

EXCITING NEWS  
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FAMILIES

# Fairton School

## Newsletter

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Trying out our new Beanies on a cold winter morning.  
The Beanies were kindly donated by Benchmarks Homes.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **Music Festival—Good Luck**

We would like to wish all the children the best of luck next Tuesday night as they perform in the Mid-Canterbury Music festival.

### **An Invitation to Dinner—Farewell to Natasha**

To Friends of Fairton, the BOT, Fairton School Staff and any interested parents. We extend a warm invitation for you to join us in wishing Natasha all the best for her OE. The venue is Salmon Tales in Rakaia on the 21st June. If you would like to attend please phone either Michele or Neville at the school office as we will need to make a booking. (ph 3089205)

### **New World Longest Docket is Back!! - Starts 26th May to 15th June**

Help Fairton School to win \$10,000.

### **Friday Lunchtime Sausages—\$1.00 each**

Friends of Fairton will be providing sausages and bread each Friday lunchtime (12pm) starting 30th May. All proceeds go towards the Senior Room Camp and Junior Room Sleepover. This is a great fundraiser and we thank you for your support.

### **Dumping of Garden Waste**

Fairton Domain is open Sundays 1-4pm (until further notice) for your garden waste. We would appreciate a \$2 donation per load. Proceeds will assist the Fairton School with their fundraising.

## New Appointments at Fairton School



It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce our new appointments.

Mrs Rana Kohunui has been appointed as the school's new cleaner, she started work this week.

Mr Tony Washington has been appointed as our 0.5 Principal Release Teacher for terms 3 and 4. Tony is an experienced teacher with a long teaching career. He has worked on Chatham and Pitcairn Islands. More recently he has been working in the South Canterbury area.

For Terms 3 and 4 Mrs Alison Stewart will be teaching full time in the Junior Room. Mr Neville Hore and Mr Tony Washington will teach in the Senior Room. Neville from 9am to 10.40am Monday to Thursday and all day Friday. Tony will teach from 11am to 3pm Monday to Thursday.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE ON...

### Common cold

**What is it?** A cold is a contagious viral infection of the upper respiratory tract. Most colds are caused by invisible droplets in the air we breathe or on things we touch. Symptoms include nasal congestion, sore throat, headache, cough, mild fever, muscle aches, loss of appetite and fatigue. Symptoms generally last about a week or two.

**How is it spread?** In coming into contact with someone who has a cold or by breathing in the virus spread through the air by sneezing or coughing and touching surfaces such as doorknobs and telephones. Touching your nose, mouth, and eyes with contaminated hands makes it easy for cold and flu viruses to enter the body.

**Prevention:** Cold weather does not cause colds or flu. But the viruses that cause colds and flu tend to be more common in the winter, when children are in school and are in closer contact with each other. Frequent hand washing and teaching your child to sneeze or cough into the bend of her elbow may help reduce the spread of colds and flu. Discourage the sharing of glasses, bottles or eating utensils and do not pick up other people's tissues. Keep wrapped up warmly when playing outside.

**Treatment:** There is no cure, but medicines can be used to relieve symptoms. The best way to treat a cold is to take a mild pain reliever, avoid unnecessary activity, get as much bed rest as possible and drink plenty of fluids. Parents should ensure their child eats when hungry and drinks plenty of fluids. Over-the-counter cough and cold remedies may relieve some of the symptoms, but they will not prevent, cure or even shorten the course of the illness.

**When to stay home from school:** Children should be kept at home if they have a fever or any secondary complications, as this is when they are likely to be most contagious. To contact your Public Health Nurse with any questions please phone 03 307 8378.



The Senior Room class have been working on mask making as part of their art topic.

#### Scholastic Books

Thank you to those who have ordered Scholastic Books this term. The order has been placed and will be with us soon. Every time we make an order, the school receives free tokens for school use, and free book picks both of which are put towards the School Library. This is worked out on the total value of our orders. This term we received \$55 of book tokens and \$72 of free picks.

THANK YOU!!!!

# Assembly Awards

Friday 31st May 2008

## SENIOR ROOM:

Serenity Timothy Always helping out the teachers  
Madison Stanton-Stewart For going that extra mile with your topic homework  
Jessica Chamberlain Working fantastically with your buddy during story writing

## JUNIOR ROOM:

Carlos Aberhart The support of a fellow student  
Tyler Laxton Keep up the great work  
Caitlin Smith Tidying up the school grounds

This Friday we say goodbye to Mrs Tineka Moodie, our teacher trainee, who has been working in the Junior Room for the past five weeks. We wish her well in her future studies.



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## The Politically Incorrect Parenting Show

Presented by Nigel Latta  
Clinical Psychologist  
& best selling author

Thursday 19th June 8pm  
Ashburton Trust Events Centre

Presenting a hugely entertaining, informative,  
and utterly non PC evening on how to get kids  
through the first ten years and stay sane.  
Some language may offend.

Entry by ticket and gold coin donation at the door

Please contact school office before 9th June if  
you are interested.

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