2018**

**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.

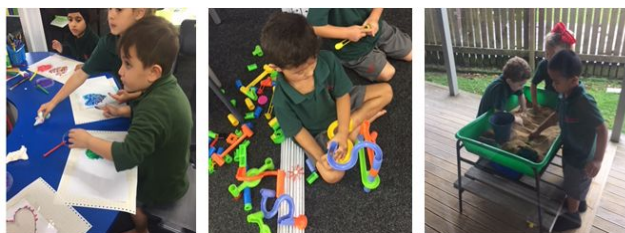
**Learning Focus Areas for Term 2, 2018:**

**Inquiry Topic:** 'Ko wai matou?' 'Who are we?'

**Maths:** Number knowledge and strategies, Measurement- Length & Area, Geometry- Position & Orientation.

**The Arts:** Visual Arts: Sketching.

**Physical Education:** Fundamental movement skills: Large Balls- catch, chest pass, foot dribble, kick. Fitness: Relays & Jump Jam



**Whanake - Year 5-6**

**Learning Focus Areas For Term 2, 2018:**

**Current Themes:** Sustainability - What steps can WE take to move towards a more sustainable future.

**Current Goals:** To immerse all Whanake students in STEAM by having students work on a real-world problem, with links right across the curriculum, and input from experts from the community. Understanding the problems that industry is causing for our environment and what some groups are doing to improve this. Attempting to make a form of bioplastic which is both bio-based and biodegradable, as an alternative to traditional petroleum based plastics.

**Teaching and/or Assessments successes for this term:** Ongoing formative assessment in classes to inform teaching and learning - using tools such as E-Asttle, Probe, Running Records, GloSS, ARBs; STAR testing of target students; Strategies for target students refined; activities for Sign Language Week; Trip to the Science Roadshow to support the science aspect of our STEAM programme; In-school visit from StarDome to begin Matariki celebrations; Inter-school Netball tournament; ongoing sport and fitness rotations within the team.

**Trends and next steps for action:** Work last term around Turangawaewae (culture and identity) was positive in fostering tolerance and understanding of others. We would like to continue this trend to see our students relating to others positively at all times. Students are becoming more involved in the STEAM approach and we will be integrating more extensively this term.

**PB4L Focus:** Relating to others - Continuing to develop collaboration and teamwork, through practicing the school values in all of our interactions with others.



**Haemata - Year 3-4**

**Welcome** to a busy second term. Our team is settled and running well. We have a wide range of cultures, abilities and interests in each of our classrooms. Our teaching aims to include and engage all these students, We encourage partner work, small group work and lots of high interest physical activity and hands on creative work, to balance the settled routines of more formal learning.

**Our Inquiry Topic** for this term is "Water, H2O on the Go" with a science focus. Students will be learning about the scientific method as they carry out simple water experiments (evaporation, condensation...) record their observations and draw conclusions. Yes, they will be learning a lot of new vocabulary too. It always amazes us how well our students remember interesting new words....it is the boring mundane words that cause more problems.

**In an effort to keep costs down** for families, there is no trip this term and only a small activity fee (\$4 towards the cost of experiment expendables). In week 10 the free educator from Watercare will visit each class to do 1 and 1/2 hours of hands on learning about the water cycle. Watercare also returns early in term 3 to cover stormwater and wastewater.

**In week 1 of Term 3** Haemata will visit MOTAT. By going in the first week we get free entry, but will need to pay for the education sessions and bus. The topic is "Toys" with a social science and technology focus. Follow up from the trip includes using limited materials to design and make a new toy. Further details and exact costs will be sent home to families in week 5, this term.

**Counties Manukau Sports** is providing additional weekly sports skills lessons for each Haemata class this term. Class PE is aiming to steadily build fitness as well as provide team skills opportunities and fun. The Haemata sports equipment trolley is now out each break time. Student monitors issue equipment (balls, hoops, skipping ropes) to enable Haemata kids to informally use their new skills and to keep busy. We also have a giant draughts set many students like to use.

**Maths focus** this term is multiplication / division and the strand topic is time. Year 3 will start with skip counting, then do 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Time will cover telling time in digital and traditional form, developing understanding of seconds, minutes, hours and the use of days, weeks, months and years.

We look forward to chatting with you and your children in week 9, during 3 Way Conferences. We re also happy to talk with you after school if you have any questions or concerns.



**Kotahitanga - Year 7-8**

Term 2 is an action packed term with a variety of learning and sporting opportunities available to our students. Students will also have a focus on reflecting on their own learning, through identifying their next learning steps in relation to 3-Way Learning Conferences at the end of the term.

We will continue to celebrate our cultural diversity at CGS through Samoan Language Week and Matariki Week. As part of our Matariki Week celebrations students will be participating in a StarLab session where they will be learning about this special event on the Maori calendar.

Our STEAM programme continues to move from strength to strength as classes branch off into different areas of study. From eating bugs to flying rockets, our students are being exposed to a variety of exciting new learning experiences.

Our school is part of developing Engineering New Zealand's new Rocket League Programme in association with Rocket Lab Ltd., a programme that will be rolled out in 2019 to schools across New Zealand.



# PTA NEWS

## CONIFER GROVE SCHOOL

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## 2018 KEY DATES

*We Need YOU!*

General Meeting Dates:

Tues 15th May 7pm  
Tues 19th June 7pm  
Tues 24th July 7pm  
Tues 21st Aug 7pm  
Tues 18th Sept 7pm





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