

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 13 May 2016



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Dear Parents / Caregivers

I hope you all survived last night's wild storm without too much damage to property.

On Wednesday we held our annual noho marae for members of the kapa haka group. Thanks go to Davida Marshall and Whitiri Poutawa who were the organisers and mainstays of the programme, and also to Araluen Tukukino, Toby Funnell, Kate Malcolmson and parents who attended and therefore made this wonderful experience for students possible. Thanks also go to Orongomai Marae for hosting us, and to all parents and whanau who attended the community hui during the course of the evening. Feedback from attendees was all very positive and we welcomed the opportunity to share ideas and opinions.



This term we have welcomed Fiona Derham on to the staff to replace Brigitte Ferguson who is on maternity leave. Fiona is an experienced teacher of Year 7 and 8 students and the transition has gone really smoothly.



In the last newsletter I provided details of how former students, staff and parents can register interest in attending our 50th jubilee celebrations in November. To date there have only been a few registrations despite the number of current parents who I know are former students! Please visit our website and follow the link to register your interest.

Today students who are participating have been issued with their boxes of confectionery to sell. Thank you to all who are supporting this fundraiser, it is usually a successful campaign for the Fergy Fundraisers.

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Ki te whakapiki

All parents and caregivers of current students, and those who have children in Year 6 at Trentham, Silverstream and Pinehaven Schools, should have received a nomination form for the Board of Trustees elections. A reminder that nominations for the Board close at 12 noon next Friday 20 May. Any questions about the nomination process should be addressed to the returning officer, Jan Hall-Jones (jhall-jones@fergusson.school.nz Phone 528 7023).

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Next week is a busy one with Young Leaders Day, the Inter-Intermediate 7s Rugby Tournament and the commencement of Fergy Sport. Thirty six of our students will represent us at Young Leaders Day which is being held at Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua, and will feature prominent New Zealanders sharing their stories and their beliefs about leadership.

The 7s Rugby Tournament which is being held at Trentham Memorial Park is always a highly competitive event and we wish our three competing teams every success. Parents are welcome to turn out to support our teams.



The following week on Wednesday 25 May, we are holding our annual cross country. This hugely popular event (?) will be at Trentham Memorial Park commencing at 1.15pm Year 7 Girls, 1.35pm Year 7 Boys, 1.55pm Year 8 Girls, 2.05pm Year 8 Boys. Again, all parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

The Upper Hutt City Council is celebrating Youth Week from Sunday 22 May with a series of events designed to engage young people. These include a chance to meet Upper Hutt heroes, a movie night, Aqua Beatz at H2O Xtream and a 3 on 3 basketball competition. Further details can be found on the UHCC Website.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

Dates to Remember....

- 18 May Inter-Intermediate 7s Rugby Tournament
- 18 May Young Leaders Day
- 19 May Fergy Sport Commences
- 20 May Inter-Intermediate 7s postponement date
- 23 May Upper Hutt Youth Week
- 25 May School Cross Country at TMP
- 25 May BoT Meeting 4pm in Library
- 26 May School Cross Country postponement date
- 6 June Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 7 June Upper Hutt College Open Day
- 8 June Inter-Intermediate Cross Country at TMP
- 10 June Inter-Intermediate Cross Country postponement date
- 10 June Sweets promotion concludes
- 15 June Upper Hutt College Open Evening
- 17 June Fergy Fund Finders Quiz Night at the Cossie
- 8 July Term 2 concludes

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forget!