

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 18 October 2016



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Dear Parents & Caregivers

A full on fourth term stretches ahead and before we know it, Christmas will be upon us!



First and foremost, a reminder that school is closed this Friday 21 October for a Teacher Only Day which will enable us to join with all other Upper Hutt Primary and Intermediate Schools for a day of professional learning.

Last term ended on a high with the Upper Hutt Schools' Kapa haka Festival. Superbly organised by Pinehaven School the festival featured groups from a large number of schools all of whom performed brilliantly. Congratulations go to our group who once again turned on a sterling performance, and thanks to tutors Waitiri Poutawa and Davida Marshall, and parents and whanau who turned up to support the group.



Further success at the end of last term for a couple of our students with Colton Foss and Maria Geoghegan competing as members of the Wellington team at the Inter-Regional Cross Country. Both Colton and Maria finished in a top ten placing in their respective races and by virtue of their performances helped the Wellington team finish second in the overall competition. Well done both of you.

The first weekend of the holidays featured our Mathematics/Engineering Team competing in the New Zealand final of Tournament of Minds. The competition, as you can imagine, was incredibly strong but nevertheless the team of Noah Hart, Jonathan Watkinson, Connor Hume, Kody Tourelle, Caelum McLeary, Connor Byrne and Kaution Burrowes acquitted themselves exceptionally well to finish a very meritorious second.

ICAS

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools



The results of the University of New South Wales ICAS Exams for Mathematics and English have arrived and once again a number of our students have performed very creditably. Congratulations for their achievement in English go to Hannah Elzenaar (High Distinction), Jack Williams, Morgyn Jakob, Angelita Colman and Emily Buckham (Distinction), Georgia Searle, Emma Hanrahan, Nariisse Cox, Melissa Cooley, Jodie Yorwarth, Laura Read, Kalila Martins-Spiers and Kiara Flutey (Credit) and Jacob Winstanley (Merit). Congratulations for achievement in Mathematics, go to the following who passed with Credit – Jack Williams, Georgia Searle, Gawie Opperman, Morgyn Jakob, Jack Gallagher, Guntas Ahluwalia, Jacob Winstanley, Fekelwap Tuuina and Rayhaan Idris, and the following who achieved a Merit pass – Morgan Partridge, Nicole Hayes, Georgia Calton, Kalila Martins-Spiers and Jordyn Hemi-Bedford. What a lengthy list! Well done all of you.

In yet another field of endeavour, we congratulate Hunter Baumber, Jack Williams, Hannah Elzenaar and Marlena Koeninger who have had their art work selected to feature in the 2017 Upper Hutt Community Calendar.

Thank you again to all who supported the Fergy Fund Finders' Mathathon last term, the prizegiving for which was held on the last day of term. The lucky winners of \$50 vouchers were Ruihi Kirk, Matthew Peacock and Hayley Stokes, and the following won double movie passes, Cassidy New, Paige Proebstel, Marlena Koeninger, Oscar Taylor, Charlotte Henn, Brooke Dixon and Jan Bonthuys.



The next fundraiser is the annual raffle which once again has some fabulous prizes up for grabs. Please look out for details which will be sent home later this week.

Looking ahead to 2017, which frighteningly we must, I remind parents of year 7 students that next year we will be running our biennial syndicate camps. These have been booked for the weeks beginning 6, 13 and 20 March. The cost for the camp is likely to be in the vicinity of \$240 and accordingly you may wish to establish and commence automatic payments now. If so, please contact Tina in the school office or email accounts@fergusson.school.nz to arrange.

Friday 4 November is the date we have set to celebrate the school's 50th Jubilee. Please assist our preparations by spreading the word that to date while we have had 130 expressions of interest from former staff and students, very few have confirmed their attendance. We need to confirm numbers by the end of this week so please stress the urgency of people completing the form on our website or contacting the school to confirm their attendance.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

Dates to Remember....

- 21 October - Teacher Only Day
- 24 October – Labour Day
- 26 October – Inter-Intermediate Touch Tournament
- 27 October – EPRO8 Challenge
- 2 November – Inter-Intermediate Basketball
- 4 November – UHC Testing for Year 8's 2017
- 4 November – School Jubilee Celebration
- 8 November – Battle of the Bands
- 9 November – Pasifika Festival at Newlands Int.
- 7 December – Prizegiving Assembly 11am
- 8 December – Year 8 Leavers' Dinner & Dance
- 15 December – Term 4 concludes 12.30pm

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WE ARE CELEBRATING
OUR 50TH JUBILEE



Former students/staff/parents are welcome to join us for a trip down memory lane on **4-5 November 2016**.

You can register and get further details on our website
www.fergusson.school.nz

50 Jubilee Celebrations

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