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From the Principal’s Desk

So often we move from day to day wrapped up in our own thoughts and don’t realise how our colleagues, friends and family are actually feeling or that they need support, if only that of a friendly smile or warm hug. It was Leo Buscaglia who wrote “Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around”

In our multicultural family called Fairways Primary School, we have a number of our children’s families trying to face the day, not always sure what the next challenges will be. We have parents burning the candle at both ends to meet their needs and children left to fend for themselves on a daily basis often resulting in challenges that with adult supervision could be avoided.

We are continually encouraging our children to be kind, show empathy and support without becoming impassive bystanders and we encourage our children to smile and say hello- for many of our children, the fear of being ignored and extreme shyness make this task an onerous one. It is extremely difficult not to return a smile when someone greets you warmly.

We need to continually reinforce in all our children that there is something inherently great in every one of us and that we need to open up to the diversity of our immediate school environment, embrace the family unit and ensure that we make our day, our weeks and the remaining months of the year worthwhile by brightening each moment for those we come to meet with a cheery hello and a happy smile. We can be the change we want to see.

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Principal

THANK YOU to the team of teachers and parents who worked well into Monday night to pack the orders for “Senor Chef”. Your efforts are appreciated. We request that all orders be carefully checked and that queries be directed to Mrs Hatea who co-ordinated the fundraiser.
IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Parental instinct often has parents responding emotionally when their children are involved in a dispute at school and the support group often jump on board without having all the facts. My request to all parents is that you contact the school first before discussing issues in open forum, afford the school the opportunity to follow protocol and to gather the facts, before parties are brought together in an attempt to resolve the issue.

At Fairways we work hard to do what is in the best interest of our all children. We are here to educate and rehabilitate rather than condemn our children to a 'label' which they often obtain through adverse circumstances.

CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUED ATTENDANCE: Each year we are obliged to supply the Department of Education with the statistics concerning children attending our school for 2019. Letters went home on Monday 16 April. Please indicate whether your child will be at Fairways in 2019 or whether they will be leaving.
This information is to be returned no later than 26 April 2018.

BEANIE/GLOVES/SCARF SET IN FOREST GREEN
We have been offered these sets to sell before winter. Each set only costs R50,00 and order forms were issued to the learners. Please return as soon as possible with the correct amount so we can beat the cold.

SCHOOL RAFFLE – Our school raffle got underway this week. This is a clear profit initiative because the printing and prizes have been generously donated. Tickets are on Sale at R50 per ticket. Ticket stubs will be issued from Monday however it is the responsibility of the learner and parents to ensure these tickets are not lost.

Parents who require more tickets to sell to friends and colleagues may use the raffle sheet for ease of ordering. Once completed and returned, the tickets will be issued to the learner.

NEWSPAPER DRIVE: Please remember to bring all your waste paper and Magazines to school. We have made 1 Tonne but need 49 more!!