

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 19 February 2016



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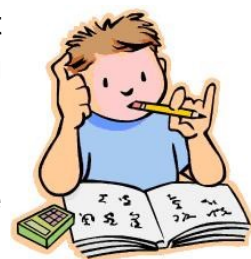
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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended the Community Meeting last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance and to receive such positive feedback about the information shared. At the meeting I once again shared the school's Vision, Values and Strategic Goals. If you would like a copy of these please ring the office or email admin@fergusson.school.nz.

Next week we are providing an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher. The purpose of these initial meetings is to give you the opportunity to inform teachers of any special needs, interests or concerns that the teacher may need to know in order to best plan for your child's progress and achievement this year. Invitations to attend these meetings were sent home earlier this week and today you will be receiving confirmation of your appointment time. Please contact your child's teacher if you need to reschedule.

The next couple of weeks shape as particularly busy on a number of different fronts. Beginning of year testing in Mathematics, Reading, Writing and Spelling kicks off on Monday. Norm referenced tests are used to give teachers an indication of where each student is at in each of these key areas. Repeating these tests in November gives an indication of rate of progress. I stress the word indication as these are just one indicator of progress and achievement.



I remind you that class and individual photos will be taken next Thursday morning so we encourage all students to arrive at school at their presentable best! You will receive an order envelope featuring a photo of your child after photo day and will be able to order a pack of photos directly from the photographer.

The first big school-wide event for the year is our annual Athletics Sports which are scheduled for Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March.

The programme for the events which will be held at Trentham Memorial Park is as follows:

Thursday 3 March 9.30 -11am - Track Events 11.10 -2.30pm - Field Events

Friday 4 March 9.30 - 10.15am - Field Events 10.30-12.30pm - Track Finals

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared for a day outside - ie. with a sunhat, sunscreen, a packed lunch and plenty of fluid. Students are invited to wear their syndicate colours (Syndicate A - blue; Syndicate B - yellow; Syndicate C - red) but their attire must be appropriate for the events in which they will be partaking, and face/body paint is not to be worn! School PE uniform also needs to be brought to school by all students each day.

All parents and caregivers are welcome and are cordially invited to join us for what should be a thoroughly enjoyable and fun event.



On Monday 7 March we will be hosting sixteen Japanese students to give them the experience of a day in the life of a New Zealand school. This will be a fabulous opportunity for our students to mix with a group from a different culture and a completely different schooling environment.

Website

Our school website is a major source of information. Hopefully you are benefiting from the communication we are delivering to our wider school community.

To improve our communication further you are able to sign up to receive email notifications. Click any of the green email notification buttons across the website or alternatively you can contact Nathan Russell at nrussell@fergusson.school.nz and he will sign you up. Please include the following details if emailing him. Name, student's name, student's room number, your email address.



Finally a quick message from the Fergy Fund Finders. Next Thursday they are running a hamburger lunch, details are in the attached notice, and please also look out for a quick fire Easter raffle from 11-23 March.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

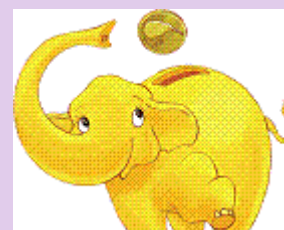
Absence Line
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Can You Help?
CHESS CLUB
12.30-1.15PM
EACH TUESDAY

We are looking for competent adult chess players who can help students run a chess club, and teach students wanting to learn the game. If you can help, please email our Librarian, Susan Cook scook@fergusson.school.nz.

ASB School Banking is Here



We are really excited to let you know that we offer the students School Banking at Fergusson Intermediate School.

The students can bring their School Banking deposit envelopes to school any day of the week and deposit them in the special banking box.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to teach your children how to save in their very own account. The amount deposited does not matter anything from 10c per week is fine, we just want to encourage students to learn the importance of saving. The accounts are free of fees.

School Banking Registration and Application Forms are available from the school office.

If you are already enrolled for school banking please collect your envelopes from the school office.

Dates to Remember....

23-24 February	Parent/Teacher Interviews 3.15-7.30pm
25 February	School Photos (Class & Individual)
25 February	Hamburger Lunch
2 March	BoT Meeting 4pm in Library
3 March	School Athletics Day at TMP
4 March	School Athletics Day at TMP
7 March	Japanese students visit
25 March	Good Friday
28 March	Easter Monday
29 March	Easter Tuesday
15 April	Term 1 concludes