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The end of Term 1 is upon us and the weeks have raced by for our staff and students. I have been so impressed with what has been achieved by our students this term. Their willingness to push themselves to their top performance is extremely encouraging. Success across the three core areas of school, academia, sport and culture is very much part of everyday life. Our staff are extremely dedicated and this shows in their interactions with the students.

We have bade farewell to English teacher Ms Marnie Thompson who has left us at the end of this term to take up an employment opportunity in Wellington. Her efforts at FAHS - Feilding High School over the last six years have been greatly appreciated.

At our assembly last week, I made a number of presentations to groups and individuals who won local summer competitions or who competed at national level. Congratulations to all these students: you are all worthy winners and great ambassadors for FAHS - Feilding High School.

Many parents and caregivers attended our parent / teacher evening last week. Your presence clearly indicates how much you are prepared to support your sons and daughters. It was a real pleasure to meet so many of our school community.

I trust you will get some time to enjoy life with your family over the next two weeks. I wish you all a safe and happy break.

### **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board reviewed and approved the following policies:

- Agrichemical
- Administrative Resources
- Attendance
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Complaints
- Education of Students with Special Needs
- Education Outside the Classroom
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Equity
- Financial Management
- Fixed Term MU
- Non Teaching Staff Discipline
- Overseas Trips
- Timetabling

In addition, the ICT procedure document was updated.

### **EVENTO**

Planning is well underway for Evento, our Wearable Art show, which will take place on 30 July 2016. All interested students are expected to attend a workshop on Saturday 9 April 2016, at 1.30 PM at UCOL in Palmerston North. Sections will be revealed and entry forms distributed. Any secondary school age student is eligible to enter.

### **YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

On Thursday 14 April 2016 students will receive their Year 10 camp choice form.

Applications are invited from students who, due to family circumstances, will find it difficult to pay for one of these options. All forms will be available on Moodle or a hard copy may be collected from the school office.

### **STUDENT MATTERS**

I wish to correct an error in the last newsletter which listed Emma Funnell as gaining a Level 1 Merit endorsement when, in fact, she gained an Excellence endorsement. Congratulations, Emma.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Major Production this year, "FAHS War Years". Our students and staff were grateful to those who bought tickets and gave such positive feedback.

The senior boys' futsal team participated in the New Zealand Secondary Schools National Tournament at the ASB Sports Centre in Wellington between 7 - 8 April, 2016. The boys were drawn against established teams and colleges from Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin in the opening round and lost all three fixtures, suffering two tournament ending injuries in the process. The following day witnessed a depleted squad battle hard in our final three fixtures before exiting the tournament. Che' Boag was selected as team MVP by the opposition teams and led the team with five goals.

The Girls' 7s competed in Tauranga at the North Island 7s tournament. They played off against Te Puke for third and fourth, beating them 46-0. Georgia Ponsonby, Carys Dallinger, Madison Hodgson and Jannah Rowden were selected for the tournament team. Following on from this Georgia Ponsonby and Carys Dallinger have been invited to attend a New Zealand 7s talent identification training in Wellington during the holidays.

Canoe Polo Nationals were held in Palmerston North last weekend with three FAHS teams competing. The junior team finished third, the Senior A team finished fourth and the Senior B team won their division. A number of students were chosen in the tournament team – Matt Oke, Oliver Morritt and Jayden Currie made the boys' team and Lisa Storrier and Alex Duff were selected in the girls' team.

Hamish McIntyre and Patrick Hickmott competed at the regional fencing championships in Wellington. Both fought very well with Patrick gaining a fourth placing in Sabres and Hamish gaining a fourth placing in Epee and a second placing in Sabres. This was a hard fought contest and both boys represented the school with distinction.

Meihana Ratana-Hartley has just returned from The Spirit of Adventure "Inspiration Voyage" for young people with disabilities. This involved sailing around the Auckland - Coromandel area, and living aboard the vessel for five days. Meihana embraced this opportunity wholeheartedly.

Our Senior Robotics team of Max Corpe, Owen Fenner and Nathan Charles won the Future Foundation World Robotics Challenge which involved building a robot for use in the Horticulture Department. As part of this win, the team are now going to compete at the Vex Robotics World Championship in Louisville, Kentucky over the April holidays. They will be competing against over 350 teams from around the world. Max Corpe also gained second place in the hotly contested Computer Aided Design Competition, to go with his first placing last year. FAHS – Feilding High School is the most successful team world-wide for Computer Aided Design. Good luck to our team of Max, Owen, Nathan and Hunter Hopkins, as well as Mr Conlon.

Our Condor 7s team of Vili Koroi (C), Jack Kinder, Zane Dallinger, Hunter Aiken, Ben Weeks, Tyler Moeau, Tobias Manuel, Josiah Maraku, Moses Dawai, Drew Manning, Ethan Hodgson and Drew Wild won the recent Manawatu / Horowhenua-Kapiti 7s Condor qualification tournament with a 29 – 21 victory against Palmerston North Boys’ High School. Our Condor 7s girls’ team also won their final against Manukura 47 – 5, winning the Selica Winiata Cup.

At the Manawatu Secondary Schools touch competition, the Senior mixed team was successful in a hard fought final against Manukura, winning 7 - 6. Vili Koroi has been selected to trial for the New Zealand under 20 Touch team later this year.

At the Swimming New Zealand Open Championships, which doubled as the trials for the Rio Olympics, Keely McKnight won a silver medal in the 4x100 freestyle relay and a bronze medal in the 4x100 medley relay as a member of the Wellington Girls’ Relay Team. Keely has also been selected to be part of the 2016 Swim Wellington Talent I.D. Squad which gives her access to High Performance Sport New Zealand Resources. At the Manawatu Secondary Schools’ Swimming, Keely placed first and broke records in the 50m butterfly and 100m backstroke. She also placed first in the 50m backstroke and second in 50m freestyle.

#### Athletics Championship Results:

Junior Girls	Teresa Davenport
Intermediate Girls	Myah Rata
Senior Girls	Christina Cotton
Junior Boys	Terrence Graham
Intermediate Boys	Bailey Jeffery
Senior Boys	Taine Pakai
Sprint Cup Boys	Adam Thomas, Terrence Graham, Tosi Tupou
Sprint Cup Girls	Natasha Cowx
Field Cup Boys	James Bolton
Field Cup Girls	Chloe Peters
1500m Boys	Taine Pakai
1500m Girls	Tessa Webb

#### Records:

Tessa Webb	800m	2:24.7
Tessa Webb	1500m	4:46.2
Tessa Webb	3000m	10:27.6
Taine Pakai	High Jump	1.84m

Results from the recent North Island Athletics, Auckland:

Tessa Webb	1 <sup>st</sup> Open Girls’ Steeplechase, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Intermediate Girls’ 3000m.
Jack Lewer	1 <sup>st</sup> Para II Senior Boys’ Discus (beating his PB by 3m) and 1 <sup>st</sup> Para II Senior Boys’ Shot put (again beating his own PB)
Taine Pakai	6 <sup>th</sup> Senior Boys’ High Jump
James Bolton	4 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Boys’ Triple Jump, 9 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Boys’ Shot Put
Teresa Davenport	5 <sup>th</sup> Junior Girls’ Triple Jump
Chloe Peters	10 <sup>th</sup> Junior Girls’ Triple Jump
Jack Beatson	3 <sup>rd</sup> Senior Boys’ Hammer, 5 <sup>th</sup> Senior Boys’ Discus

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XI cricket side finished their season with a record of ten wins and one loss. They won the McVicar Cup for the first time in 22 years, the McCullum Cup for the Cullinane College exchange and also their annual exchange with Karamu High School for the fifth year in a row. Standout players were Jamie Kitchen, Alex Snaddon, Niki Cuming, Jamie Simmons, Mitchell Smith and Hunter Aiken.

Tony Cvitanovich, Sam Davis, Kane Dittmer, Toby Winiata, Frazer Munn, Tylah Wind, Kahlei Murray, Cody Spicer, Issac Eames competed at the New Zealand Motocross Champs held in Rotorua recently and gained third place overall. The team was awarded the Rotorua Motorcycle Club Overall School Points trophy.

Bradley Lambert gained first place in kata (patterns) and team kata at the Counties Shotokan National Karate Tournament held in March.

#### LOST PROPERTY

There has been a steady stream of clothing, shoes, PE gear and some school uniform coming into Lost Property during Term 1. Could parents please check with students if they have lost anything during the term and ask them to look for their lost property which is stored in the Stationery Room.

#### PARKING

Would parents please not park on the yellow lines on both sides of Churcher Street nor double park on North and Churcher Streets. It is highly dangerous for students crossing the road as it obstructs their view and that of other motorists.

#### COMING EVENTS

##### May

4	School Cross Country
5	12ODE trip
7	Senior Ball
10	12RPE trip
11	Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
14	NISS Swimming
17	12ODE trip
18	MISSA Cross Country Blood Donor Day (hall)
23	11ODX / 13ODL trip
30	1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs Wellington College (home)
31	ICAS Science

June

- 1 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 4 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Francis Douglas (away)
- 6 Queen's Birthday
- 8 12ODE trip
- 10 End of Semester 1
- 11 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Wanganui Collegiate (away)
- 12 13GEO / TOU trip (3 days)
- 13 Beginning of Semester 2
- 14 Late Start
- 15 Senior MUS assessment trip
- 16 12 / 13ECO Reserve Bank trip
- 18 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs St Paul's Collegiate (home)
- 23 Open Day  
Year 10 Community Work Day  
Reports emailed home
- 25 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Lindisfarne (home)
- 28 11ODX / 13ODL trip
- 29 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber

July

- 2 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Rathkeale College (Home)  
Hostel Ball
- 7 Parent Teacher Interviews (3.30 – 6.00 PM) – school finishes at 3.00 PM
- 9 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs St John's College (home)



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