

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 1 April 2016



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Dear Parents / Caregivers

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break and that you can all survive a fortnight without your children before we break for the term 1 holiday on 15 April!



In the meantime a busy fortnight looms with the end of term disco and mufti day, the Inter-Intermediate Football Tournaments for both boys and girls, and the culmination of our unit of work on the 1960s. The latter will take the form of a 60s day on Thursday 14 April and accordingly students are invited to dress for the occasion in their very best 60s fashion items! The day will feature 1960s teaching (without corporal punishment!) students sharing their term's work on this theme, and a special celebration of the 1960s assembly in the afternoon. Seating for the assembly will be limited but you are very welcome to join us if you fancy a trip down memory lane or your parents' memory lane! Classrooms will be open from noon for you to view students' work and the assembly will begin at 1.30pm.



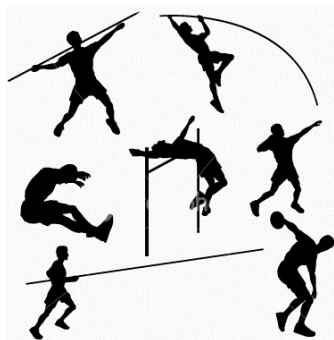
Speaking of memory lane, we have determined the dates on which we will celebrate the school's 50th jubilee, as 4-5 November. The school will accordingly be open for ex students, parents and staff to visit to see the school in action and view photos and other memorabilia. On 4 November visitors will also be treated to a concert from our performance groups. A social function will be held on the evening of 4 November, the nature of this will be confirmed following the closure of registrations of interest. Please keep an eye on our website for further information. A link for former students, parents and staff to register their interest will be on our website following the holiday break.



The achievements of our students in a wide variety of pursuits never fail to amaze me and again we have some congratulations and acknowledgements to share. Firstly, Kalila Martins and her Upper Valley Pony

Club Mounted Games Team of five girls won the Wellington Region Games Competition and then went on to finish a very respectable fourth in both the pairs and the team competition at the Lower North Island games. Well done Kalila, and your pony! And in a completely different field of endeavour, the Upper Hutt Multicultural Council Art Competition in which students from schools across Upper Hutt were invited to represent their idea of what a multicultural Upper Hutt might look like through a drawing or sketch. Five of our students, Hannah Elzenaar, Marlena Koeninger, Teana Foreman, Maria Geoghegan, and Manueli Tanidrala had their entries selected for display and then on Race Unity Day, celebrated on 21 March, Hannah was announced as the winner of the competition and Marlena as the winner of the people's choice award. Well done all of you, a great effort.

Well done also to members of the school athletics team who competed at the Inter-Intermediate Athletics Competition held at Newtown Park last week. Special congratulations to Cassidy New who finished second in the Year 7 Girls Vortex, Sio Titie third in Year 8 Boys Discus, Chout Chout second in Year 7 Boys High Jump, Selai To'la second in Year 8 Girls High Jump, Nathan Lucock third in Year 7 Boys 1500 metres, and Colton Foss who was second in the Year 7 Boys 1500 metres and third in the 800 metres.



Our languages programme began today so hopefully your children have greeted you this afternoon in Maori or Japanese or Italian or French or German or Latin or with Sign Language! The ever-shrinking world makes an interest in other cultures and languages a wonderful attribute to acquire. Please encourage your child to practice their pronunciation at home.

Term 1 Progress Reports will be issued on the last day of term, 15 April. This is a very brief report designed to give you an indication of how well your son/daughter has settled in to the new year and also to give an initial assessment of how he/she is performing in the key areas of Literacy and Mathematics.



Finally, a HUGE thank you to the Lion Foundation who approved a sizeable grant to the school to assist us in sustaining the Meeting Challenges Programme. I am sure that the many students and parents who have benefitted and continue to benefit from Ronda's expertise in running the programme over the years, will join us in celebration of its continuance.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

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Fergy Fund Finders Easter Raffle Results

Thank you to all who supported this venture, a total of \$1543 was raised.

Congratulations to the lucky winners

Jodie Yorwarth
Allen Vercoe
Alex Tourell



Our next fundraiser is the sale of confectionery. Details will be published early next term.

Dates to Remember....

7 April	BoT Meeting 4pm in Library Term 1 Disco 7-9pm
8 April	Mufti Day
11 April	Inter-Int Boys' Football Tournament
12 April	Inter-Int Girls' Football Tournament
14 April	60s Day
15 April	Term 1 concludes 3pm
2 May	Term 2 commences
4 May	Electoral Roll for Board elections closes
6 May	Call for Nominations for Board of Trustees
9 May	Year 8 Girls Gardasil Dose 1
11 May	Noho Marae