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This is our final newsletter for the year. The Junior Prize-giving Ceremonies concluded the year - congratulations to all award winners. The junior school have been a delight to work with over the last month. The highlight for the Year 10's has been Camp Week. We have had students travel as far north as Auckland and to the Marlborough Sounds in the south and everywhere in between. I think it is a testament to the school and Feilding families that these types of camps continue. To be honest it is a lot easier for Principals and schools to not offer this experience anymore such is the legislative requirements and responsibilities that schools must accept nowadays. Many schools have unfortunately chosen this option, however our staff have put in an enormous amount of time and effort with the required planning and documentation and the students have played their part by enjoying the camps, having fun and saying thank you.

The school year has drawn to a close and we have farewelled our senior students who are leaving to further their education or begin their employment careers. We also say farewell to staff members Miss Agnes Chen, Ms Bernie Ballard, Mr Hayden Hewitt, Mrs Natasha Casey and Mrs Bronwen Beaver. We wish them all well for the future.

At last check, 71% of our families have paid the school donation. This donation is so vital to our school in providing the extra resources that make a difference to our students including:

- School ICT infra-structure
- Provision of in class laptops for learning
- Student Council activities
- Student clubs and societies
- Student committees
- School minivans
- The Sheaf magazine
- Loan school blazers
- Compassionate support for disadvantaged students
- Provision of extra library books
- Provision of personnel for student health and wellbeing

A sincere thank you to every family that has supported these and many other initiatives through the school donation.

While we are on the matter of support can I say on behalf of the board, staff and students of FAHS - Feilding High School a big thank you to the many sponsors of the school. We hope we can enjoy your support again next year.

While school has closed for the year the achievements of our students keep rolling on. Some of these are detailed below in this newsletter.

### Robotics Teams Win Again



L to R Jack Bagley, Cameron Hislop, Francis Stapp

Feilding High School's Year 9 Robotics team, comprised of students Jack Bagley, Cameron Hislop and Francis Stapp, competed in the New Zealand National VEX IQ Championship on 10 December. Held in Palmerston North at the convention centre, the FAHS - Feilding High School team emerged with three national titles, including the **Excellence Award**. This makes them the top junior robotics team in New Zealand and gives them entry to the upcoming world championships in the United States (to be held April 2017). As part of the Excellence prize package, they received \$5000 from the Royal Society of New Zealand to support their travel to the world competition, which last year involved some 16,000 participants from a global learning community of approximately one million students.

The staff and students are going to be using the summer holiday break to undertake as much fundraising as they can to get the team to the United States in April.

### **Junior Prize-Giving**

On the morning of Thursday 8 December, we welcomed parents, caregivers and whānau to our Junior Prize Giving ceremonies. Guests were entertained with live musical performances, award winning speeches and a wonderful presentation with highlights from 2016.

Congratulations to all our junior award winners and students who worked extremely hard to make 2016 another successful year. Major award winners were:

- Chloe Peters Y9 - Year 9 Academic Cup.
- Jago Alcock Y10 - Junior Merit Cup
- Lalita Budathoki Y10 - Year 10 Academic Cup
- Bailey Jeffrey Y10 – The Rick T Francis Memorial Cup for Junior Sportsperson; and

### **Congratulations To**

- Year 10 student Bailey Jeffrey for winning a Silver medal at the World Cup in Budapest, Hungary
- Tessa Webb for winning the Bronze Medal in the Senior Girls 3000m and the Gold Medal in the 2000m steeplechase at the NZ Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships in Auckland
- Jack Lewer for winning the Gold Medal in the senior boys PAII Discus and Shot Put at the NZ Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships in Auckland. His Shot Put throw of 11.90m was a meeting record
- The Boys Rugby 7's team for runners up at the NZ Secondary Schools Condor 7s Tournament in Auckland
- Vilimoni Koroi for being judged the MVP at the NZ Secondary Schools Condor 7s Tournament in Auckland
- Vilimoni Koroi and Mosese Dawai for being selected in the NZ 7s Boys Team for World 7s Tournament
- Georgia Ponsonby for being selected in the NZ 7s Girls Team for the World 7s Tournament
- Recent ex-student Lauren Balsille for being selected in the NZ 7s Girls Team for the World 7s Tournament
- Year 10 Student Coen Bligh for winning the B Grade Billiards Championship at the Rangitikei Club
- Year 11 Student Louise Gainford on her selection to the Central Football National Federation team
- Year 12 Student Niki Cuming for taking 5 wickets in 5 balls in the last cricket match of the season against a PNBHS team. He finished the game with 5 for 13!
- Year 12 Student Jamie Simmons on his selection to the Whanganui U17 cricket team

### **UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

*RE OPENS – MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> January 10am – 4pm daily (business days).*

*Until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – resume normal hours.*

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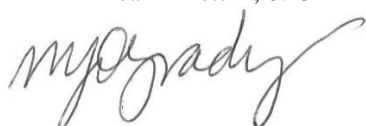
### **COMING EVENTS**

#### January

- 23 Wellington Anniversary Day (School Closed)
- 24 Senior school re-enrolment, 10.00 AM – 12.00 Noon, school library (A – M)
- 25 Senior school re-enrolment, 10.00 AM – 12.00 Noon, school library (N – Z)
- 31 Year 9 and Year 13 return, 8.45 AM  
New students in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 commence, 8.45 AM

#### February

- 1 Year 12 return, 8.45 AM  
Year 10 return, 11.20 AM
- 2 Year 11 return, 8.45 AM



M. O'GRADY  
Principal