



Newsletter No 6

Our **VALUE** for the week is

COURAGE

"You are the only person on earth who
can use your ability"

*Discussing the school value helps students
cement these values, and supports the link
between expectations at school and home.*

"Community
partnership
creating confident,
connected, life-
long learners
School Vision

Our Values

- Compassion
- Responsibility
- Respect
- Confidence
- Pride
- Honesty
- Courage
- Commitment

Important Dates for Term 1

WEEK ELEVEN

11/04
12/04 Te Reo/Arts
13/04
14/04 EPro8 Y 5 & 6
15/04 2:00 Performance
Arts Assembly

END OF TERM



TERM 2
Starts May 2nd



Thank you for attending our Powhiri

- **Powhiri** – thank you for being so supportive of our powhiri. We enjoyed what we had learned and seeing it all come together in action. The feedback has been very good from many community members. The following Monday we welcomed ERO with a powhiri and they were very appreciative. A special thanks goes to Adelie and Aroha for performing roles on behalf of the manuhiri.
- **Fordell Duathlon** – this event was another huge success. What a wonderful afternoon it was. Even the weather played its part. Thank you to Mr Reddish for his superb organisation. Well done to all the children for the effort they displayed. Congratulations to Tawa House who won the event and are now the proud bearers of the Fordell School Shield.
- **ERO** – the Education Review Office did a very thorough evaluation of Fordell School and gave favourable feedback to us. They will now write their official report, which we will make available to you when it is finally published.
- **iSPORT Foundation** – our school won a competition on Facebook! This morning we received 3 rugby, 3 netball and 3 soccer balls from the iSPORT Foundation to help 'get our kids out on the fields and playing more sport'. We look forward to using them next term. Thanks to Robyn Walford for nominating us.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Fordell School Community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time with you at your wonderful school. You have excellent teachers, very capably supported by Sharron and Juanita. They all know the children well and are working very hard together to make sure that what is on offer here is of an incredibly high standard. It has been a privilege to work alongside them for the last eleven weeks. The Board of Trustees is a strong governing body, who ask the right questions and provide the necessary support and resourcing to keep Fordell at the top of its game. I wish you all the very best as you head into the rest of 2016 and beyond. Thank you for making me feel so welcome.

Elizabeth Schaw - Principal

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In the last couple of assemblies we have celebrated the success of our "Student of the Week".

Room 1:

Michael O'Neill—For his enthusiasm and commitment towards the community powhiri.

Room 2:

Elena Solomona—For exceptional attitude & application in any given task.

Room 3:

Emma Vincent—For being 'switched on' to learn.

Room 4:

Maggie Pearce—For being a supportive class mate to her fellow students.

Values of the Week: These students have received a certificate for displaying the school values on a consistent basis:-

Bella Lamont, Grace Walford, Jordan Solomona, Rose Raikes, Danielle Houlahan, Sam Cranstone, Heike Reitsma, Shakila West, Kindle Alderton, Jack Pullins, Xavier Brotherton, Charlie Morris, Maks Reistma, Annabelle Spetch and Anya Sewell.

School Values Badges

Values Badge: KianaTe Kahika and Anya Sewell

Bronze Badge: Caleb Houlahan

Gold Badge: Heike Reitsma

From the Board of Trustees

Term 1 2016 has been a whirlwind for staff, children, families and board alike. Our school vision is all about having the school and community connected in partnership for the benefit of the children and in my view the value of this partnership has very much made itself evident this term. The sign of a strong, resilient and sustainable school is the way it can continue to improve and develop in spite of change. I know that families will join me in offering our sincerest thanks to Elizabeth Schaw, who joined us as our Relieving Principal at the start of 2016 and has done a fantastic job of not only taking over the helm but bringing new ideas and systems, not to mention abundant enthusiasm and energy - all of which will help set the platform for the future.

I would also like to acknowledge the positive contribution all staff have made to this term being a tremendous success for the children and for the work undertaken during the visit from ERO last week.

Attached to this newsletter is a brochure about our upcoming Board of Trustee Elections. If any parent is interested in learning more about being a trustee or what the role entails, please feel free to contact me through school.

Have a wonderful 2 weeks off without school lunches.

Kirsten Bryant (on behalf of the BOT)

2016 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS
Make a difference
Ki te whakapiki

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS

This will start again next term for children in Rooms 2, 3 & 4.

If you do not wish to have your child attend these sessions, please send a letter to school informing us.

The teachers have been in to visit the classes and are looking forward to being part of our team again.

Happy Birthday

In April we have had birthdays for **Wyatt Alderton (6th)**

and Ben Mackintosh (12th)

Happy Birthday to you all.



Round the Bridges Fun Run

Sunday, May 22nd Start/Finish at Kowhai Park.

Please return the slip that went home earlier this week if your child is able to take part.

Ice Cream Truck

This Friday, Fordell Pre-school are having the ice cream truck visit. They have generously allowed our school to share this exciting event with them.
Friday 1:30pm (after lunch) \$2:00



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MOON WALKING

Americans definitely did not walk on the the moon and whoever thinks they did are downright stupid. Look at the photo; there is so much evidence that the moon walking is a hoax. I will just tell you about three pieces of evidence – there are no stars, there is a reflection in the astronaut's helmet and the flag is moving.

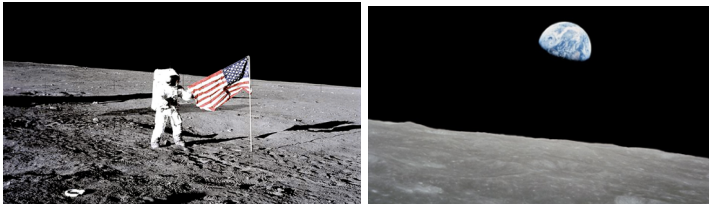
When it is night time and we gaze up into the sky we see stars. Well in one of the photos there are no stars and in space you can always see stars. NASA says that it was the camera's fault but who would bring a bad camera if you were going to the moon?

If you look closely then you can see a reflection of a light that is hanging on a rope. The conspiracy theorists say that it was part of the stage lighting and in the atmosphere there is no reflection. NASA says nothing because there is nothing to say because the moon walking is a complete HOAX.

Did you know that in space there is no wind? Well in the photo when Neil Armstrong is standing by the flag it is blowing in the wind. How could that even be possible? Well it is possible because the photo of him on the moon is a fake one. NASA claims that the flag was in a thin tube before being opened and when it was opened it caused the ripple effect.

Do you still think that the moon walking was real?

By Loulou

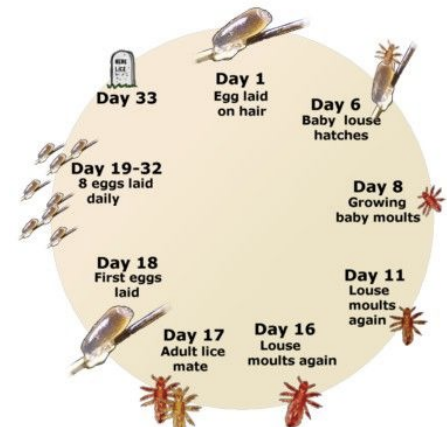


Head Lice

Holidays are a great opportunity to get on top of headlice. If you look at the life-cycle below, you will see that even if you manage to kill all the lice, there is still a chance that new ones can continue to hatch for at least another week or two. It is a good idea to be vigilant for at least 2 weeks if you find some. Please check your children throughout these holidays and see if we can get on top of them for Term 2.

Tips for the prevention of head lice

- Avoid head-to-head contact with other people, especially in schools and day care centres
- Wash your child's hair daily and dry with a *hot* hair dryer – this can be effective in keeping those 'unwelcome little friends' at bay!
- Keep long hair tied back, especially at school
- Don't share hats, bike helmets, brushes, combs or pillows
- Check children's hair weekly
- Wash in hot water the pillow cases, towels and hats of infected people – a combination of tea tree drops and lemongrass with the water works well. These products added to shampoos may also work as a lice deterrent
- Treat all infested people as soon as lice are detected. Re-treating after three days is generally recommended.
- Comb hair regularly with a good quality metal-toothed nit comb. A battery operated comb which sends out electric shock waves is another option.



The Ultimate guide to Pandora

Welcome to the beautiful planet of Pandora, The land of lush and beautiful rain forests and great, clear blue lakes covering most of the planet. But first before you step off your space car there are a few things that you need to know to ensure your safety.

Firstly, you need to be aware of the atmosphere on Pandora.

The air on this planet, however clean and fresh it is to us, is toxic to the human race. So it is advisable to bring a breathing tool.

Secondly, it is important to consider the wildlife on our planet.

The inhabitants of our planet are most deadly and should always be watched. One to be noted is the Great Banshee, the biggest and deadliest of all the animals. Its wingspan alone is the size of a jet's wing.

Another point worthy of note is....

Everything on this planet is illourescent, a pandoran word meaning it glows in the dark so if you see glowing figures flitting through the trees at night do not be worried, the creatures are only paying you a visit for a midnight feast or two.

With all these dangers, why, you may ask, do humans flock to our planet?.....

The Once-In A-Lifetime Experience of mining the rare mineral Unobtainium on this planet is what brings flocks of greedy men here but you my dear traveller are here to experience paradise. And to swim in our Brain-Freezing Crystal clear waters

So, there you have it. Pandora.....

Awesome Rain forests, Freezing lakes and river and strange and dangerous animals that glow in the dark, therefore a perfect place to stay to get away from your kids. I hope you enjoy your stay.

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