



Forrest Hill School

Community Contact

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

This week the Year 5 & 6 students participated in the Bike Wise Programme which was run by the Police Education officer. The focus was on bike maintenance, the importance of having a well maintained safe bike, and safe riding practice. The courts outside the hall were turned into a maze of road ways that the students used to practice their safe riding skills. Only Year 6 students are allowed to ride bicycles to school. Students must leave their bikes in the bike stands near the office. When inside the school grounds cyclists must walk with their bikes. This is a safety precaution.

If you want your Year 6 child to ride a bicycle to and from school then you will need to write a letter to Mrs Bateup (Room 3) outlining your request.



Forrest Hill School Duathlon

Next Monday 29th March the school will be running the 2010 duathlon. Students will be both running and swimming or wading through the pool. This is a family day and you are invited to join us and watch your child participate. The duathlon begins at 9.30am and will be finished by lunch time. In the afternoon at 2.00pm there is a whole school assembly which you are also invited to attend. These photos show some Year 3 & 4 students who have just finished a duathlon training session.



Parent / Student / Teacher Conferences

These conferences are designed to inform you about the learning goals your child is working towards achieving and how you can support your child's learning at home. Students in Year 3 – 6 will be taking a central role in the conference session with the Year 1 & 2 students being more supported by their teacher. This style of reporting is reflective of the new national standards and the associated concept of reporting in plain language to parents (National Standards MOE 2010). We will be seeking your feedback during the year on the reporting process being used this year.

School Library Books

The school requires the return of all library books this week. Please check your home to ensure you do not have any library books on shelves, tables, under beds.... At the end of each term, library books are returned so that a stock take can be taken.

Care of Library Books

It is an increasing concern that many library books are being returned to school in a damaged condition. The school works hard to keep stock of clean books that are in good condition. Books are being returned with food and drink stains on them, with torn or crumpled pages, with scribbles done with pencil, pens on pages and damaged covers. This means the book has to be taken out of the library. Will parents please monitor how children use and care for the school's library books at home. Children should not eat or drink when reading or handling a school library book and it would be appreciated if parents could supervise any younger children in the family who may want to read or look at a school library book. If a library book is damaged while in the care of your child we will need to invoice you for the cost of the book so that a new book of the same title can be purchased to replace the damaged one. Thank you for your co-operation.

After School Sports Programme

Kelly Sports is offering an excellent multi-sports programme for a very reasonable price per session. The programme will run from 3.00pm – 4.00pm each Wednesday next term at our school, introducing children who love being active to a variety of sports and sports skills. Watch out for the Kelly Sports flyer coming home tomorrow.

Cardboard Wanted

If you have any cardboard or a contact for cardboard, we would be most grateful to receive some for our art supplies. Thank you.

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Playing at school after school

Just a reminder to parents that there is no supervision of playgrounds after 2.50pm each day. A bell goes at 2.50pm which is when school finishes. Another bell goes at 3.00pm indicating that all children should go home. If you wish to stay and supervise your child in the playground that is fine, but unsupervised children must leave the school grounds and go home. Children who are still waiting to be picked up by car can wait in the Awatea nature zone or on the room 8 deck when it is wet.

Travelwise News

All families will receive a pamphlet today related to smart ways to travel to school. These have been produced for us by the North Shore City Council and Travelwise and we encourage everyone to have a look and consider how you can make your trips to and from school **Smarter** ones.



Congratulations to all the Year 6 students who received their bike licence this week.

You are now making Smarter choices about travelling to school but remember all those safety rules you have been taught and wear your **yellow vests**. Many thanks to North Shore City Council, Julie, our Police Education Officer, and the Big Foot Bike people for their generous support of the Year 6 Bike programme.



Race numbers and bus tickets will be sent home tomorrow to all families who are participating in this event. There will also be a map of where to meet and times. If you have ordered a sausage and drink they can be collected from our tent onsite – look for the Forrest Hill banner. Now all we need is another glorious day!

Keyboard/Piano; Guitar or Violin Lessons at Forrest Hill School.

There are certain skills that are more easily developed when you are young. They are far more difficult to learn as an adult. Give your child the opportunity to gain musical skills that will be a life-long asset. Enrolment forms at the school office or for further information contact the Music Education Centre on 0800 89 39 39.

Room 16 Newsletter Contribution

This term has been such an exciting one for everyone in room 16.

Our first 8 weeks at school this year have been filled to the brim and bursting at the seams, with an outdoor week jam packed with sleep-over's, challenging activities, train rides, glow worms, & cave wetas. We have also practised swimming all term and to top it all off we are competing in the school duathlon next week, which we are training for right now! Phew!!!

In class with Mr Keoghan we have been writing about our favourite experiences this year. Here is a camp story by Nicola Kirsten.

“On Monday 1st March the year 4s went on camp to M.E.R.C., because it was outdoor week. My group's first activity was stack'em. Stack'em is when you stack milk crates as high as you can. Then it was time for morning tea. After morning tea we did surf kayaking. Ed pushed us on the kayak to shore. Then it was lunch. After lunch our last activity was abseiling. It was very scary. That was the end of the day. We played spot light after dinner and had milo. Finally it was bed time. I fell asleep in 10 minutes.”

With Mrs Clague we have been learning to paint our portraits like Pablo Diego José Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno María de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santísima Trinidad Ruiz y Picasso.... or Pablo Picasso for short.

Here are a few of our masterpieces:

