



Fergusson Intermediate School

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"High expectations for all"



Newsletter Friday 23rd February, Week 4, Term one 2018

Kia ora Koutou / Hi everyone

It has been a busy week with Parent Interviews and our visitors from ERO. This is just a quick newsletter to keep you up to date with some important information. Please check our website www.fergusson.school.nz or our Facebook Page "Fergusson Intermediate Official Group"

Have a wonderful weekend
Simon Kenny
Principal

ERO's visit

We have had a great week working alongside the ERO team (Ruth, Ann and Anne) looking into our processes, policies and practice. It was great to explore these in depth with a panel of expert evaluators and we have taken a lot from the experience. This, along with your feedback over the past few weeks, will help us as we continue to shape our annual plan and set our achievement targets for 2018. The final report will be available for the community in the near future. We look forward to sharing this with you.

Saturday Netball Trials

This year netball trials will be held on Saturday 10 March, with a call back day on Sunday for some students. Students have selected two to three positions to trial for and will have a chance to trial in all of these. We have asked one of the Upper Hutt Development team coaches to come and help us select this year, as her expertise will be invaluable when deciding on teams.

Our top two teams will be a mixture of Year 7 & 8 students and will be our representative teams at tournaments and exchanges. All other teams will be split into year groups for Saturday games. It is important that you begin to think about whether you are available to coach, manage or umpire for your child's team.

Looking forward to a great season!

Fergusson Athletics

This year at Fergusson we have made the decision to invite those students who excel in an athletic area to step up and compete against other passionate athletes instead of a whole school event. More information about this will be coming out over the next couple of weeks.

Terracycle - Colgate

Colgate have previously kindly donated to Fergusson Intermediate for their efforts in recycling empty Colgate Toothpaste tubes, outer cartons and toothbrushes. If you are a user of Colgate products please help us by sending in your empty items so that we can continue with this initiative.

Coffee Pods

Fergusson is the perfect place to deliver your empty coffee pods - bring them to the office and we will recycle for you.

Sweets Promotion

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.

Community Notice

Scottish Country Dancing - Upper Hutt

Give it a go 2018! Social group dancing - not highland dancing, no partner required. Wednesday evenings March - November, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Cost \$5 per night at the Wesley Centre, Benzie Ave, Upper Hutt. Email upperhuttscdc@gmail.com for further information.

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Paid Union Meeting - Tuesday 13th March

The Teacher's Union (NZEI) is planning to hold a paid union meeting in the afternoon of Tuesday 13th March from 1:30 -3pm. We have decided as a school to only offer the one date for the meeting to avoid disruption over a number of days. We have also coordinated this with our local Primary schools to try and make it easier for our community to arrange care if possible.

All primary union members are expected to attend these meetings. We will have some teachers attending this meeting.

The staff who are non union members or who are unable to go will be remaining behind to look after the students. In order for this to happen and continue to allow the school to remain open we will need to split classes.

We would like to request that if you are able to have your child at home for the afternoon this would reduce the numbers of children that the remaining staff would have to supervise. We would appreciate it if you are able to support us by collecting your child / children at 12:30 (lunchtime)

If you are unable to collect them but will be at home. Please fill in the form below and return it to school.

Paid Union Meeting - Return Slip

I _____ give permission for _____ to leave school at
(parent / caregivers name) (Students name)

12:30pm (lunchtime) on Tuesday 13th March 2018 and can assure the school that there will be someone at home who is legally responsible to care for them.

Signed: _____ (Parent / Caregiver)