



# Forrest Hill School

## Community Contact

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thanks to those of you who came to the "Meet the Teacher" evening on Tuesday. We hope you found the presentations interesting and the information useful. This is an opportunity for us to remind you of our open door policy, where you are encouraged to pop into your child's classroom before or after school when you like, and if you have a concern about any aspect of your child's learning to chat to your child's teacher about it as soon as you can. If you need further support or advice see the syndicate leader and the Principal is always happy to see parents as well.

Syndicate Leaders:

Awatea	Mrs Angela Clague	
Atatu	Miss Anna Munce	Room 10
Akoranga	Mrs Christine Robson	Room 15
Arataki	Mrs Philippa Bateup	Room 3

### School Donation

Much has been said and publicised from sometimes questionable sources over past years, about the "school donation". With this newsletter is a flyer which we trust you will read and consider carefully. It is without any doubt that Boards of Trustees do not receive enough money from the government to run their schools for a full year. To try to do so would reduce programmes and resource assets built up over time in order to work within the confines of the government grant. Your choice to support your child's school with your donation, is helping us to retain what we are now widely recognised in providing for all students to benefit by in one form or another. Thank you for consideration (note: any donation made **before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010** becomes a tax deduction for you).

### Being on Time !

It is so important that children are at school on time in the morning. **Classes start at 8.45am.** Children should have their bags in the cloakrooms and their pencils and books out ready for the first learning block by 8.45am. It is ideal for children to be at school between 8.30am – 8.40am. It gives them a chance to meet up with their friends then come together for the first part of the learning programme.

### Lunchroom News

**The school lunchroom will be operating on Fridays only from tomorrow Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February for lunches only. No morning tea orders will be supplied. The current menu is attached to this newsletter.**



### Travelwise Corner

Why not walk to and from school with your child? It's the perfect opportunity to demonstrate safe behaviour and it's good for your fitness and the environment.

One less car at the gate means it's safer for other children too.

At Forrest Hill each Tuesday is '**Trekking Tuesday**'. All students are encouraged to walk to school on Tuesday, and there is a class trophy that is awarded to the class with the highest percentage of walkers. Walking can be as simple as parking your car in Becroft Dr or down Quebec Road and walking the last 10 minutes to school.

### Sports Uniforms and Netball Skirts

There are still some sports uniforms that have not been returned. If you have a child who has played a sport for Forrest Hill could you please check that there are no uniform items at home. We need these back, ready for the 2010 season. Our netball skirts are pleated and unfortunately some have been returned in poor condition. To have these pressed professionally will cost us close to \$25 a skirt! Are there any 'Friends of Forrest Hill' who would be able to press these pleats back into our skirts over the next 6 weeks so that our players begin the season looking their best? Please see Heather Lister in Room 11 if you know of someone who could help.

### What to do before school

If children arrive at school before 8.30am they need to go to the courts in front of Rooms 9 – 14. There is shelter and shade underneath the deck of Rooms 13 & 14.

The new entrant / year one children in Awatea – Rooms 6, 18 & 19 need to wait on the deck outside Rooms 18 & 19.

This arrangement helps to ensure children are safe as there are no teachers on playground duty before 8.30am. **Children are not allowed to use the playground equipment before school.** At 8.30am the bell rings to indicate that children can go into classrooms and get ready for the day. At 8.45am the bell goes indicating the start of school.

### Lost Shoes

A pair of new Nike sneakers have been lost by a child in Room 7. If these have turned up at your place could you please return them to the school office. Thank you.

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## National Standards

The New Zealand Principals' Association (NZPA) is surveying the nation about National Standards. With this newsletter is a survey form you may like to fill in and return to school by 26<sup>th</sup> February. We will then forward the papers onto the NZPA. Alternately you can complete the survey online using "survey monkey" – the website link is written on the enclosed form. The information gathered will help the NZPA gain reliable data about how parents throughout NZ are feeling and what they know about National Standards. Working with facts is far more reassuring than dealing with people's feelings, as reported by the media or any other third party group.

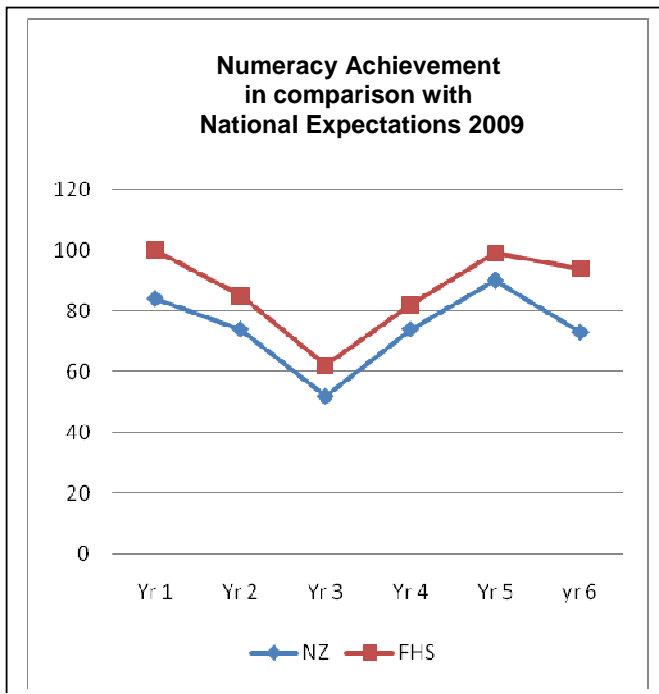
### Achievement Expectations in Maths / Numeracy

The table below identifies the **national expectations** in achievement in numeracy for students in Year 1 to Year 6 and the actual achievement of students at Forrest Hill School.

	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
National Expectation	84%	74%	52%	74%	90%	73%
FHS Achievement	<u>100%</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>62%</u>	<u>82%</u>	<u>99%</u>	<u>94%</u>

The table clearly shows that Forrest Hill School students in all year groups exceed the NZ national expectation in numeracy. High levels of achievement similar to this have been recorded consistently in past years at FHS.

This line graph is another way of demonstrating the achievement of Forrest Hill Students in comparison with National Expectations of students in all NZ schools



## Community Notices



Registrations are now OPEN for your local club - hurry to secure your spot  
for all information visit

[www.forresthillaafc.co.nz](http://www.forresthillaafc.co.nz)

*Forrest Hill/Milford AFC - Football for Families*

### Dance Lessons on your Doorstep

Where: Forrest Hill School Hall  
Dance Classes in: Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop  
When: Wednesdays after School and Saturdays

*For all enquiries phone Mrs Cherie Gurney on  
Phone 410-6861*

### Summer Family Bike Evenings Sunnynook Park (Free)

**Venue:** Sunnynook Park-Meet at Tonkin Drive  
Playground Area

#### **Dates / Time /**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 6:15pm – 7:30pm  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 6:15pm – 7:30pm  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6:15pm – 7:30pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 6:15pm – 7:30pm

**Register now! By emailing**

[Nicola.maire@northshorecity.govt.nz](mailto:Nicola.maire@northshorecity.govt.nz) or phoning  
Nicola on 4868600 ext 7346.

All participants must be able to ride a two wheel bike and adults must attend with all children. Younger children on bike seats/trailers welcome. Families with no children welcome too! Loan bikes available- book when you register.

