

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next week, our class will be starting to use *FireWise*, a new fire safety resource for Year 7 and 8 students.

On average, one person dies as a result of a fire and 10 people receive serious burns each week in New Zealand. The *FireWise* resource is designed to give students the information, knowledge and skills to keep their homes and classrooms safe from fires, and to know what to do if a fire does occur at home or school.

In every community, there are families that have had a bad experience with fire. If your child has had any experience with fire that we should be aware of and if you would like to talk with me about this, please write me a note. I will be very happy to explain and discuss the content of the resource with you and to work out ways of making it safe for all students, or to provide an alternative if it is not appropriate for your child to be involved.

In the next two weeks, the class will be completing activities that focus on fire safety in the home. Your child will be encouraged to take home activities that address key fire safety messages. I do hope that you will work through the issues and activities with your child to make your home fire safe.

Yours sincerely