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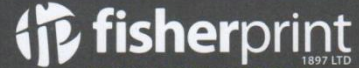
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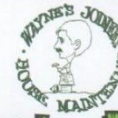


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Term 1 is almost at an end and what a busy term it has been. Staff and students will be looking forward to the April holidays.

For senior students the mid-year exams will happen during week six of term 2, so a little preparation in each of their subjects would be helpful. I have asked my Year 11 mentoring group to make a concise summary of the term's work for one or two of their subjects. This will form their revision notes. In completing this exercise they will be preparing for their exams painlessly.

For a few of our junior students the notion of homework is a foreign concept. We expect all students to complete their regular weekly homework and as parents you can check this via their homework diary. Establishing a homework routine is essential for success with NCEA.

Robert Pereira visited during March and delivered his anti-bullying programme. Our junior students enjoyed working with Robert and hopefully this will impact positively on their behaviour going forward.

Athletics and swimming have dominated the sporting scene this term with some outstanding performances being recorded. In athletics Tessa Webb's record breaking 3000 metres at the MISSA was a highlight, along with Jack Lewer's AWD discus and shot put records.

Our junior canoe polo team of Matt Oke, Oli Morrirt, Sam Shore, Lachlan Harrigan, Josh Gray and Zack Currie won the National Junior Secondary School Open title in an exciting final at the Makino Pool on Saturday. This is our first national canoe polo title. My thanks to Mr Greg Oke and Mr David Morrirt for coaching the boys.

The refurbishment of our assembly hall begins after Easter and it will be out of action for Term 2. This has meant that our Open Day will be rescheduled into Term 3, although our Hostel Open Day will still happen as usual. When completed, the hall will have a permanently installed lighting and sound system which will be invaluable for performing arts into the future.

On the staffing front our Executive Manager, Mr John Logan, retires at the end of term. We are at present recruiting a replacement. I wish to acknowledge John's 11 years of service to the school. Miss Harris will be away during Term 2 on a Globe Theatre internship, immersing herself in things Shakespeare.

BOARD MATTERS

The school's Charter has been adopted by the Board and a copy has been forwarded to the Ministry.

Our annual achievement targets have been largely met and these results have been forwarded to the Ministry. The 2014 targets were:

- to improve the reading ages of Year 9 students in the bottom two quartiles
- to have our NCEA Merit and Excellence results to be in line with national means

Mr Geoff Walker has been re-elected as Board of Trustees Chairperson.

A Board of Trustees focus for 2015 will be making technology advances to our dairy operation.

STUDENT MATTERS

Athletics champions for 2015:

Junior Boys	Marrick Manning
Intermediate Boys	Rory McGregor / Jack Beatson
Senior Boys	Taine Pakai
Junior Girls	Chloe Ramea
Intermediate Girls	Tessa Webb / Grace Burmeister
Senior Girls	Lauren Balsille

New athletic records set:

Taine Pakai	Senior Boys High Jump 1.83m
Saia Teumohenga	Senior Boys 100m 11.2s
Lauren Balsille	Senior Girls 100m 12.5s / 200m 26.2s
Christina Cotton	Senior Girls Triple Jump 9.70m
Tessa Webb	Intermediate Girls 3000m 10.34m

First place winners at MISSA:

Tessa Webb	Intermediate Girls 3000m
Jack Lewer	AWD Shot Put / Discus (new records)
Rory McGregor	Intermediate Boys 1500m
Taine Pakai	Senior Boys 1500m
Cameron Holland	AWD 200m / Long Jump / Shot Put / Discus

Tessa Webb's MISSA record - Intermediate Girls 3000m, 10.11m, which broke the previous record by 30 seconds.

The 1st XI won the Central Districts T20 title, beating Stratford High School in the final.

Bradley Lambert and Dylan Absalom gained first and third placings in Kata at the recent Counties Karate Tournament.

Swimming

Elen Barr won eight gold, a silver and a bronze medal at the National Division II Swimming Championships in Dunedin.

Chris Smithers, Keely McKnight and Elen Barr were stand out swimmers at the Manawatu Secondary School Swimming Championships. Keely broke two records.

Elen will now join Chris and Keely at the Division I Nationals in May.

Chris and Keely have both qualified for the New Zealand Open Championships in April.

At the New Zealand Secondary School Croquet Championships, Georgia Martin and Sam Keane finished 14th. Charlotte Anthony, Sarah Hercock and Evangeline Sanson finished 21st.

We gained the top three places at the regional Teen Agricultural Challenge on the weekend.

1 st	Bridget Henson / David Corpe
2 nd	Daniel Warner / Jack Williamson
3 rd	Rory Harrigan / James Robinson

We won the teams' trophy at the recent New Zealand Secondary School Motocross Championships in Rotorua. Riders were Riley Campbell, David Woodward, Sam Davis, Cody Spicer, Caleb Jakicevich, Tony Cvitanovich, Kane Dittmer, Tylah Wind, Max Hefferen and Caleb Jensen.

Bridget Hogan has been selected to attend this year's Sir Peter Black Youth Enviro Leaders Forum in Rotorua.

We won three awards at the recent regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival:

- Best Music Award - The Tempest
- Best Costume Award - All's Well That Ends Well
- Best 15 Minute Scene - All's Well That Ends Well

The successful students now head to the National Festival during Queen's Birthday weekend.

We had some outstanding results at the National Canoe Polo Championships last weekend. Our junior boys' team are the National Junior Open Champions - Matt Oke, Oli Morrirt, Sam Shore, Lachlan Harrigan, Josh Gray and Zack Currie. Our senior girls' team gained second place in Division I - Lisa Storrier, Monique Corson, Sophia Corson, Phoebe McNab and Alex Duff. The senior boys' team gained sixth place in Division I Matthew Beckers, Hugh Dickson, Gordon Browne, Cameron Brown, Josh McKendry and Jayden Currie. Three players made the tournament team - Lisa Storrier, Monique Corson and Jayden Currie.

Our boys' and girls' sevens teams won the regional play-offs to gain selection for the Condor 7s in December. The boys beat Palmerston North Boys' High School in the final, with the girls beating Manukura.

Summer tournament results:

Girls 7s - Our teams finished 3rd and 4th at the Tauranga tournament.

Girls Volleyball - 15th in Division 5

Softball -10th with Rameka Turnbull being MVP for FAHS

Congratulations to Melissa Blackwood, Chelsea Hopkins and Johanna Hopkins who have been offered positions in the Netball Manawatu Future Ferns Umpire Development Squad for 2015. Only 10 umpires across the Manawatu have been selected to participate in this squad so it is a huge honour for these young umpires. We wish you all the very best.

NAMING UNIFORMS

A reminder to please name all items of clothing. Two senior cardigans have gone missing in the last few weeks, both unnamed which makes it very difficult to identify them. They are less likely to be mistakenly taken in the first place if they are named.

SPORTS FEES

Winter sport begins in week two of Term 2 and sports fees must be paid before students can participate. Fees are as follows:

Hockey	\$170.00
Netball	\$135.00 (for Snr / Jnr A1, A2, Dev) \$120.00 (all other teams)
Basketball	\$215.00 (including transport)
Football	\$105.00
Rugby	\$95.00

The uniform shop will be open every lunchtime as well as Monday and Wednesday, 3.15 - 4.30 PM during the first two weeks for purchasing sports uniforms.

Rugby Jerseys	\$95.00
Sports Socks	\$20.00

YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Your son / daughter has been given their notice outlining all the camps for camp week in November. These can be returned to school from Wednesday 3 June 2015 with a deposit. Please fill out all five choices.

COMING EVENTS

April

18	1 st XV vs Wellington College (away)
20	Term 2 begins
21	Waikato University visit, 1.15 PM
22	13AGR trip Defence Force visit, 1.15 PM
25	1 st XV vs New Plymouth Boys' High School (away)
27	ANZAC Day
29	Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
30	Otago University visit, 1.15 PM

May

2	1 st XV vs Palmerston North Boys' High School (Napier Boys' High School)
4	13MAO visit to Massey University
5	Late start Tuesday
6	PTA meeting, 7.00 PM, Council Chamber
7	Lincoln University visit, 1.15 PM
9	1 st XV vs Hastings Boys' High School (Rugby Institute, Palmerston North)
14	Mufti day
19	Late start Tuesday
20	MISS cross country Senior music performance
21	13SPS Tough Guy Challenge
22	40 Hour Famine (3 days)
23	NI Swimming Championships
26	Mid-year exams begin (3 days)
27	Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
30	1 st XV vs Gisborne Boys' High School (Home) Manawatu Jazz Competition

June

1	Queen's Birthday
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R.S. MENZIES
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Senior Girls' Canoe Polo Team



Junior Boys' Canoe Polo Team – National Champions



Senior Boys' Canoe Polo Team