

FERGUSSON Intermediate School

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

A hectic final fortnight with students involved in a wide and diverse range of events and activities. Science Fair, Heretaunga Sports Exchange, Polyfest, Basketball and Floorball Finals, Rugby League Tournament, Disco...the list goes on so I'm sure everyone is ready for a holiday.

The annual sports exchange with Heretaunga Intermediate saw us retain the trophy thanks to wins in Netball, Football and Basketball, a narrow loss in Badminton, and a comprehensive win to Heretaunga in Rugby. We congratulate all students involved for the great spirit in which all games were played and thank Heretaunga for travelling down from Hastings to compete. We look forward to our return visit in 2018.



The biennial Science Fair held last Wednesday was a roaring success and was a wonderful culmination to the term's science focus. It was great to see so many parents and whanau engaging with students who were proudly displaying their exhibits. Congratulations go to Sam Woolcott ('Best for Bows') whose exhibit was judged best in the show, Hunter Baumber ('Arrows versus Bullets') who was placed second, and to Seyjay Harawira, Liam Willcocks and Callum Florance ('Think Before You Drink') who were third. Congratulations

also to the following students whose exhibits were also selected to go through to the NIWA Regional Science Fair next term. Caleb Williamson, Alex Ravens, Adam Grant, Cody Setter, Ihaia Gaudin, Daniel Pearse, James Li, Rebecca Blumsky, Logan Foster, Asher Wilson, Phaedra Boyd, Nicholas Rai, Kyra Elder, Nathan Smith, Maia Simpson, Harry Willcocks, Will Dearsley, Nathan Lucock, Kody Tourelle, Sophie Reid Putaka, Ashton Millar and JP Opperman. Thanks go to Kate Malcolmson and Pat Mackle for their organisation and management of the big night.

Last Wednesday was also a big night for our basketballers as the Fergy X-Men expertly coached by Paula Jaworski and Pena Tala competed in the Hutt Valley Basketball Competition final. A nerve racking game in which the lead see-sawed back and forth saw our team retain their composure to come out on top. Congratulations to team members Holly Morgan, Hunter Baumber, Jordan Crozier, Jordyn Hemi-Bedford, Chout Chout, Xavier Lloyd, Kobe Tala and Josh Moodley who are now the proud owners of the title and the trophy. I also congratulate our other basketball team the Fergy Avengers who were deprived of a place in their final by an administration error. The team accepted this with good grace thus displaying the level of sportsmanship to which all aspire. Well done team!



And now to the highlight of this final week of term which was undoubtedly the Korauui School hosted Hutt Valley Polyfest which has been held at the Walter Nash Stadium throughout this week. Our kapa haka group performed on Monday night and our Polyfis group on Tuesday night, and what stunning performances they were! Congratulations to all students who were involved - you did yourselves proud. A huge thank you to Davida Marshall and Whaitiri Poutawa, and to Vai Pilitati, Aggz Alailefaleula and Debbie Trow for their incredible work in tutoring and preparing kapa haka and polyfis respectively.

Further student success, this time in hockey. Congratulations go to Sam Woolcott, Archie Cosslett and Hanro van Graan on their selection for the U13 Wellington Rep Team to travel to Auckland for the Hatch Cup in October. Well done boys.

On the staffing front....today we farewell student teacher Brooke Nightingale who has spent the last four weeks working in room 8. Thank you for all your hard work Brooke, and best wishes for your future teaching career.

Please note that I will be on leave for the period 27 July-15 August and while I will be checking my emails intermittently, please in the first instance, contact Kate Malcolmson who will be in the hot seat during my absence.



In finishing this newsletter I pay homage to two members of staff who are moving on to new pastures. We have this afternoon, farewelled Nathan Russell who starts as Principal of Oxford Crescent School next term, and Sonia Hocking who departs early next term to pursue other opportunities.

Nathan and Sonia have been integral members of the Fergy Team for the last few years and both have contributed massively to our ongoing development as a school. Nathan as Deputy Principal has worn many hats on both leadership and management levels. On behalf of the school community I wish Nathan every success in his new role - Oxford Crescent is certainly very lucky to have secured his services.

Similarly, Sonia has worn many hats, and deserves much credit for the development and promotion of the performing arts. Many students have benefitted immeasurably from the infectious enthusiasm she has brought to building confidence in dance, drama and music.

Thank you Nathan! Thank you Sonia!

You will both be missed by students, parents and your colleagues alike. Best wishes to you both as you embark on your new career paths.

I wish all students a safe and relaxing holiday.

Regards

Paul Patterson
Principal

CHESS

Is currently enjoying a resurgence in levels of interest. Do you have any chess boards and/or sets that are surplus to your requirements ?



If so, these will be greatly received. Just send them along to the office.

NO PARKING

Please do not drive into the carpark to drop off or collect students before or after school. If you are driving children to school please use the Merton Street gate or the Mitre Grove entrance.

Dates to Remember....

24 July	Term 3 commences
31 July	Bee Healthy dental Van on site until 21 August
1 August	ICAS English Exam Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
2 August	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
15 August	ICAS Mathematics Exam
16 August	Inter-Intermediate Volleyball Tournament BoT Meeting 7pm in Library
18 August	Trentham School Year 6 Students Hands On Visit
21 August	Silverstream School Year 6 Students Hands On Visit
25 August	Pinehaven School Year 6 Students Hands On Visit
28 August	Open Day
29 August	Open Day New Parent Information Evening 7pm
29 Sept.	Term 3 concludes