

Principals Message

Many thanks to parents who have emailed us messages of support for the NZEI campaign for better conditions in schools and for teachers. We know that strike action is really inconvenient for working families and appreciate the difficulty you faced on Wednesday when our NZEI union teachers and principal were on strike. The issues that the campaign is about are very real to us here at Freemans Bay School. Schools are facing a teacher shortage crisis, with a 40% drop in people training to be teachers; and growing number of school-aged children. The demographics of Auckland indicate that over the next ten years there will be 60 000 school aged students across the city. We don't have the capacity to provide teachers for the school students currently in Auckland, let alone meeting the future capacity. The shortage of teachers has affected us at Freemans Bay School. We have far less applications for teacher vacancies than we used to and it is difficult to get relieving teachers when needed. Funding for children with learning and behavioural challenges is a real concern. The NZEI campaign is about attracting more teachers into the profession to meet the demand, and importantly keeping teachers in the profession, as many leave within five years of their teaching career. We are seeing a growing trend of teachers wanting to work part time as they want work / life balance and the demands of the job outside the classroom, is too challenging. We do appreciate your understanding that the industrial action is about ensuring that our children get the education they deserve.

ART EXHIBITION:

On Wednesday night (22 August) we are holding our annual Art Exhibition. This will take place in the hall. There will be food for sale outside for a snack. The Exhibition will open at 5 pm followed by a presentation by the school orchestras and a small presentation from Hills Flooring and Bayleys Real Estate Ponsonby at 6 pm. Please come along and view our children's fabulous art work.



Due the flooring in our school hall, only soft-soled shoes are able to be worn inside. Please do not be offended if asked to remove your shoes. We apologise for the inconvenience.

HELP NEEDED: COOKING / SETTING UP / SELLING / PACKING DOWN THE FOOD STALLS

If you would like to assist with the food and beverage stalls please contact Bridget either by calling in to the office or email: DP@freemansbay.school.nz

SIGNING YOUR CHILDREN IN AND OUT

Reminder! It's really important that we know whether our children are at school or not. We have a sign in / sign out system that ensures we know where everyone is if there is a need for an evacuation. Sign out when you are taking your child out of school and back in when returning. You need to present the sign out ticket to the classroom teacher when you pick up your child. Please do this even if you have talked to the classroom teacher. Thank you.

LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS PROPERTY CONSULTATION

As we are moving to completing our building projects we are looking forward to landscaping and upgrading the school grounds. As part of this process we are looking for input from our Freemans Bay School Community. As such, you are invited to a meeting in our staffroom on Monday 20th August from 3.15 - approximately 5.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES

Wednesday 19th September from 8.00am – 8.30am or from 3.30pm – 6.00pm

If you would like information about what a Student Learning Conference is, please [click here](#).

WHAT DOES A STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCE LOOK LIKE?

- A conversation between the students and their parents/caregivers about learning
- Multiple families are present in the room at the same time
- The teacher is present but the student is doing the talking about their learning
- The focus of the student learning conference is on literacy and numeracy goals
- You can request a separate additional parent teacher interview if you wish to discuss anything further
- Some students will talk to you about other work they have been doing

STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCE BOOKING SYSTEM

Please book your Student Learning Conference online. It is easy and convenient. All you need is access to the internet. If you do not have access at home or work, you are welcome to come to our library or use the class computers before or after school.

FOR ENGLISH PATHWAY

Go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

Enter our event code: dqkmv

Follow the three easy steps to make your booking.

FOR WHĀNAU ATA

If you have 2 or more children in Whānau Ata, please select a time on Wednesday the 19th using the event code above. If you have 1 child in Whānau Ata, please select a time on Thursday 20th.

Go to: <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>

Enter our event code: 6sw2r

Follow the three easy steps to make your booking.

Sandy

MEd (1st Class Hons) , Advanced Dip Tching, Dip Tching

Schoolwide News

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW STUDENTS

Rhya, Sofia, Nada, Rithika, Maneli, Jason

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20 – Friday 24 August	Dental Van
Wednesday 22 August	5pm Art Exhibition
Thursday 23 August	ICCS Soccer
Friday 31 August	Daffodil Day
Tuesday 4 September	PHOTOLIFE class / individual photo day

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Personalised Artwork Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads – A School Fundraiser.



Your child's art can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse mats and Sketch pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas. Your child has made a special piece of art for this purpose and we invite you to come and view it. Look out for further details and order forms which will be coming home next week.



DAFFIDOL DAY IS COMING...

31 AUGUST 2018



Freemans Bay School support this wonderful charity! Dress in yellow for the day and bring a gold coin to donate for a daffodil! There will be daffodils available in Reception and various areas around the school.

**The Yummy Fruit Company
School Sticker Promotion**

KEEP THE STICKERS COMING!!!

The promotion ends Friday 21 September



LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable and on the outer with peers.

Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.



Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.

**Well done to all the families who have made the extra effort to be here on time!
Our lateness list is shrinking!**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Over the last 4 weeks the staff and students at Freemans Bay School have welcomed and given our International Students an experience within a New Zealand school they won't forget.



WELL DONE ANNETTE!!!

Achieved 4th at the EXIN Masters Hockey World Cup in the Womens 35+ Grade. Won 3 games against Sri Lanka, Ghana, USA; Drew one game with the eventual competition winners, England and lost 3 games against Spain, Australia and Spain again in the Bronze medal match.



EXCELLENCE - The 35+ NZ Women lead by our very own Michelle Walker are the perfect example of our value of excellence in performance. The girls treated each match with equal importance and after going up 1-0 in the 3 v 4 play off their chances were looking good. Unfortunately a good fight back from Spain saw the girls go down 2-1.

Understandably the girls were disappointed but showed Spain the respect they deserved and let's be honest 4th at a World Cup is still pretty excellent if you ask us! Well done girls, we know how much work you would have put into this and hopefully this result continues to motivate you all to strive for future success.



Well done to all our local community members involved, we hope you all enjoyed the experience and we are so proud to be connected to each and every one of you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PONSONBY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Tuesday 21st August - Final Open Morning
For more information: www.ponsonbyintermediate.school.nz



Your child can strengthen essential maths and English skills with Kumon. **Contact your local Kumon Centre to secure your child's place in the August Free Trial!**

KUMON MT EDEN EDUCATION CENTRE
Main Hall Downstairs, Eden Community Church
72-74 View Road, Mt Eden, Auckland 1024
Tues & Fri | 3:30pm – 6.30pm
Instructor: Ammie Cruz
kumon.mteden@gmail.com | tel: 021 121 9205



Terms and conditions apply. Visit <http://nz.kumonglobal.com>

Free Admission

Wow! It's Wonderful!

WORLD CULTURE FESTIVAL

New Kids Stars

Activities : Cultural Performance and Mind Lecture
Date : 2nd(Sun), Sep, 2018
Time : 7:00 pm
Venue : Freemans Bay Community Centre
(52 Hepburn St, Ponsonby)

※ Off - Street Parking

Hosted by INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On Monday, 13th August, Downer will begin building the new footpath, parking bays, streetlight foundations, cycleway and vehicle crossings on the western side of Franklin Road.

What might this mean for you

- On street parking and driveway access will be impacted. If your property is affected, we will let you know beforehand.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained.
- Two-way traffic flow will be maintained along Franklin Rd.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation throughout the Franklin Road Upgrade.

Kind regards,

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