

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Half way through term 3 already! Where is the year going?

I guess the year is flying because staff and students are so incredibly busy engaged in the usual wide range of programmes and activities.

This week some of our classes have enjoyed visits to Capital E and Te Papa. The Capital E "On TV" Studio was a highlight for students with many experiencing what it is like in front of a TV camera! A number of other classes will enjoy a similar visit as the term progresses.

We have also this week, completed "Hands On Visits" for the Year 6 students who currently attend Trentham, Silverstream and Pinehaven Schools. The students spent some time working in our Technology and Arts Rooms, and from all accounts, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Monday and Tuesday 28 and 29 August we are holding our Open Days for parents of prospective students, and on Tuesday night at 7pm an information evening. These dates have been well advertised but please feel free to pass them on to friends and neighbours.

Last week a large group of students participated in a variety of sporting codes at the Wellington Sports Fest. Bronze in girls and boys hockey, turbo touch and dodgeball were the best of the results but a great day was had by all participants.

Our netballers took to the courts on Wednesday at the Inter-Intermediate Netball Tournament. A mixed bag in terms of results but well done to all involved. The Year 8 girls finished 6th and the Year 7s 7th.



To round off the term on the sporting front, we look forward to hosting Masterton Intermediate for our annual exchange on Wednesday 6 September. The programme for the day is as follows and all parents and whanau are welcome to join us in supporting the teams involved.

Masterton Exchange programme for the day:

10.30am - Masterton Intermediate arrive. Welcomed in with powhiri

11.30am - Boys Football & Girls Hockey (25 mins each way at Maidstone Park)

11.30am - Y7 Netball (4 x 10min quarters on 2 courts at FIS)

12.30pm - Girls Football & Boys Hockey (25 mins each way at Maidstone Park)

12.30pm - Rugby (30 mins each way on FIS field)

12.45pm - Y8 Netball (4 x 10min quarters on 2 courts at FIS)

2.00pm - Late lunch

2.30pm - Prizegiving

2.45pm - Masterton Intermediate depart



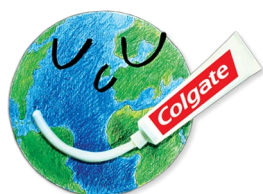
The NZ AIMS Games commence on 11 September. This annual event attracts thousands of Year 7 and 8 competitors from across New Zealand and the Pacific Region to compete in an incredibly wide range of sports. We have one representative this year in Lucy Abbot who will be competing in the swimming competition. Best wishes for a successful swim Lucy, I am sure that you will enjoy the experience.

Our mathematicians participated in the annual Mathswell Competition on Wednesday night and despite very strong competition, the team comprising Johnny Bentley-Cribb, Dominic Burns, Holly Harris, Kaito Maud, Stephanie Portugal and Riley Wilson performed very creditably. Thanks go to Adrienne Lyall for organising and coaching the teams, and to the parents who provided transport for the participants.



This coming week commencing Tuesday 29 August, all students will have the opportunity to engage in the ASB Getwise Programme which introduces them to the importance of Financial Literacy. This programme is very educational and is always well received by students. Please encourage your child to discuss its content with you at home.

Thank you to all students and parents who are continuing to support the Fergy Fund Finders' Spellathon. Testing day is Monday 4 September so please continue to gather sponsors, and to learn the words!



Thanks too for your ongoing support of our 'Colgate Products' recycling programme. Our collective effort in gathering colgate tubes, toothbrushes and packaging resulted last week in a further \$1000 donation to the school. Thank you 'Terracycle'!

I finish on a sad note by acknowledging the recent deaths of two former long-term Fergusson staff members. Bev Christophersen and Carol Etchells worked at Fergusson for a number of years during the 1970s and 80s (Bev) and 1980s and 90s (Carol) and will be remembered by the many parents who attended during this period.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is looking to appoint a new Board Secretary. The position involves taking minutes of Board meetings, typing and distributing these, and will usually comprise 4-5 hours per month.

Further inquiries and expressions of interest to:

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Dates to Remember....

29 August	Open Day
29 August	New Parents Information Evening 7pm
	ASB Getwise Programme commences
4 September	Spellathon Test Day
6 September	Masterton Intermediate Sports Exchange
13 September	BoT Meeting 6pm in Library
19 September	Artsplash (Choir & Wearable Arts)
	Rehearsal 12-1.45pm
	Performance 7.45pm at Michael Fowler Centre
	Inter-Intermediate Rugby Tournament
25 September	Gardasil Immunisation Year 8 students
27 September	Upper Hutt Cultural Festival at Lane Street
28 September	Term 3 Disco
29 September	Term 3 concludes