

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2023**

**Welcome** – A very special welcome to Gabi Andreucci Sim who has started in Room One as a Year 1, and to Hailey Langton who has started in Room Two as a Year 4. We also welcome Gabi and Hailey’s family to our school community.

**Waitangi Day** – The holiday observance for this is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. School will be closed then and back in action on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

**Welcome Back to School BBQ**

We have changed the date of the BBQ to **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February** 5.30pm-7.00pm as the original date coincided with the Annual Duck race held at the Phat Duck. Please bring a picnic. The school will provide sausages. The Pool will be open and sports equipment will be out to use. We look forward to seeing you all then. 😊

**Term Dates 2023**

Term One	Tues 31st Jan to Thurs 6th April	10 weeks
Term Two	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> April to Fri 30th June	10 weeks
Term Three	Mon 17th July to Fri 22nd Sept	10 weeks
Term Four	Mon 9th Oct to Wed 13th Dec	9 weeks

**Teacher Only Days**

This year the remaining two Teacher Only Days we are allocated will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April (Wk 1 Term 2) the next will be Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November (Wk 6 Term 4). Thanks.

*Message from the Principal*

We have had a positive start to the new year at school, and children have settled in well into both classrooms. I have enjoyed beginning to get to know the pupils in both classrooms, and also meeting some parents. I look forward to meeting more of you at the school barbecue in a couple of weeks. I am very impressed with the wonderful group of children and community who make up Fairton School.

We are heading into a heatwave of high temperatures over the next few days so will be making the most of the school pool. Please make sure togs and towels come to school. Sunhats and sunscreen are also so important on these hot days.

I am taking on the role of SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) for this year, and would like the opportunity to speak to you about your child. We will begin IEP's (Individual Education Plans) in Weeks 4 and 5. I will be in touch to make an appointment with you if your child has an IEP.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Kind regards,

Jude Irwin

**Sunhats** – Please send the children’s sunhats back to school with them. We have a “no hat no play in the sun” school policy. Our school sunhats can be purchased from Tots to Teens in the Arcade. Please make sure they are named. Thanks.



**Swimming** – Could you please make sure that children have their togs and towel with them each day for our class swimming programmes. If they’re in a named bag that would be very helpful.

**Contact details** – If there are any changes to your contact details, address or emergency contacts please let Livia in our office know.

**Hi-Viz vests** – These need to be worn to school each day. If you don’t have a vest for your child or their current one is too small please contact Livia.

**Fairton Flyer** – Our first issue of the Flyer will head out to RD2 next Wednesday. If you have any advertisements, news or notices for the Flyer please let Livia have them by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards  
Jude

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Principal  
Fairton School