

# FERGUSSON Intermediate School

## Newsletter - 9 June 2017



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Dear Parents / Caregivers



The Inter-Intermediate Cross Country was held at Trentham Memorial Park on Wednesday. We host this annual event which was this year contested by teams of students representing thirteen intermediate schools from across the greater Wellington region. Organising an event such as this is a huge undertaking and thanks and congratulations go to Gemma Davidson, John Steere, Davida Marshall and Nathan Russell whose superb organisation of the event resulted in it being such a success. The biggest congratulations of course go to our students who performed so creditably against such strong competition. The highlight was the performance of Colton Foss who fought out an incredibly tight finish to be just pipped into second place in the Year 8 boys race. Other top performers on the day included Autumn Bradley, Kaito Maud, Cazna Campbell and Nathan Lucock all of whom finished in the top twelve in their respective races. The collective efforts of our teams saw our year 7 Girls, Year 7 Boys and Year 8 Girls finish fourth overall, and our Year 8 Boys finish fifth.

Last week's Teacher Only Day was an invaluable opportunity for teachers from all Upper Hutt Primary and Intermediate Schools to gather together for a full on day of professional learning. The key focus of the day was our collective work on the development of student agency and engagement. Keynote speaker Mark Osborne from Core Education set the scene for much discussion and sharing of practice around the concepts of collaborative teaching, learning behaviours, and student ownership and learning pathways. I hope you enjoyed the extra day with your children as much as the staff enjoyed this day of professional development.

### Cybersafety

A further reminder that next Monday 12 June we are hosting an evening for parents on the topic of Cybersafety. Presenter John Parsons will spend the day here presenting to all students, a workshop entitled 'Protecting and Valuing Identity'. John will work with staff from 3.30-5pm, and then present the parent workshop from 6.30-8pm. I strongly recommend this workshop to all parents and urge you to accept the invitation if you haven't already done so.

On Friday 23 June we are hosting Heretaunga Intermediate from Hastings for our annual sports exchange. The times for each game are yet to be confirmed but at this stage Football, Badminton and Basketball will begin at 11am and Netball and Rugby at 12 noon. All parents and whanau are welcome to join us in supporting the teams so please keep an eye on our website for the confirmation of start times.

**ABSENCE LINE 528 7024**



Wednesday 21 June is Wig Wednesday across the country to raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation. Given that one of our students is currently battling cancer we have decided to support this initiative and accordingly all students are invited to wear a wig and/or mufti clothing on this day. All donations (gold coin minimum) received will be forwarded to the foundation.



Students have today been issued with boxes of sweets to sell on behalf of the Fergy Fundraisers. This has traditionally been a very profitable fundraiser so thank you in advance for any support you can provide in assisting your child to sell the product. Thank you also to parents who have sent in a donation in lieu of the box of

lollies. The pie fundraiser resulted in \$1380 being added to the coffers so thank you for your support of that venture.

Preparations continue for the Hutt Valley Polyfest. A reminder that our kapa haka group is performing on Monday 3 July and our PolyFis group on Tuesday 4 July. Tickets remain available from the school office at \$5 per ticket.

Regards

Paul Patterson  
Principal

### Community Notices....

#### Kids Cross Country Series

The next event in the Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is at Mt Victoria. It's a mini mountain run. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 4 to 13. There are three more events you can take part in. Sunday 25 June at Mt Victoria, Sunday 9 July in Tawa, Sunday 13 August in Petone.

Come along, join the fun. Only \$8 to enter. Book at last one week prior to each event and you'll receive a printed race bib with your child's name on it. For more info or to enter [athleticshub.co.nz](http://athleticshub.co.nz)

**DASH Under 12's Marching Team are recruiting for the 2017/18 Marching Season.**

**We train in Petone on Sunday's with competitions starting in October and a trip away to Hamilton early next year for the New Zealand Marching Championships.**

**If you are aged between 7 and 12 and would like to try something different come along to our 'Give it a Go' day on Sunday 11 June, 12noon - 2pm at Petone Central School, Britannia Street, Petone. No experience required.**

Fees are \$100 - can be paid by weekly payments.

### Dates to Remember....

- 12 June Parent Evening - Cybersafety - John Parsons 6.30pm
- 12 June ICAS Writing Exam
- 13 June Taita College Open Morning 9.30-12.30
- 14 June ICAS Spelling Exam
- 14 June Inter-Intermediate Boys Hockey
- 14 June Upper Hutt College Open Evening
- 15 June Inter-Intermediate Girls Hockey
- 19 June Boostrix Immunisation - Year 7 students
- 20 June Heretaunga College Open Evening 6.30pm
- 21 June Board of Trustees Meeting 6pm in Library
- 21 June Taita College Open Evening 7-9pm
- 21 June Wig Wednesday - Child Cancer Charity
- 23 June Sports Tournament v Heretaunga Int. from Hastings
- 28 June School Science Fair
- 29 June Term 2 Disco
- 3 July Polyfest at Walter Nash Stadium (Kapa haka)
- 4 July Polyfest at Walter Nash Stadium (Polyfis)
- 5 July Inter-Intermediate Rugby League
- 7 July Term 2 concludes