

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

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Dear Parents / Caregivers



Pride of place at the top of this newsletter goes to our science extension groups of students who performed so outstandingly well at yesterday's STEMM Science Challenge. Competing for the Callaghan Trophy against twenty nine other teams of Year 7 and 8 students, our team comprising Christina Grindlay, Kalila Martin-Spiers, Jack Williams and Jack Gallagher finished first equal after the rounds of challenges and following a set of tie breaker questions the two teams were still deadlocked. A further tie breaker, of dubious relevance (and for which the organisers have since apologised) saw our team miss out on the trophy and cash prize, but this aside, we are incredibly proud of these students for what was a brilliant effort. Congratulations too, to our other

team of Hannah Elzenaar, Marlena Koeninger, Stephanie Norton and Jacob Winstanley who finished fourth equal in the competition. Thanks go to Kate Malcolmson and Susan Cook for their coaching, mentoring and transporting of the teams.

A hard act to follow and in a completely field, congratulations to all students who represented us at the Inter-Intermediate Cross Country held at Trentham Memorial Park on Wednesday. A glorious Hutt Valley day ensured a huge number of participants, a large crowd of supporters, and four very competitive races. Special congratulations go to Colton Foss and Nathan Lucock who were second and third respectively in the Year 7 boys' race, and Maria Geoghan and Hannah Molloy who were seventh and tenth respectively in the Year 8 girls' race. These four students by virtue of their top ten placings now qualify to represent Wellington Intermediate Schools at the regional cross country which is to be held in Waikanae on 5 July. The performance of all of our students at this event was such that we finished fourth in the overall competition. Well done all of you and a huge thank you to Tony Webb, John Steere and Araluen Tukukino for their superb organisation of this very popular event.



Today is the last official day of the Fergy Fund Finders' Sweet Promotion and thanks are extended to all students, parents and whanau who have assisted in selling the boxes of lollies. The prizegiving for the promotion will be at next Friday's assembly so in the meantime please return all further monies or unsold product to school by early next week.

Absence Line 528 7024

Next up for the Fergy Fund Finders' is a 'Quiz Night at the Cossie' which is scheduled for next Friday 17 June. Unfortunately ticket sales to date have been mediocre which is putting this venture at risk. Please consider getting a team of friends together and joining us for a fun night of intellectual trival pursuits!! Tickets are only \$10 per head, and are available from the school office or from the Cossie Club.

Wednesday was National Support Staff Day in schools across the country. We had a number of staff with other commitments on Wednesday so have today, acknowledged the work of our wonderful support staff with a light morning tea. To Susan, Deb, Karen, Wendy, Sharon, Dave, Jan, Tina and Seymour, thank you for all that you do for students, parents, teachers and the wider school community. We couldn't do our jobs without your support and your devotion to your respective roles.

A reminder that our annual sports exchange with Heretaunga Intermediate in Hastings is on the horizon, 29 June-1 July. If your child has been invited to participate, please assist our organisation by ensuring that all permission slips have been returned by next Monday, and that full payment is received by Friday 24 June.

Accompanying this newsletter is a letter outlining a visit for all students to the Careers Expo which is being held in Wellington next Friday. You will note that there is no cost to students but we do need parent help with supervision. Again, please return the permission slip on Monday.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

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Dates to Remember....

14 June	ICAS Writing Exam
15 June	ICAS Spelling Exam
15 June	Upper Hutt College Open Evening
16 June	Inter-Intermediate Boys' Hockey Tournament
17 June	Fergy Fund Finders' Quiz Night at the Cossie
23 June	Inter-Intermediate Girls' Hockey Tournament
27 June	Hutt Valley Polyfest at Walter Nash Stadium
29 June - 1 July	Heretaunga Sports Exchange
29 June	BoT Meeting 4pm in Library
30 June	Ukulele Group at Music Festival @ Naenae Int.
5 July	Regional Cross Country in Waikanae
6 July	Inter-Intermediate Rugby League Tournament
7 July	Term 2 Disco
8 July	Term 2 concludes
25 July	Term 3 commences