

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 27 May 2016



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Dear Parents / Caregivers

I think we can assume that Winter is fast approaching, if not already here following the mid-week storm that hit the region.



One of the casualties of the inclement weather was our Cross Country which was scheduled for Wednesday. Today however was a perfect Autumn day for running and I congratulate all students who participated to the best of their ability. Special congratulations go to the top ten placegetters in each of the races and who therefore have the opportunity to represent us at the Inter-Intermediate Cross Country, which is to be held at Trentham Memorial Park on 8 June.

Another casualty appears to be items of uniform which disappear, perhaps because they are discarded or grabbed as the temperature fluctuates. It would be incredibly helpful if you could all check that your child is wearing his/her uniform and not someone else's, and if you could all ensure that all uniform items are clearly named.



In late 2015 we were offered the opportunity to engage in the Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L) programme and the staff decided to accept this invitation. Accordingly a team of us including staff, Board and RTLB are currently being trained in the programme. The attached page to this newsletter gives you an introduction to PB4L and provides a brief overview of what is involved. We will continue to update you as this initiative progresses.

Fergy Sport got under way last week and it is great to wander around the school and see the students all fully engaged in their sport of choice. We are indebted to the outside providers who come in and lend their expertise to the teaching and coaching of students in their respective fields. Watching the skills required for Indoor Bowls and how these are developed is particularly fascinating!

OPEN DAYS It is the time of year when secondary schools are holding their open days for Year 8 students and I'm aware that a number of students have already attended some of these. During the next fortnight our local state secondary schools are having their open days and accordingly all of our Year 8 students will be visiting Heretaunga College from 9-10.30am next Tuesday 31 May and Upper Hutt College from 9-11.50am on Tuesday 7 June. Parents have a similar opportunity to visit the colleges on their open evenings 21 June, 6.30pm Heretaunga, and 15 June 6.15pm, Upper Hutt.

Speaking of Open Days, our open days for parents of current Year 6 students, and anyone else who is interested in looking around the school, have been set for 22 and 23 August with a parent information evening scheduled for 7pm on 23 August. These dates will be widely publicised closer to the time but in the meantime if anyone is asking, please feel free to share this information.

Broken record time...thank you to all who continue to support the Fergy Fund Finders with their sweet selling campaign and thank you to all who have already purchased tickets for the Quiz Night at the Cossie on 17 June - there are plenty of these still available so please get a group together and try and beat the staff team! Oh and thank you to all who have now registered for our 50th Jubilee celebrations in November - please encourage your contacts to do likewise.

Finally, congratulations to all members of our incoming Board of Trustees. Liz, Ros, Michelle, Rhys, Mark and John, I look forward to working with you all.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

**Fergusson Intermediate School
Board of Trustees' Election
Declaration of Parent Election Results**

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

BIER, Mark

BUTLER, Michelle

CONNELLY, Ros

GAINSFORD, Elizabeth

WEST, Rhys

**Fergusson Intermediate School
Board of Trustees' Election
Declaration of Staff Election Results**

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received I hereby declare:

STEERE, John duly elected

Signed

Jan Hall-Jones
Returning Officer

New to the Tuck Shop

Are the healthier Hot Bites Toasty Pies which come with free sauce. These replace the mince pie and cost \$2.60.

Cross Country Results

Year 7 Girls

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|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Kiara Flutey | 2. Michaela Cookson |
| 3. Elsie Kepakali | 4. Holly Morgan |
| 5. Hayley Stokes | 6. Kalila Martins |
| 7. Laura Read | 8. Angel Neho-Watts |
| 9. Ella Martin | 10. Courtney Collins-Clark |

Year 7 Boys

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Colton Foss | 2. Nathan Lucock |
| 3. Josh Lafrentz | 4. Tom Joyce |
| 5. Toby Braun | 6. Sam Woolcott |
| 7. Chout Chout | 8. Levi Watkins |
| 9. Jordan Crozier | 10. Seyjay Harawira |

Year 8 Girls

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| 1. Maria Geoghan | 2. Hannah Molloy |
| 3. Tiari Pepere | 4. Anya Dowling-Kearns |
| 5. Livvy Cook | 6. Ashlee McEnirney |
| 7. Chloe Connan | 8. Inez Tuhoro-Robinson |
| 9. Stella Hastie | 10. Ruby Maitland |

Year 8 Boys

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| 1. Keanu Kotuhi | 2. Ashley Newman |
| 3. Darnel Staunton | 4. Ethan du Toit |
| 5. Matthew Bealing | 6. Sam Morgan |
| 7. Luke Te Moana | 8. James Nowak |
| 9. Joel Hutching | 10. Thomas Flitcroft |

Dates to Remember....

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| 31 May | Heretaunga College Open Morning |
| 6 June | Queen's Birthday Holiday |
| 7 June | Upper Hutt College Open Day |
| 8 June | Inter-Intermediate Cross Country at TMP |
| 10 June | Inter-Intermediate Cross Country postponement date |
| 10 June | Sweets promotion concludes |
| 14 June | ICAS Writing Exam |
| 15 June | ICAS Spelling Exam |
| 15 June | Upper Hutt College Open Evening |
| 17 June | Fergy Fund Finders Quiz Night at the Cossie |
| 8 July | Term 2 concludes |



This year we are reviewing our school wide behaviour systems and are using the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) initiative to promote positive behaviour and create inclusive learning environments that foster well-being and achievement for all students.

PB4L is built on the principles that positive behaviour can be learnt and that environments can be changed to support effective teaching and learning for all students. PB4L helps to foster positive behaviour, strengthen relationships, and increase student well-being by creating caring, inclusive learning environments. Research shows that such environments have positive effects on students' behaviour, resilience, learning and achievement.

PB4L takes the approach that opportunities for learning and achievement increase if:

- the school environment is positive and supportive
- expectations are consistently clear
- students are consistently taught desired behaviours
- students are consistently acknowledged for desired behaviours and undesirable behaviours are responded to in a fair and equitable way

The PB4L initiative takes at least 3-5 years to put in place. Over this time, we will hope to see:

- incidents of problem behaviour decline
- the behaviour of students improve
- teachers spending more time teaching
- students more engaged and achieving

At Fergusson we want to continue to develop a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life.

Fergusson Intermediate PB4L Purpose Statement

The Purpose of PB4L at Fergusson Intermediate is to continue to develop a mutually respectful environment that promotes social interaction and student engagement in learning. Through consistent modelling, acknowledging, and teaching of positive behaviours in a variety of different contexts, we will provide a quality environment where the school community continues to focus on raising student achievement and developing great citizens.