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As Term 2 gets underway it has become very apparent to me in a very short space of time what a great attitude the students, staff and families have here in Feilding. It is a real can do attitude which is so evident when you see our students compete on the local, national and recently international stage. Many other groups in all aspects of schooling have qualified for national competitions and the resourcefulness of the families in fundraising to create these opportunities is very heartening to see. Clearly the opportunities that are being created for our students will have wide-ranging benefits for all and I cannot help but admire their achievements.

Terms Two and Three are typically very busy terms with students having to juggle their academic studies, including assessments alongside a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Maintaining a regular homework routine that includes both homework and revision is essential for success. From the end of this week there are only 10 weeks until our formal Term Three Senior Examinations and a further nine weeks until NCEA examinations leave starts. The time will pass us by quickly.

To help students through this busy period our staff offer a range of scheduled tutorials.

Drama	Lunchtime	Thurs	Theatre
French	Lunchtime	Mon - Fri	L1
Japanese	Lunchtime	Tues - Thurs	L2
Mathematics	Lunchtime	Wed	A9
Music	Lunchtime	Tues - Wed	Mus
Science	Lunchtime	Thurs	B14
Te Reo Maori	3:30 – 5:00 pm	Mon / Fri	N1
Chemistry	Late Start	Tues	B14

Many staff also offer additional support prior to assessments outside of normal class time.

Our junior curriculum has been reviewed looking forward to 2017. Junior Health will now join with Physical Education. This will mean that our Year 9 students will be able to take up to eight options and Year 10 students up to four. We believe this should better prepare our junior students for NCEA Level 1 as they are able to cover a greater range of subjects and make better informed decisions when choosing future subjects to study.

Our winter sports programme has begun and I would like to thank all staff, parents and students who are involved. Sport is a significant front window for our school. Coaches, students and parents must all remember that collectively our school is judged by our wider community and opponents based not only on our performance but also our appearance and conduct. Hence I encourage all to remember our school value of respect and to treat others as we ourselves would like to be treated.

To further strengthen our sports programme, Wesley Clarke, Assistant Black Ferns Coach, has been appointed to a newly created position of Coaching Co-ordinator. Wesley has a background in coach development and will bring a significant skill set to our school for the benefit of all our athletes.

Another new initiative is our new sports performance options that will be available to junior students from 2017. The aim of this initiative is to help our top performing team sport athletes further develop their skills in a systematic and deliberate manner. Students must be selected to enter this option.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Renovations to B Block, where our Science, Mathematics and Language Faculties work, are in the planning stage. Upgrades to our gym will also take place in the not too distant future.

Nominations for parent trustees close at midday on Friday 20 May 2016. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact the Returning Officer, Donna Jenkins, through the school office. If you would like to know more about what being a trustee entails, please refer to the following website: <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>.

The final meeting of the current Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 6.30 PM in the school Council Chamber.

### STUDENT MATTERS

Years 9 students Blair Gowan, Sophia Corson, Tim Swainson, Jasmine Waitere, Julia Hopkins, Minhee Seo and Jade Hansell all attained 100% in a recent mathematics assignment.

Cross country results 2016:

Junior Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chloe Peters
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ella Gordon
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anais Owens
Junior Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Brody Morgan
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jed Skelton
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Logan Wakelin-Marsh
Intermediate Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tessa Webb
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Madison Keightley
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elen Barr
Intermediate Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Coby Osborne
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Drew Wild
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Connor Pilet
Senior Girls	1 <sup>st</sup>	Natasha Cowx
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Molly Hartley
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sophia Seddon
Senior Boys	1 <sup>st</sup>	Taine Pakai
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sator'e Chambers
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brayden Watson-Wiseman

Natasha Cowx has been selected for the Central U18 girls' hockey team to compete at the national tournament in July.

At the recent Murray Luke Memorial shooting competition Josie Dean gained second place in the women's event and ninth place overall.

At an intercollegiate golf tournament held in Marton our team, consisting of Jack Walker, Ethan Ward, Jayleb Schwamm and Liam Magill, won the best net score. Jack also won the best individual net score.



Ainslee Smithers passed her grade five theory exam with the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music with distinction.

Congratulations go to Jamie Baldwin, Caleb Lancaster and Anna van Oeveren (past pupil) who were recently presented with their St John Grand Prior Award at Government House by the Governor General. This is the highest award St John can bestow on its cadets.

Nine students and three staff walked the Milford Track during the April holiday break. It was an 11-day round trip comprising a 3000 kilometre drive and four days of hard tramping which was enjoyed by all. Students participating were Cameron Brown, Hugh Dickson, Joshua Dearlove, Sarah White, Hannah Billinghamurst, Kokila Whale, Nelly Skelton, Molly Thompson and Ashley Storey. Thanks to Miss Leggett, Mr Beech and Mr Tocker who accompanied the group.

Stephanie Dickins was named player of the tournament for the New Zealand U21 girls hockey. She currently plays for North Harbour. Stephanie was a student here from 2008 to 2012. She has also maintained her position in the wider Black Sticks squad.

Stephanie Dryfhout (past pupil) has been named captain of the New Zealand U21 Canoe Polo team for the upcoming World Championships in Italy.

Congratulations go to our robotics team of Max Corpe, Owen Fenner, Nathan Charles, Hunter Hopkins and Mr Conlon who attended the VEX Robotics World Championships in Louisville, Kentucky during the school holiday break. The team won the trophy for the 2016 World Championship Future Foundation Robot Construction Challenge. FAHS – Feilding High School was also recognised as one of the top CAD schools world-wide, gaining second place in the Autodesk World CAD competition.

## **ATTENDANCE**

A reminder to families regarding key attendance requirements.

- If a student is absent from school for a day, a telephone call should be made before 9.00 AM to the Attendance Office. A message must be left giving the parent's name, student's name, year level and the reason for absence.
- If a student wishes to be excused from school for family or personal reasons, an application for leave must be made in writing to the Principal. Staff are not expected to set work or change assessment timelines to fit around time off school for these occasions.
- Appointments – when a student has an appointment and needs to sign out during the day, an appointment card or a note is required to be given to the teacher indicating when the appointment is and when the student is to sign out. The student will take this note to sign out at the Attendance Office in A6. The student will get an exeat slip when they sign out. They sign back in at A6 before returning to class.

- Texts are sent to parents / caregivers mid-morning if a student is not at school or if contact with the school has not been made. When parents text back, a reason for the absence is required.

## **CELL USE AT SCHOOL**

Unauthorised cell phone use at school is not condoned and has specified consequences. Of late we have had several situations where students have contacted their parents directly at a time of illness. All students should be aware of the correct procedure when feeling unwell, which involves presenting to the sick bay. Our staff will make contact with a parent or guardian if this should be necessary.

## **YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Year 10 choice of camp forms are due back at school with the deposit on Tuesday 7 June 2016. These will be collected on a first in basis. Hostel students must have a deposit. Students are not to queue before 8.00 AM.

## **YEAR 10 COMMUNITY WORK DAY / OPEN DAY**

On Thursday 23 June 2016 the school is holding a Year 10 Community Work Day in conjunction with our Open Day. The key to success for the day is that every Year 10 student gains employment on an unpaid basis for the day. We encourage students to work in an area in which they have an interest or a future career aspiration. Community Work Day is also a way of our school saying thank you to the community for their support.

## **TOA TAIOHI**

Toa Taiohi is a celebration of our Maori students' academic and cultural achievements. This year the theme is Matariki – New Beginnings. Toa Taiohi will be held in our school hall on Thursday 30 June 2016 commencing at 7.00 PM. Invitations for students and whanau will be sent out soon.

## **EVENTO**

EVENTO, our wearable arts show, is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year. This year's event will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, end of week one Term 3. Many of our students are already busy with their preparations and the organisers are planning something special for reaching this milestone. Tickets will be available soon so watch this space.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### May

- 24 Double period teaching (3 days)
- 31 ICAS Science  
Late start Tuesday

### June

- 1 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 2 Police presentation day
- 7 12 DRA productions, 6.00 PM (2 days)
- 8 12 ODA trip
- 10 End of Semester 1
- 11 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Wanganui Collegiate (away)
- 12 13 GEO trip (3 days)
- 13 Beginning of Semester 2  
Junior inter-house netball (4 days)
- 14 Late start Tuesday  
Senior solo performances
- 15 Senior MUS assessment trip
- 16 12/13 ECO Reserve Bank trip

- 17 12 AUT to Palmerston North
- 18 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs St Paul's Collegiate (home)
- 21 Auckland University Economics Competition  
AWD basketball and bocce
- 23 Open Day  
Reports emailed home  
Year 10 Community Work Day
- 24 12/13 GEO Massey University trip  
12 AUT to Palmerston North  
Mid Central DHB Careers
- 25 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Lindisfarne (home)
- 27 Senior inter-house netball (4 days)
- 28 11 ODX/13 ODL trip  
Late start Tuesday
- 29 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council  
Chamber
- 30 Toa Taiohi, 7.00 PM, assembly hall

July

- 1 Year 10 option 1 ends  
Year 9 option 2 ends
- 2 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Rathkeale College (home)  
Hostel Ball
- 4 Year 10 option 2 begins  
Year 9 option 3 begins
- 7 Parent Teacher Interviews, 3.45 – 6.30 PM  
School finishes at 3.00 PM (no Reading)
- 9 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs St John's College (home)



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