

# FERGUSSON Intermediate School

## Newsletter - 24 June 2016



Dear Parents / Caregivers

The shortest day has been and gone so given the number of events going on, I hope the days will now start getting longer so we can fit them all in!

Next Wednesday a fifty five strong group of rugby, football, netball and hockey players head off to Heretaunga Intermediate in Hastings to compete in our annual sports exchange. Best wishes go to all students who are competing to retain the trophy which we have won since this event's inception.



On Monday night our kapa haka group take to the stage at the Koraunui School organised Hutt Valley Polyfest. This is a brilliant event which is held at Walter Nash Stadium and attracts huge crowds every year. Tickets are still available from the Walter Nash Stadium from 9am Monday morning at \$5 per head.

The following Monday, 4 July a group of our kapa haka students have been invited to perform at the Upper Hutt Library as the council launches Maori Language Week. This is quite an honour and I'm sure the group will do us proud.

Speaking of performances our Ukulele Group are participating in a music festival at Naenae Intermediate on 30 June. The festival culminates in a concert at 2.15pm that afternoon, and all parents, whanau and friends are welcome to attend.

There is no let up in the last week of term with some of our students representing Wellington Intermediate Schools at the Regional Cross Country in Waikanae on 5 July, and a boys and a girls team participating at the Inter-Intermediate Rugby League Tournament on 6 July.



Our hockey teams have participated in their Inter-Intermediate Tournaments during the last fortnight. The boys team had two wins and two losses, and the girls two

wins, two losses and two draws. Thanks to Tony Webb and Wendy Read for their coaching and organising of the teams.

Congratulations go to Holly Morgan on her selection for the Hutt Valley Year 7 Netball Representative Team.

We have received the results of Digital Technologies, the first of the University of New South Wales ICAS Exams. Congratulations go to Kalia Martins-Spiers and Jacob Winstanley who passed with Distinction and to Isaac Wagstaff who achieved a Credit pass.



Earlier this week you will have received a notice about the option of a Subway lunch for students on **Monday 4 July**. This is a student council led initiative and I must compliment Mac Madsen and his team who have organised the whole process. It would be great to get a good

Thank you to everyone who supported the Fergy Fund Finders' Sweet Selling campaign. The prizegiving for this venture was held at this morning's assembly and congratulations go to the lucky prize winners who are listed below. The Fergy Fund Finders recently donated \$10 000 to the school. This is money raised in the latter half of 2015 and up to now this year, and has enabled us to purchase a further thirty chrome books and two storage trolleys. It also, among other things, enabled us to provide the buses that took all students into Wellington for last week's Careers Expo which from all accounts, was very worthwhile. Please continue to support Fergy Fund Finders' projects which next term include a monster raffle and a Mathathon, remembering that all funds raised are spent on items for your children's benefit.



Some years this just happens.....and at the end of this term we are losing three members of the teaching staff. Parents of the students in classes affected have been notified but for your information we are farewelling Geoff Kurton who has won a position at an international school in Kuwait, Araluen Tukukino who is off to spend the next two years travelling the world, and Rachel Matthews who is off to explore other careers options. We are very sorry to be losing such valued members of staff but as they say, 'every cloud has a silver lining,' and we have been very fortunate to acquire three superb replacements in Vai Pilitati, Gemma Davidson (nee Blaikie) and Debbie Wilson. We look forward to welcoming them at the beginning of the new term.

Regards

Paul Patterson  
Principal

### Dates to Remember....

27 June	Hutt Valley Polyfest at Walter Nash Stadium
29 June - 1 July	Heretaunga Sports Exchange
29 June	BoT Meeting 4pm in Library
30 June	Ukulele Group at Music Festival @ Naenae Int.
1 July	Subway Lunch Orders due
4 July	Subway Lunch
4 July	Kapa haka Group at Upper Hutt Library
5 July	Regional Cross Country in Waikanae
6 July	Inter-Intermediate Rugby League Tournament
7 July	Term 2 Disco
8 July	First XV Rugby v St Josephs
8 July	Inter-Intermediate Rugby League postponement date
8 July	Term 2 concludes
25 July	Term 3 commences
	Dental Van on site until 12 August
4 August	Masterton Intermediate Sports Exchange

### Sweets Fundraiser Results

Top Seller Prize:

**Caleb Stanley**

Chrome Book Winner:

**Alex Clegg**

\$20 Warehouse Vouchers:

**Jordan Crozier**

**Joseph Farrell**

**Logan Krippner**

**Shahana Pope**

**Shaniqua Callander**

**Jesse Bier**

**Riley Nesbitt**

**Georgia Rundberg**

**Courtney Collins-Clark**

**Matthew Bealing**

Class Results:

**1st Room 7, 2nd Room 10, 3rd Room 9**

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