

From the Principal...

Kia ora,

**This Wed & Thur School finishes at 12.30pm**

For the last two Monday's, teachers have been attending Paid Union Meetings. The school has not closed and has managed these union meetings with skeleton staff so that this does not affect our hardworking community. It has been 26 years since teachers were last on strike. Our teachers play a vital role in the development of our young children; recent Ministry initiatives, increased workload, lack of funding and low pay have changed the landscape dramatically for our teachers as they voted on whether to accept the government's offer over pay. We hope that you can continue supporting teachers who work so hard for our students.

We look forward to seeing our parents at the 3-Way Conferences this week. Your child will be talking about their learning - What they can do, What their next steps are, and How they are going to achieve those goals. We look forward to that partnership with parents, students and teachers to support student achievement. Please remember that school will finish at 12:30pm on Wednesday and Thursday for the 3-Way conferences.

Health Consultation: Thank you to everyone who has recently filled out our Health Curriculum Consultation. You play a vital role in shaping how Conifer Grove School implements the Health Curriculum. If you have not filled this out please do so using this [link](#) - Paper copies are available from the office.

Home work: What are your views on homework? We are reviewing Conifer Grove Schools homework policy. So you have a great opportunity to have your say and express your views on Home Learning. We will be sending out a survey this week. Please take the time to fill this short survey. Paper copies will also be available from the office.

With the recent cold snap it is noticeable that a number of students are coming to school with different types of jumpers. Please, can you ensure that the correct school uniform is worn including the Conifer Grove School jumpers. Jumpers can be purchased at the Takanini Warehouse, we do have a limited stock of second hand (various sizes) and brand new (size 4,14,S) jumpers available from the office.



*Ngā mihi nui, Raj Dullabh, Principal*

### Year 4 - 8 Learning Conferences

**\*TOMORROW AND THURSDAY\***

**Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th June 1 - 6pm**

Conferences will be student led and will be solely dedicated to the learning and progress of the student.

**Each child will be allocated one time slot only (15 minute duration)**  
**A gentle reminder that students are to attend in school uniform.**

Please note **Room 11** will have their Conferences later in Term 3.

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.30PM for ALL students on these two days**

### Celebrating Excellence

#### Rippa Rugby

On Wednesday the 20th of June, two Year 5 and 6 rippa rugby teams participated in a rippa competition held at Massey Park, Papakura. Both teams represented Conifer Grove well and improved with every game they played.

Conifer Grove 2 reached the finals and after a draw of 12-12 after the final whistle, were beaten in extra time. **This team will now play in a Counties wide tournament on the 3rd of July (next week) at Navigation Homes Stadium Pukekohe.**

We wish them all the best in advance.

#### TIMATA AND DOG SAFETY

Last week, our Timata children attended a **Dog Safety Programme** and learnt how to behave around dogs and what to do if a dog approaches them that they do not know.



# Reminders

Important info

## Mini Fair Cancellation Notice

There is NO Mini Fair this term,  
(No Mini Fair on July 5th)  
\*Normal School Day applies

### Conifer Grove School Recycling Initiative

A reminder that Conifer Grove School has proudly teamed up with the Colgate Oral Care Waste Brigade by starting a collection/ recycling effort of **ANY BRAND of oral care products** - Toothpaste tubes and caps, Floss Containers, Toothbrushes, Toothbrush and toothpaste tube outer packaging. A collection box will be placed outside Mrs. Denton's Music Room. Please let's spread the word by making this more than a school initiative - we are aiming for a community-wide collection effort; so tell your friends and neighbors too! The items collected not only help keep them out of the landfill as waste, they are used in building of playground equipment and outdoor furniture! For more information, please visit [www.terracycle.co.nz](http://www.terracycle.co.nz). Thank you for your support in our school and more importantly - OUR PLANET!

#### \*\*\*\*COMING SOON!\*\*\*\*

**Breakfast Club...** thanks to KickStart Breakfast programme, we are able to deliver Weetbix and milk to our children at school.. The club is not just about eating; it provides an engaging environment to encourage social skills, and growth through the wider benefits of breakfast and is a great way for volunteers to share stories with the new generation of thinkers, learners and future workforce.

**Walking School Bus...** A walking school bus (WSB) is just like a school bus except children walk to and from school under the supervision of adult volunteers (often parents). This creates a safe and social journey to school and from school

*If any of these new initiatives interest you, please get in touch with Ms. Senington or the school office for more information and to express your interest and availability. Thank you for your support!*

### Community Notices

**Young at Art:** children's winter holiday workshops are now open for booking. We have painting, mixed media, watercolours and craft projects available. Also Term 3 Art Adventures classes in all mediums are now available along with a DYNAMIC DRAWING short course and our ARTY YARNS children's book course with award winning Illustrator Raymond McGrath.

For more information or to book please check out:  
[www.youngatart.co.nz](http://www.youngatart.co.nz), email: [anna@youngatart.co.nz](mailto:anna@youngatart.co.nz) or ph. 021 161 6412

## Nathan Homestead School Holiday Programme

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To enrol and for more information:

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### 3 WAY LEARNING CONFERENCES:

School will be finishing at 12.30pm for all students (TOMORROW) Wednesday 27 June and Thursday 28 June. Caregivers and students will be attending conferences with Teachers from 1pm to 6pm.

**27 Jun 3 Way Learning Conferences**

**SCHOOL will finish at 12:30**

**28 Jun 3 Way Learning Conferences**

**SCHOOL will finish at 12:30**

**06 July End of Term 2 (3pm finish)**

**23 July Term 3 begins**

**25 July Motat visit for Rooms 19, 20, 21**

**26 July Motat visit for Rooms 18 & 22**

**31 July School Cross Country 11am-12:30**

**2 Aug Rosehill College Open Evening- 5-6pm**

**21 Aug PTA Meeting 7-8pm**

**27 Aug BOT Meeting 6:30-7:30pm**

**28 Sept End of Term 3 (3pm finish)**

**15 Oct -14 Dec Term 4 \*\*12:30 FINISH\*\***

## UNIFORM SALE

**BE QUICK ... for a limited time only**

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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

**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 except for boys size 11-1

**Red winter Jackets:** 16

Uniform Shop is open Mondays 8.30-9am or alternatively, place an order at the school office.

\*\*\*\*Sale relates to the above items only purchased from our school Uniform Shop.

#### \*\*UNIFORM AMNESTY\*\*

We have had a large number of parents advise us of students' school uniforms going missing and may have been taken home in error. Could we please ask parents and caregivers to have a look at home at your child/rens' uniform collection and just see if any items may belong to another student. These can then be brought into the office, or put in the Lost /Found bin located outside the Uniform Shop - *no questions asked!*

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## BREAKFAST CLUB IS NOW OPEN

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to announce that we are opening up a Breakfast Club at the school. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and thanks to KickStart Breakfast programme which is the partnership between Government, Sanitarium and Fonterra, we are able to deliver Weet-Bix and Milk to our children at the school.

Breakfast clubs are not just about eating but also it provides an engaging environment that encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibility and grow academically through the wider benefits of breakfast.

Currently we are looking for local Hero's to help volunteer at our breakfast club. The role of the volunteer is very important to the logistics of setting up the breakfast club each morning but more importantly sharing your stories with the new generation of thinkers, learners and future workforce.

If this is something that you may be interested in, we would love to hear from you.

Kind regards,

Principal

I would like to volunteer at the Breakfast Club and I am available:

Monday     Tuesday     Wednesday     Thursday     Friday

Name:

Phone:

Email:

\*Please return your completed form to:

Jayne Senington or office







# What is a Walking School Bus?

A walking school bus (WSB) is just like a school bus except children walk to and from school under the supervision of adult volunteers (often parents). This creates a safe and social journey to school.

## Benefits for parents

- *"More than anything, the WSB gives me time with my kids that I might miss by dropping them in the car...and I get to know other families that live in my community."*
- *"This is so much easier than taking the car...I don't have to find a park!"*
- *"What a great way to teach the kids about Road Safety."*
- *"I really look forward to my day on the WSB; I have met so many nice families in my neighbourhood."*
- *"You can have young children that you might not send off by themselves, but they can join the walking school bus."*
- *"I want my kids to walk; I want them to get to school having had a bit of exercise."*
- *"For me it was a social thing and I wanted to know who my kids were hanging out with."*

## Get on the bus!







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