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The end of the term was completed with many highlights to look back on for our students. It was a pleasure to meet with so many parents at the parent / teacher interviews on the last Thursday of the term. The information shared between teachers and families is immeasurable.

During the term the triennial Board of Trustees elections were held. Mrs Cushla Williamson retired from the Board and we thank her for this valuable service to our school. We had a healthy number of people put themselves forward for election and Mrs Ellen Bartlett, Mrs Jackie Harrigan, Mr Shane Hoggard and Mr Geoff Walker were re-elected to the Board along with staff trustee Mr Dave Byrne. The Board is delighted to welcome a new member, Mr John Turkington, for this term. Thank you to all parents who took the time to vote in the election. At the first meeting of the new Board Mrs Ellen Bartlett was elected Board Chairperson.

Our school is a busy place and we want to improve the way that we communicate with our school community, both to celebrate success and provide information in a timely and efficient manner. The development of an official FAHS - Feilding High School Facebook page and our own dedicated School App are designed to assist us in achieving a more connected school community. Please visit these sites and let us know how the developments are going as your feedback is always valued.

I have enjoyed watching our students compete in sport across many of our codes during term two. This has been made even better by the high standard of sportsmanship and behaviour shown by our students and supporters alike. It is concerning to see reports of poor behaviour in our region and nationwide, especially in regard to the treatment of those who volunteer to umpire and referee our young people. Many codes are renewing their efforts to ensure that side-line behaviour is fair and reasonable and we as a school certainly support these initiatives so that our students continue to enjoy their sport.

The first week of next term sees the staging of the 20^{th} Evento. This will be my first and one that I am looking forward to.

YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Students will by now have received notification of their camp choice as well as details of remaining costs and instalment dates. Please keep up to date with payments. The first instalment is due on 29 July 2016. Reminders will only be given through the daily notices.

There are still a number of students who have not returned a form yet. Could these please be returned as soon as possible to help with planning.

FEILDING HIGH SCHOOL APP

We would like to introduce and invite parents, whānau and students to use our new mobile School App. This app will provide parents and students with enhanced communication and access to school information. This includes: access to Daily Notices; School Calendar; Newsletters and the Parent Portal. This app will also offer alerts so you can receive notifications about timely events.

To find and download the app, search Feilding High School on the iOS App Store or Google Play store. You can also use the following links on your mobile device:

Android App: http://bit.ly/293rgHk

iOS App: http://apple.co/29qEUoZ

EVENTO

EVENTO, our wearable arts show, is in its 20th year. This year's event will be held on 30th 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 are available from the school office.

MUSIC

Choirs Dolce Com and Not Your Forte competed in the Manawatu Regional Sing Competition recently with Dolce Com Highly Commended and Not Your Forte Commended. Student leader of Not Your Forte, Madison Hunt, won Best Emerging Conductor.

Bailey Jewell won Best Guitarist and Amber Fielder-Beaumont won Best Vocalist at the Manawatu Jazz Competition held over Queen's Birthday Weekend.

Rock Bands Silent Till Dawn and Constant Decay competed at the regional Rockquest finals held at the Globe Theatre on Friday 1 July 2016. Congratulations go to Constant Decay on winning this event, their second consecutive regional Smokefree Rockquest title.

Neon Fusion are at present travelling in Switzerland and Europe to perform and attend workshops.

CANOE POLO

Over the past long weekend, we had the finals of the B and C Grade National league in Nae Nae. Many of our players were participating in this as members of Kiwi Canoe polo club. The Kiwi Club placed first, winning all the National divisions.

1st Women's B Grade FAHS Players involved in Valkyries Ravens (Alex Duff and Lisa Storrier)
 1st Open B grade Vikings Silver (Oliver Morritt)

- 1st Open C Grade Vikings Cobalt (Lachlan Harrigan, Finn Terry and Isaac Dean)
- 2nd Open C Grade Viking Chrome (William Greenway)
- 4th Open B Grade Vikings All Stars (Jayden Currie, Matt Oke)
- 8th Women's B Grade Valkyries Storm (Sophia Corson)
- 8th Open C Grade Vikings Carbon (Luke Gray, Jago Alcock)
- 9th Open B Grade Vikings Iron (Matt Beckers) 13th Open B Grade Vikings Steel (Gordon Brown) 16th Open B Grade Vikings Platinum (Josh Gray)

Our players are highly respected in the Open ranks of Canoe polo and play at a level amongst men and women exceeding their age. FAHS can be very proud of these achievements.

COMING EVENTS

<u>July</u>

- 28 Australian Mathematics Competition (P1and P2)
- 29 Year 9 Option 2 reports emailed home Year 10 Option 1 reports emailed home
- 30 1st XV vs St Peter's College (away) EVENTO, Manfeild, 7.30 PM

August

- 2 ICAS English
- Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 5 13SPS / FFL Tough Guy Challenge, Wellington
- 6 1st XV vs Wesley College (away)
- 9 Late start Tuesday
- 16 Senior examinations (6 days until 23 August) ICAS Mathematics
- 23 Late start Tuesday (Juniors only)
- 29 Winter Tournament week begins (until 2 September)
- 31 Nominations for School President open Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber

September

- 6 Nominations for School President close Late start Tuesday
- 7 Mufti day
- 8 Senior Social, 7.00 9.00 PM
- 12 11DRA production (2 days)
- 14 AWD Football and Bocce
- 15 11MCAT
- 20 Late start Tuesday
- 21 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 22 Senior reports emailed home
- 23 Year 9 Option 3 ends End of Term 3

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