



**Fergusson Intermediate School**

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*"High expectations for all"*



## Newsletter Friday 23rd November, Week 6, Term Four 2018

Kia ora Koutou / Hi everyone

At the time of writing I am about to head over the hill to watch our wonderful Pasifika group at Wainuiomata Intermediate. Yesterday I dropped a group of Fergusson musicians at the Te Auaha Recording Studios for an amazing experience recording their own music. I also saw many of our students (and contributing students) at the Arts A Go Go performance on Saturday night. These are just a few of the amazing events I feel privileged to be involved in. The students at Fergusson Intermediate are incredibly lucky with the wide range of opportunities and experiences our amazing team provides. I wish to thank everyone in "Team Fergusson" for providing such a brilliant programme for all.

Watching the Year 7's prepare for the poroporoaki and 2019 powhiri has also been incredibly moving. Our students are putting their heart and soul into this and we will reach a new level in manaakitanga hospitality, kindness, generosity, support - the process of showing respect, generosity and care for others at Fergusson Intermediate. Our Year 8's are also learning their moves for the formal dinner and dance. Always a bittersweet night as we enjoy a special night together but also prepare to farewell them as they finish their primary education.

Our girls have been learning self defence over the past week and the Epro 8 crew have been hosting schools from across the region in our hall. A huge effort from both the Fergusson teams as they came second equal and will now head to the Grand Final at Raroa Intermediate.

The details of the grand final event is as follows:

**Team:** Fergusson Intermediate      **Category:** Year 7-8      **Location:** Raroa Normal Intermediate

**Date:** Monday 3-Dec-2018 05:00 PM - 8:00 PM

So much going on, it is truly a fantastic place to teach, learn and to enjoy a variety of rich experiences with an amazing group of young people and passionate educators. Having just completed my first year as Principal at Fergusson Intermediate I couldn't wish for a better team or a better group of students. I love "our place" and am incredibly proud of how we genuinely work together for the benefit of all our students and our community. As always, thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend

Simon Kenny

Principal

### **Student Perspective:**

The end of term is dawning closer, so much to look forward to over the next few weeks. The Year 8 formal, prizegiving, end of year syndicate trips to name just a few. It's a busy time for us all, not only inside of school but also outside of school. We would like to congratulate all the students who are performing at Pasifika as they are amazing and also well done to the swimming team as we got some outstanding results. Thanks to everyone who bought books as that really helps out the library. We just want to remind everyone to keep their hats on as it is getting sunny and warmer outside and also keep hydrated. A final reminder to get in those raffle tickets as some of the prizes are outstanding! Remember to enjoy yourself as the end of the year is coming fast!

*-Dominic Burns & Lucy Klee*

## ***BOT Perspective:***

Kia Ora

Half way through the term already! The school has an awesome buzz at the moment even though students have a lot on their plates finalising things for 2018. For our Year 8's, they are possibly starting to realise that in only a few months, they will be making the sometimes scary, but overall exciting transition to college. The Year 7's will be looking to 2019, when they will "rule the school", and possibly be thinking about leadership opportunities they can tackle in the new year.

I would encourage all students to keep the positivity going, as we have a great school, with wonderful teachers and support staff, making Fergusson Intermediate the place to be.

## **Enrolment Scheme**

As you will be aware, we have moved into the formal consultation period with our proposed Enrolment scheme. We are now accepting feedback from our wider community about this. The scheme is proposed to take effect on the 7th February 2019. This date was chosen to keep faith with those of our community that had signed up their child with Fergusson Intermediate prior to 2019.

## **School Policies**

Don't forget to have your say on the **Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori Students** Policy.

This Policy is now able to be accessed online. Please follow the instructions below to view and comment on the Policy. We would value your input so that the Policy reflects what our whanau/community want for our Maori students.

1. Visit the website <http://fergusson.schooldocs.co.nz/13408.htm>
2. Enter the username - fergusson
3. Enter the password - fiscommunity
4. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
5. Read the policy.
6. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
7. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
8. Enter your name.
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

## **Trustee Elections**

I know it's a long time out before the next round of Board elections, but I encourage you to take the time to consider whether you want to apply for a vacancy, and contribute to the governance of the school. If you need more information about what a trustee does, email me at [boardchair@fergusson.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@fergusson.school.nz) and I will forward on that information, or speak to any of our current trustees.

## **Long Term Planning**

We were grateful to those members of the school council who took time to meet with us at the last BOT meeting. It was encouraging to hear things from a student perspective, and it gave us all an insight to how our governance and decisions affect the students on a daily basis. We have summarised their input and will be referring to this in our next BOT meeting being held Tuesday 27th November, where we will

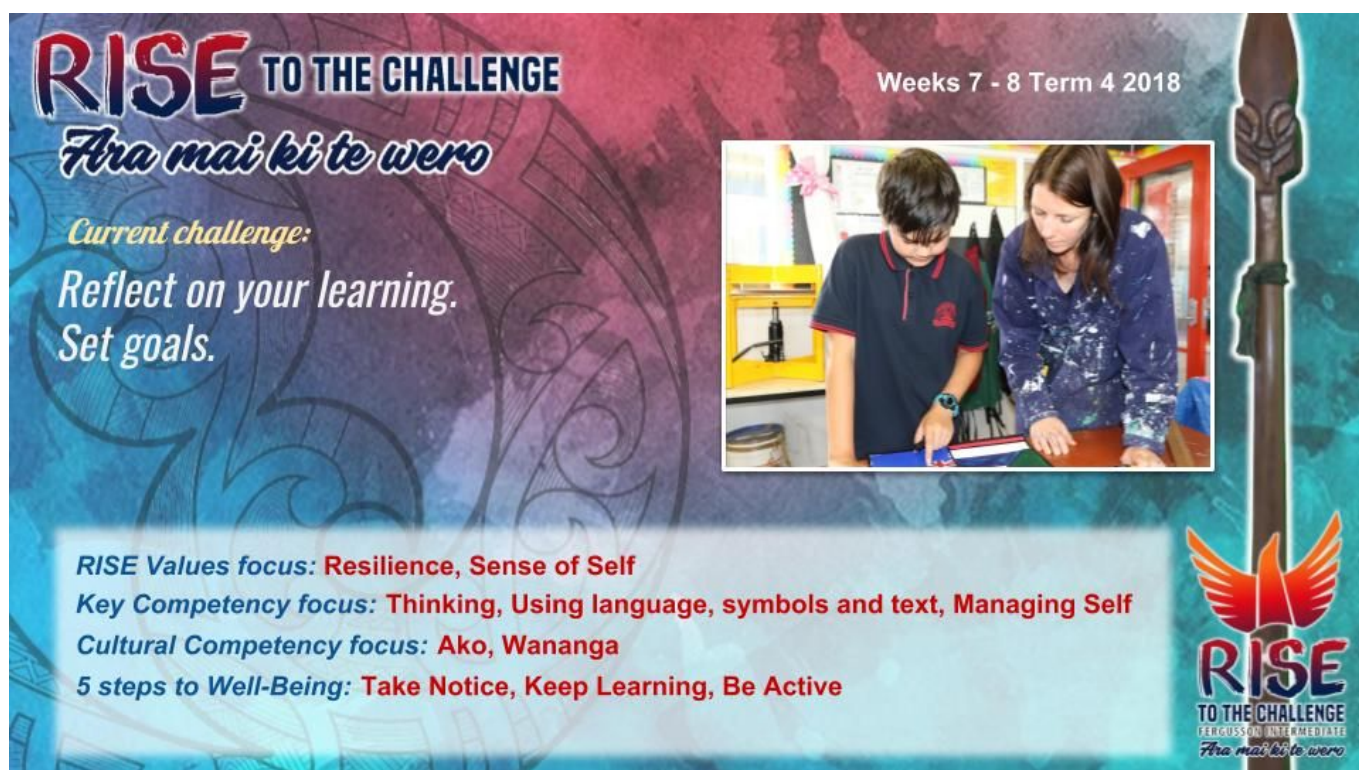
be looking long and hard at what we want the school to look like from an educational, financial, property and student wellbeing perspective into 2019 and beyond.

As always, I would encourage you all to become involved, offer your time, make time for your children.

Kia atawhai  
Kia hari  
Kia kaha

Garth Johnson  
BOT Chair

### ***Our new challenge for weeks 7-8***



**RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**  
*Ara mai ki te wero*

Weeks 7 - 8 Term 4 2018

*Current challenge:*  
*Reflect on your learning.*  
*Set goals.*

*RISE Values focus: Resilience, Sense of Self*  
*Key Competency focus: Thinking, Using language, symbols and text, Managing Self*  
*Cultural Competency focus: Ako, Wananga*  
*5 steps to Well-Being: Take Notice, Keep Learning, Be Active*

**RISE TO THE CHALLENGE**  
FERGUSSON INTERMEDIATE  
*Ara mai ki te wero*

The graphic features a background with a large, stylized Maori koru design. On the right side, there is a vertical wooden staff with a carved Maori face at the top. An inset photograph shows a male student in a dark blue polo shirt and a female teacher in a purple patterned shirt looking at a book together in a classroom setting.

### **Camp 2019**

2019 is a camp year. Each syndicate will be going as a group to Camp Kaitoke for 3 days and 2 nights (Mon-Wed and Wed-Fri). The dates for camp are 11-13 March, 13-15 March, 18-20 March and 20-23 March. The approximate cost for the camp is \$210 per student.

Just like any school camp, we will require parent help. If you know that you are able to help, please email your child's syndicate leader.

If you have any questions in regard to camp, please contact Ryan Clark. [ryan.clark@fergusson.school.nz](mailto:ryan.clark@fergusson.school.nz)

**Scholastic Book Fair - THANK YOU !** - Thanks to everyone who came through to look at the book fair, and/or made a purchase. The library will now be able to purchase approximately 30 new books !

**Library Books** - With the end of the term/school year drawing ever closer, can we all keep an eye out for those "stray - lost" books that may be lurking under the bed at home and return them to the school library - Thanks!

## Key Dates for Term 4, 2018

Monday, 15th October

Thursday, 18th October

Friday, 19th October

Monday, 22nd October

Friday, 26th October

Tuesday, 30th October

Wednesday, 31st Oct

Friday 2nd November

Wednesday, 7th November

Thursday 8th November

Friday, 9th November

Tuesday, 13 November

Friday, 23rd November

Thursday, 29th November

Friday, 30th November

Monday, 3rd December

Monday, 1st-Wednesday, 3rd Dec

Wednesday, 5th December

Friday, 7 December

Tuesday, 11 December

Thursday, 13th December

Monday, 17th December

**Tuesday, 18th December**

~~START OF TERM 4~~

~~New Zealand Shakeout~~

~~**TEACHER ONLY DAY - School closed for instruction.**~~

~~**LABOUR DAY**~~

~~Assembly~~

~~Raffle tickets issued~~

~~BOT Meeting, 6.30pm in the Library~~

~~EPro8 Challenge Team 5pm-8pm~~

~~Intermediate Rocks Festival~~

~~Book fair in the Library - 9am-3pm~~

~~Battle of the Bands~~

~~SGCNZ Primarily Playing Shakespeare (Public Performance  
12.30-1.30pm Evans Bay Intermediate)~~

~~Assembly~~

~~WRISSA Swimming~~

~~Wellington Inter-Intermediate Pasifika Festival~~

~~Days Bay trip - Syndicate Tū Tahi Aroa Syndicate~~

~~(pp Friday, 30th November)~~

~~Whetu Piki Syndicate trip~~

~~Team Waimarie End of Year trip~~

~~Class lists go home~~

~~Year 6 visits - 3.15-4.30pm~~

~~Maia Syndicate End of Trip~~

~~Closing date for Fundraising Raffle,~~

~~Raffle drawn~~

~~BOT Meeting, 6.30pm in the Library~~

~~Year 8 Dinner - more info to follow~~

~~Prizegiving -~~

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - 12.30pm finish**