

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 13 April 2017



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Dear Parents / Caregivers

A busy final fortnight to an exceptionally busy term.

Groups of students have been involved in the Lit Quiz, the Inter-Intermediate Football Tournaments and just yesterday the WURM (Wellington Ukulele, Recorder and Marimba) Festival. Thank you to all staff and parents who organised and/or transported our students so that they could participate in these events.

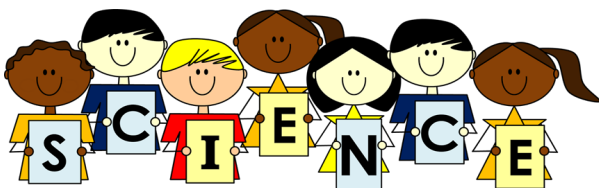


The camps of course were a dominating feature of this term and we thank all of you who took the time to reply our review questionnaire. In summary 98% of the 160 respondents said that their child enjoyed the experience, 95.5% thought the camp provided sufficient challenges, 91% believe the camp provided value for money and a resounding 99% believe that

the school should continue to offer camps every second year. Highlights expressed covered a wide range, from giant swing, flying fox and nightline to the food! Many of you added comments and we really appreciate the feedback that you have provided, both positive and in suggestions for change. Interestingly the majority of your comments corresponded perfectly with those of the staff who have similarly completed a review.

Looking ahead to next term the first thing I want to highlight is the Upper Hutt-wide teacher only day on 2 June which is the Friday before Queen's Birthday weekend. Further details will be included in a future newsletter but in the meantime please add this date to your calendar.

Science is a major focus next term and this will see students working on an exhibit for our



biennial Science Fair which is scheduled for Wednesday 28 June. The initial weeks of the term, and multi-tech programme will feature a great deal of hands on science experimenting. Complementing this, we have accepted an invitation to be one of three Upper Hutt schools to pilot the Hutt Science programme. This

programme which provides fantastic resources and includes community science sessions, has been running in Lower Hutt and the Upper Hutt City Council has come on board to partially fund this pilot programme in Upper Hutt

Term 2 also features a number of sporting events starting with the Sevens Rugby Tournament and including school and Inter-Intermediate Cross Country, Inter-Intermediate Hockey and Rugby League, Saturday Netball, and our annual sports exchange with Heretaunga Intermediate from Hastings. ICAS Exams, the STEMM Challenge, NZ Music Month Syndicate Sing Off and the Koraunui School hosted Hutt Valley Polyfest will all ensure that there is plenty to keep us all busy!

You may also like to mark Monday 12 June in your diary. On this day we have engaged Internet Safety and Risk Assessment consultant, John Parsons to work with students, staff and parents. I have heard John speak on a couple of occasions and strongly recommend that you attend the evening session that he will run for parents on this date. Further details will follow in next term's newsletters.

Term 1 progress reports have been issued to all students this afternoon. I stress that this is a very brief report designed to give you an indication of how well your child has settled in to the new school year. Please take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher if you wish to discuss any aspect of the report.

Thank you to all parents and whanau who have supported the Fergy Fund Finders' Quickfire Easter Raffle which has added \$1700 to their coffers. The lucky winners of the raffle prizes who were drawn at this morning's assembly, are listed below.

I wish all students and their families a safe and relaxing holiday break.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

Easter Raffle Prize Winners

Joanne Hedges

Deb Baxter

Debra Fitness



Community Notices....

Squash@Upper Hutt, 31 Maclean Street
www.squashupperhutt.co.nz

Junior Squash

We are currently running social games starting at 3pm till 5pm on every Sunday afternoon for Term 1. For Term 2 and 3, it will change to 5pm till 7pm on Friday evenings during the school term.

New junior players are always welcome to come along during our club afternoon/night and see whether they like it. Please contact the Junior Convenor, Alfred Enslin, alfred.c.enslin@gmail.com if you have any questions

Kids Cross Country Series starts mid May

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and Drink Bottle. More info and to enter athleticshub.co.nz

Kids Domain School Holiday Programme

Caters for 5-14 year old children - WINZ subsidies available
Fantastic trips and activities

Website: www.kidsdomain.biz

www.facebook.com/kidsdomain

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Dates to Remember....

- 13 April Tem 1 Progress Reports issued
- 13 April Term 1 concludes
- 1 May Term 2 commences
- 10 May Noho Marae
- 11 May Fergy Sport begins
- 17 May Inter-Int 7s Rugby Tournament
- 18 May Class & Individual Photos
- 23 May ICAS Digital Technologies Exam
- 24 May School Cross Country
- 24 May BoT Meeting 6pm in Library
- 2 June Teacher Only Day
- 5 June Queen's Birthday holiday