

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

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Dear Parents / Caregivers



Last Friday I had the pleasure of announcing the successful candidates for the 2016 Student Council. This followed an exhaustive selection process which included student voting, staff input and in some cases, an interview. Congratulations go to the following who were duly appointed as their class representatives - Guntas Ahluwalia, Adriana Robinson, Ashley Newman, Tiari Pepere-Montgomery, Teagan Dunshea, Maria Geoghegan, Ashley Wyatt, Sophie Gainsford, Stella Hastie, Morgyn Jakob, Logan Barling, Maia

Simpson, Anya Dowling-Kearns, Karoha Poasa-Pomana, Nicole Hayes, Mac Madsen, Keisar Vailalo, Ilaise Tafuna, Bob Van Beek, Sophie Browne, Corban Gwynn, Amber Clifton, AJ Barker and Amelia Knox.

Next Thursday four of the student councillors, Stella Hastie, Morgyn Jakob, Keisa

r Vailalo and Corban Gwyn will be participating in the Upper Hutt City Council 'My Future City' workshop. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to have a say on the future direction of Upper Hutt and I'm sure these four students will be worthy representatives of our student body.

Also representing us next week will be our athletics team who travel to Newtown Park on Monday to compete against athletes from all other intermediate schools in the greater Wellington region. We wish them well in their endeavours.



Thank you to all who supported yesterday's hot dog lunch which resulted in another \$230 for the Fergy Fund Raisers' coffers. Thanks again also to Marguerite Crozier, Val Smith and Linda Partridge for their efforts over the hot stove!

The Easter raffle is selling well and there are further tickets available from the school office.

The prize draw will take place next Thursday 24 March.



And...while talking about fundraising, please put Friday 17 June in your diary as the night of our biennial Quiz at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club. This is always a fun event with great prizes and much humour!

If you do have your diary out, you may wish to consider attending a free talk on dealing with some of the tricky behaviours exhibited by young adolescents. Presented by local expert, Kathryn Berkett, you can catch this event on either Tuesday 5 or Thursday 7 April from 7-8.30pm at The Spot, 652 Fergusson Drive. We hosted an evening with Kathryn in 2014 and it was very well received by our parent community. I recommend her presentation to all interested parents and caregivers. Further details are available on our website.

We are always delighted to hear of our students' successes both in and out of school and as such, congratulations go to Amber Clifton who recently competed in the Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club's Open Competition. The competition which is open to skaters from all over New Zealand, resulted in Amber winning the Novice Solo Dance event, and finishing second in both the Novice Freeskating and the Novice Figures. Well done Amber, and best wishes for the Central Area Championships next month.



Mention of success, reminds me that we have received the registration information for the 2016 AIMS Games. The Games are an International Sporting Championships in a wide variety of sports. They are held in and around Tauranga and last year attracted 8 000 plus competitors. This year there are twenty sports on offer and while we won't be sending any teams, we

are prepared to help support any individuals who may wish to compete in some of the individual sports which include golf, cross country, swimming, squash, bmx racing, gymnastics, yachting, tennis and indoor bowls. If you would like further information about the Games, and the possible involvement of your child, please contact me at ppatterson@fergusson.school.nz.

I'm sure you don't need reminding that we break for Easter at 3pm next Thursday afternoon and resume on Wednesday 30 March.

Enjoy the long weekend that beckons!

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

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Dates to Remember....

21 March	Inter-Intermediate Athletics
25 March	Good Friday
28 March	Easter Monday
29 March	Easter Tuesday
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	Sixties Day
15 April	Term 1 concludes

WANTED

Age appropriate magazines in good condition for students to utilise in Art activities