

# FAIRFIELD SCHOOL

TE KURA O WHIRATEA

Term 1 Week 5

Empowering learners to be positive, self-directed and engaged life-long learners

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Value Focus:

## MANA

### Bonjour, Guten Tag,

**Next Wednesday is our school Gala!!!** Our Gala is one of the primary highlights of our school (and indeed the community) calendar. While the gala goes for 2 hours, it takes 170 hours to organise! We are still seeking help with some jobs, so if you can spare some time, please contact either Raylene or Ali (details on the reverse). This year, funds from the gala will be used for outdoor areas of interest and play and EOTC (education outside the classroom) experiences.

Over the past week we have welcomed Alayna (Room 3), Leah (Room 10) and James (Room 6) to our school.

### Board of Trustees

As indicated last week, there are two vacancies on our Board. The Board have chosen to fill these vacancies through Selection. **Information about filling board vacancies via selection:**

Two casual vacancies have occurred on the board of trustees for parent elected parent representatives. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancies by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancies, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to: Kelly Binning-Rangi, Chairperson, Fairfield School Board of Trustees, 89 MacArthur Street, Levin.

### School Donation

There has been talk from the Government about providing additional funding to schools of \$150 per child if schools choose not to ask for a School Donation. However, this has yet to be put through Cabinet and into the Budget. Therefore, it is unlikely to come into effect until 2019. We greatly appreciate your support with the payment of the school donation, as it is used to directly support learning and teaching. This year our school donation is \$40 for one child and \$60 for a family. Receipts are issued, which enables you to claim a tax rebate.

### Building Renovations

The Board have just sent back the paperwork to the Ministry of Education to begin the next building redevelopment in our school. This renovation work will see the complete upgrade and modernisation of Rooms 5 - 7, into flexible learning spaces. Work to be undertaken will include: creation of break out areas, a designated teacher work space, double glazed sliders between each class for access, flexibility and transparency, new wall lining (autex) and new carpet. Once completed, this space will provide a vibrant and modern learning environment for our youngest learners. Building work is projected to begin in May.



Room 10's Royal Shadow artwork

# FAIRFIELD SCHOOL GALA

## Next Wednesday is Gala Day!

Thank you if you have already offered to help on Gala day.

We now have 128 hours covered on Gala night out of the 170 we require. **We still have 42 hours to cover. PLEASE make contact with us to arrange where you can help for 1 hour. We only need 1 hour of your time.**

**This Friday we will be sending home a 'cardboard plate' with each family and are asking you to bake something to bring to school on Gala morning for the **Cake Stall. Please bring this to Room 4.****

**Available at the school office –** Hangi tickets \$10  
Last One Standing tickets (a 1 in 25 chance to win \$100 cash)  
Raffle tickets

## These are some additional ways you can help us as we prepare for the day -

- **Distributing Gala flyers** into letterboxes around Levin. Can you do a couple of streets? Please collect these from the office.
- **Help** needed to move Gala items from the shed to the hall **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2.00pm – 3.00pm**
- **Working Bee** at school **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00am – 12.30pm**. Even 1 hour here would be helpful.
- **Set up of the Scary Tunnel Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 1.00pm – 3.00pm**
- **Night before Gala Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7.00pm**. We will be preparing food, packing fudge, loading the the chiller, etc. Any time you could offer here would be appreciated.
- **Can you do some food preparation at your home?** – Grate cheese, slice cheese, slice some onion's. All food and containers provided.

## We are still looking for –

- **Jumble sale items**. These can be brought to our school hall.
- **Clean Ice Cream containers**. Send these along with you child to their class.
- **WANTED good quality soft toys for adoption to other children.**
- **Raffle ticket sellers** outside New World (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 9.30am – 2.00pm; Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.00am until 2.00pm)
- **Donated food items**. Please check with your teacher if you don't know what your class has been asked to bring.

**\$10 Funny Money winner for this week is** – Ren Comrie from Room 8

### **GALA HELP RETURN SLIP**

Name.....

Phone.....

Students name.....

Room number.....

All offers of help will go into the draw each week to win \$10 funny money to spend at the gala.

Tell us what you can do –

- Help set up between 9am and 5pm? Time available.....
- Work: 5.00pm to 6.00pm? or 6.00pm to 7.00pm? on Gala night
- Would you prefer to work on a food stall? or an event on the field?
- Can you help clean up on Thursday morning (8<sup>th</sup> March).
- Other.....