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Term three has begun well with students quickly settling back into their routines.

Senior exams are scheduled from Tuesday 18 August 2015 until Tuesday 25 August 2015. Individual class teachers will be developing revision timetables that will assist with study. I ask parents to encourage regular nightly dedicated revision for what will be a very important dry run for the NCEA exams. Senior students will have study leave during this time.

Evento, our annual wearable art awards, happens at Manfeild this Saturday night. There will be a dress rehearsal for students on Friday night. Tickets for the dress rehearsal are \$5.00. Evento promises to be another exciting night. I wish to acknowledge the huge input of Mrs Amanda Street and her PTA committee in organising this important showcase for FAHS – Feilding High School. Tickets can be purchased from the school office, Feilding Promotion, and the Palmerston North I-site.

A subject information evening for next year's Year 11, 12 and 13 students and their parents will be held this Wednesday in the library commencing at 7.00 PM. Subject information for next year's courses is accessed through the academic tab on the school's website home page.

We held a very successful Open Day for prospective Year 9 students last week and hosted close to 1000 people on the day. The school has an excellent profile within the community and it appears that most Year 8 students from our contributing schools will be enrolling with us next year.

Mrs Paki organised the Year 10 Community Day which ran alongside the Open Day. All Year 10 students worked in the community for no reward and gained much from the day.

Tournament week is scheduled for week seven and we have the following teams involved:

- Senior A Netball
- 1st XI Boys Hockey
- 1st XI Girls Hockey
- 1st XI Boys Football
- Premier Boys and Girls Basketball
- Junior Girls Basketball
- Rugby Colts
- 1st XV Boys Rugby (subject to play-off win)
- 1st XV Girls Rugby (subject to play-off win)

Our 1st XV rugby team has won their way to the final of the Central North Island competition. They will play St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton this coming Saturday. The girls' rugby team will be playing Hamilton Girls' High School on the same day.

Mrs Gloria Jeffreys has resigned from her position as HOF Social Science after being on the staff for 38 years. Mrs Jeffreys will be remembered as a hard task master who helped numerous students gain scholarships in Geography. We wish her well in retirement.

Mr Mark McAlley has begun his role as Hostel Manager, replacing Mr Sam Moore. Mark is also assisting coach the 1st XV and teaching two Social Studies classes.

The senior ball, which is scheduled for Saturday 12 September 2015, will be held at Manfeild Park this year. My major concern is the post ball party scene. I seek parent support for not hosting such events. With the advent of social media such events can only get out of hand and inevitably student safety will be put at risk. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

BOARD MATTERS

Elections for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees for 2016 are coming up.

Much work has been completed at the school's dairy unit to accommodate the robotic milking plant.

Mr Leon Dale has been appointed as the new Business Manager and Mrs Angela Pedley has been promoted to the role of Bursar.

Progress on the refurbishment of the school assembly hall has been slow and it will probably be finished by the end of this term.

Plans for the refurbishment of the gym are now being progressed.

STUDENT MATTERS

Two of our choirs competed with credit at the recent Big Sing.

Te Rau Huia competed at Pae Taiohi and, although unplaced, performed with credit.

Our rock band, Constant Decay, won the regional Rock Quest competition. Band members are Tipuna Rakatairi, Todd Carlson, Sam Shore, Jayden Kuyper and Brendan McFarlane.

Neon Fusion, our jazz band, have been competing at a number of jazz festivals, with Lachlan Bush and Ainslee Smithers being singled out for individual awards.

Tom Stewart, Vili Koroi and Jona Nareki have been selected for the Hurricanes U18 team.

Corrineke Windle, Lauren Balsillie, Sarah Swinbanks and Shayden Tipu gained selection to the Manawatu NPC women's rugby team.

Manawatu rugby representatives are:

U13 Max Hogan, Logan Wakelin-Marsh, Clayden Paranihi, Josh Wolland

U14 Javiah Wharerau, Tamou Brown, Coby Osborne

Rory Harrigan, Jack Williamson, James Robinson, Daniel Warner, Bridget Henson and David Corpe all competed in the National Teen Ag Challenge final in Taupo.

Rory and James	6 th Place
Jack and Daniel	7 th Place
David and Bridget	14 th Place

Chris Smithers, Keely McKnight, Elen Barr, Madison Keightley and Lleyton Rasmussen have all qualified for the New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships to be held at the Millennium Institute in Auckland.

Daniel Curtis and Kosha Abbott competed in the National Secondary Schools' Indoor Bowling Championships. Daniel gained fourth place in the singles and they gained a bronze in the pairs.

Deon Charles gained first place at the Manawatu Schools' Chess Championships last week.

COMING EVENTS

August

- 11 12 ODE trip – rock climbing
- 12 **NCEA subject information evening in the library, 7.00 PM**
- 13 11 ODX / 13 ODC field trip
Year 12 / 13 Drama evening trip
- 14 13 HIS Massey lectures P2
- 15 **Evento**
Final central region rugby in Hamilton
- 18 Senior exams begin (7 days)
- 19 Namiki High School (Japan) visits (9 days)
- 26 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 31 Winter Tournament Week begins

September

- 1 Late start Tuesday
- 10 eMCAT exam for Year 11 students
- 12 Senior ball at Manfeild Park
- 14 Year 11 Drama production (2 days)
- 15 MCAT exam for Year 11
Late start Tuesday (final one for the year)
- 17 Senior ESOL trip to Taupo (3 days)
Toa Taiohi Maori parents consultation meeting, 6.30 PM
- 18 1st XV UK tour leaves (3 weeks)
- 20 New Zealand Concert Band Festival (2 days)
- 23 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
Year 13 Drama graduation (2 days)
- 24 Senior reports emailed home



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