

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

Newsletter - 31 March 2017



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Dear Parents / Caregivers

The last of the camps was duly completed last week, and once again, a great time was had by all. Thanks go to Syndicate C teachers, Adrienne Lyall, Tony Webb, Pat Mackle and Davida Marshall, and to their group of parent helpers who made the camp such a success.

It is impossible to run these camps for such large numbers of students so once again, I thank all parents who took the time, many taking annual leave, to assist us with these ventures. Your efforts are very much appreciated by all.

Given the massive undertaking that these camps are every second year, we are completing a review of them, and would very much appreciate your feedback. Accordingly please find a short questionnaire attached to this newsletter.



A highlight of the past fortnight was the visit to school by Prime Minister, Bill English, Minister of Sport and Recreation, Jonathan Coleman, Local MP Chris Hipkins, Chairman of Sport NZ Sir Paul Collins, CEO of Sport NZ Peter Miskimmin, Silver Ferns, Katrina Grant and Phoenix Karaka, and various other dignitaries. You may well have seen coverage of their visit on Stuff or in this week's Leader or on 'The Crowd Goes Wild' television programme. The purpose of their visit was to celebrate the first anniversary of

the launch of the Play.sport initiative, and our students did us proud. Feedback from all of our guests was incredibly positive - they were very complimentary about the attentiveness, manners and knowledge of students with whom they interacted. A special mention needs to be made of Year 8 student, Maia Simpson who delivered a compelling speech on the benefits of Play.sport from a student perspective. Well done Maia - you certainly impressed all in attendance.

The fog eventually lifted yesterday and enabled the Inter-Intermediate Athletics to be held at Newtown Park. Mr Webb and Mrs Davidson were effusive in their praise of our students' effort and behaviour, and we may have found the next John Walker or Nick Willis....A huge congratulations goes to Colton Foss who won the glamour event, the senior 1500 metres. Congratulations to all students who competed to the best of their ability against very strong competition, particularly those who made the final in their event.

I had the great pleasure at this morning's assembly to present badges to the students elected to this year's Student Council. Congratulations to those listed on the following page for acquiring this honour. I'm sure you will do a fantastic job and I look forward to working with you.

The final fortnight of this busy term will see our football teams in action at their annual tournament, progress reports being written, and next Thursday 6 April, the Term 1 Disco. A letter about the disco was sent home earlier in the week and we hope there is a huge response from students in terms of numbers attending. Friday 7 April as per tradition, will be a mufti day with a gold coin donation asked for the privilege!

A reminder that entries for the annual ICAS Exams are due for Digital Technologies by 7 April and for Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics by 2 May. Please contact the office if you have misplaced the entry form for these exams.

News from the Fergy Fund Finders to finish. Attached to this newsletter is a sheet of tickets for their quick fire Easter Raffle. The tickets, five to a page, are \$2 each and put you into a draw to win one of three large Easter egg hampers. Look out early next term for the family Pie Run Fundraiser which proved incredibly popular last year.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

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Dates to Remember....

6 April	End of Term Disco 7-9pm
7 April	Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)
10 April	Inter-Intermediate Football Tourn. (Boys)
11 April	Inter-Intermediate Football Tourn. (Girls)
13 April	Tem 1 Progress Reports issued
13 April	Term 1 concludes
1 May	Term 2 commences
17 May	Inter-Int 7s Rugby Tournament
24 May	BoT Meeting 6pm in Library

Student Council 2017

Room 1	Jordan Caveney Harry Fongsavanh
Room 2	Maia Simpson Jesse Bier
Room 3	Chris McLennan Laura Read
Room 4	Alex Clegg Lorelei Thomas
Room 5 / 7	Jodie Yorwarth Kiara Flutey Connor Lillyston Toby Braun
Room 6	Cassidy New Alex Ravens
Room 8	Greer Rait Johnny Bentley-Cribb
Room 9	Venita Prince Abigail Fisher
Room 10	Cora Noble Anna Malcolmson
Room 11	Sam Woolcott Joel Binner
Room 12	Lillie Hilton Paige Philp
Room 13	Seyjay Harawira Miya Abbott-Tutaki