

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 15 April 2016



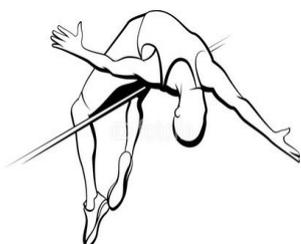
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Dear Parents / Caregivers

What a gas! Way out! Groovy! Cool! Bad!

In other words, yesterday's celebration of the 1960s was a wonderful way in which to conclude this term's focus on the decade of peace, love, civil rights, great music, the Vietnam War, man on the moon, Upper Hutt gaining city status and Fergusson Intermediate opening. Thank you to all students and staff who got into the spirit of the day by dressing for the occasion (there really was some sights!) and thank you too, to the parents who were able to join us to view students' work and the celebratory assembly. Some of the students' work will now be put in storage, ready to reappear in November when we celebrate our birthday with former students, staff and parents. Our website now features a link for people to register interest in joining us for the birthday celebration so please encourage any ex Fergy people to do so.



Back to the present day, and before I go any further, a huge congratulations goes to Year 8 student Matt Bealing who won the Year 8 Boys High Jump at the recent Inter-Intermediate Athletics Competition. This was a fantastic performance given the strength and size of the competition and the fact that he jumped a height of 154cm which is 3cm higher than he is! Well done Matt, we are all very proud of your achievement.

This week our football teams have participated in the Inter-Intermediate Football tournaments at Wakefield Park. The boys finished with a 2 win 2 loss record and the girls with 1 win 1 loss and 2 draws. Both teams enjoyed a great day on the turf and despite the strong competition, can be very proud of their results. Thank you to all parents who assisted with transport.



Also competing this week was our Lit Quiz team comprising Cassidy New, Nariisse Cox, Sophie Gainsford and Hannah Elzenaar, and what a great effort they put in to finish ninth of the fifty four competing teams. Well done girls and thank you to Liz Gainsford who transported and accompanied the team.

Last week's disco was a great success with students resplendent in their best dancing gears, and interestingly the music that got most of them on the dance floor was the classic 60s numbers! Oldies but goodies!

Last week also, saw the student council voting for this year's Chairperson and Deputy. A number of students stood for these coveted positions and most presented compelling reasons for why they would be an ideal person. Congratulations go to Morgyn Jakob and Maia Simpson who won a close battle to be elected Chairperson and Deputy respectively. Well done girls, I am sure you will both do a fabulous job.

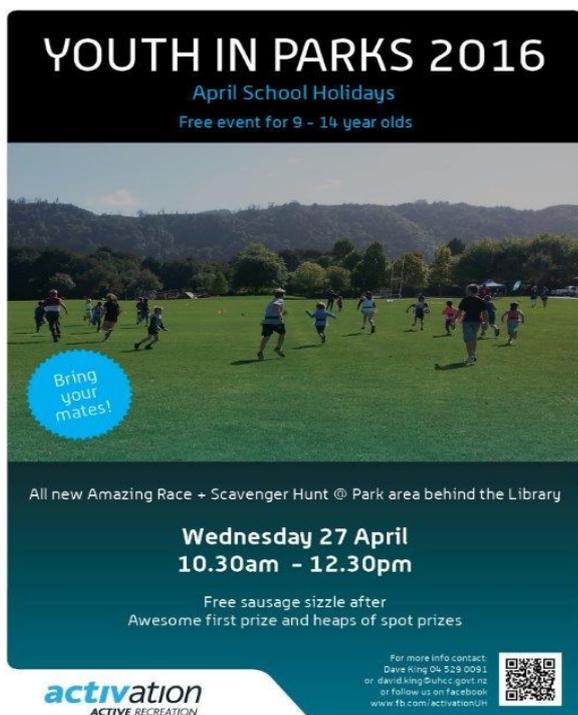
More great news on the funding front this week with Youthtown advising that they have granted us \$5 000 towards the cost of running the Meeting Challenges Programme. This together with the Lion Foundation grant mentioned in the last newsletter means that the programme is now fully sustainable for this year. On behalf of the many of you who have children benefitting from the programme, I extend my heartfelt thanks to both organisations.

Today we farewell teacher, Brigitte Ferguson who commences her maternity leave. We extend best wishes to Brigitte and husband Marcus on the upcoming birth, and look forward to seeing the photos.

Well that's it, term 1 done and dusted. I wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday.

Regards

Paul Patterson
 Principal



YOUTH IN PARKS 2016
 April School Holidays
 Free event for 9 - 14 year olds

Bring your mates!

All new Amazing Race + Scavenger Hunt @ Park area behind the Library

Wednesday 27 April
 10.30am - 12.30pm

Free sausage sizzle after
 Awesome first prize and heaps of spot prizes

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LEARN TO FENCE IN THE HOLIDAYS

Hutt Valley Fencing Club invite you to take part in one of two Fencing opportunities



register NOW for a 2 day intro.

9.00am -12:30pm each day, \$60 for both days.

Best suits age 7+

Electric fencing Mini Competition at the end of day 2

Email huttvalleyfencing@gmail.com or

Text: 022 091 7450

Board of Trustees News

The Board at its meeting last week, was delighted to welcome two new members, Mark Bier and Rhys West. They join fellow trustees Wendy Eyles, Stephen Watkinson, Wendy Bartlett, Tania Kuka, Areta Moses and John Steere for the final meeting of the current Board on 25 May. Elections for a new Board take place next month, and with a number of the current Board standing down, I urge you to consider nominating yourself or someone else for this role.

Calling All Prospective School Trustees

What do Boards do? How do they do it? Who can be a trustee? What is expected of them?

Thinking of standing at this year's election? Come along and hear the answers to these questions and any others you may have. All welcome – parents, caregivers, whanau, community members.

This is your chance to find out what being on a board involves.

Tuesday, May 10th, 7pm at Fergusson Intermediate,
 Hikurangi St, Trentham
 Organised by the Upper Hutt Boards Cluster.

Dates to Remember....

- 15 April Progress Reports Issued
- 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
- 10 May Meeting in Library for prospective Trustees 7pm
- 11 May Noho Marae
- 17 May Young Leaders Day
- 18 May Inter-Intermediate 7s Rugby Tournament
- 25 May BoT Meeting 4pm in Library
- 6 June Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 17 June Fergy Fund Finders Quiz Night at the Cossie
- 8 July Term 2 concludes