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Term 2 is well underway and students have quickly settled back into their routines. Term 2 is 11 weeks long with a testing week for seniors programmed for two weeks' time, when we have double periods scheduled.

Our roll for 2015 has been confirmed at 1426 which is 52 up on our provisional roll for 2015. Fourteen hundred students is a benchmark number for obtaining extra resources, so it is always great to be above this figure.

Mrs Haronga's Year 13 Drama class performed *The Pohutukawa Tree* in the Theatre last week. The performance by all involved was of a high standard and it again showcased the considerable drama talent that we have in the school.

Our jazz group, Neon Fusion, is gaining a local reputation. They played at the 10-year anniversary of the Feilding Farmers' Market and at the local Jazz Festival. Miss Philipson has had Roger Fox and Erna Ferry working with the group.

Congratulations to Ben Henderson who spoke at the Feilding Dawn Parade, Halcombe ANZAC service and at our own ANZAC Day service. Commemorating 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli made this year's service especially poignant.

I read with interest about the Hornby High School parent who is challenging the school's clean shaven rule. She is objecting to her son being sent home to have a shave. The rules are clear, and she no doubt agreed that her child would abide by the school rules on enrolment – end of story. There are rules everywhere in life, and the sooner this mother realises this the better it will be for her son. Why these piffling incidents get so much media coverage is beyond me.

We have received our provisional school leaver data for 2014. The 277 students who left FAHS – Feilding High School last year recorded the following results:

	All Students	Maori Students
NCEA L3 or higher	46.6%	40.0%
NCEA L2 or higher	81.6%	82.2%
NCEA L1 or higher	89.9%	93.3%
No Qualifications	10.1%	6.7%

This is very encouraging indeed and will be well above national averages.

On the curriculum front we have an exciting development for 2016. Along with seven other schools around the country we will be introducing Agribusiness as an academic subject into Year 12 and 13. There are huge job opportunities in this sector and very few graduates at present. Along with studying, students will be visiting cutting edge businesses in this space, many of which we have in the Manawatu / Feilding area. This complements the proposed changes that we intend making in our own farming operation. All this is very exciting, meaning that opportunities for students will be greatly enhanced.

The juggernaut called winter sport has begun and I would like to acknowledge and thank all staff and parents who are involved. We have a large number of teams competing in weekly competitions.

Rugby	9	Hockey	10
Football	6	Netball	14
Basketball	10	Badminton	4

Some recent victories of note have been:

1 <sup>st</sup> XI boys' hockey beat Wanganui Collegiate	1 – 0
Senior girls' basketball beat Manukura	53 – 36
1 <sup>st</sup> XV beat Palmerston North Boys' High School	25 – 15
1 <sup>st</sup> XV beat Hastings Boys' High School	20 – 17

Due to the refurbishment of the hall we are rescheduling our school Open Day to Thursday 6 August 2015. We will still be holding our hostel Open Day at the usual time on Thursday 18 June 2015. We will be holding only one session for prospective hostel parents and their children commencing at 11.30 AM.

<b>HOSTEL OPEN DAY</b> Thursday 18 June 2015, 11.30 AM
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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MATTERS

The school's annual financial report has been submitted to the Ministry of Education.

We have purchased an extra minivan to meet demand.

The financial function of the school will be restructured. We will be appointing a Bursar and a Business Manager to oversee this area.

#### STUDENT MATTERS

Congratulations to Monique Corson and Jayden Currie for winning gold medals competing for New Zealand at U18 level in the recent Oceania Canoe Polo Championships.

Max Corpe won the World Vex Computer Aided Design Award. This was a three month effort involving Max redesigning a complete motor. There are 22 countries and 5000 plus teams competing in these Vex competitions.

Elen Barr, Chris Smithers and Keely McKnight competed at the New Zealand Swimming Championships last week, with all three swimming personal bests. Keely gained two fourth placings in the 200m and 100m backstroke, seventh place in the 50m freestyle and two ninth placings in the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke. Chris gained a seventh placing in the 200m butterfly.

Bailey Fitchett has been selected for the central region U18 girls' hockey team.

Edyn Boyes is a Manawatu U15A netball representative.

Madison Hodgson, Elen Barr and Gracen Keyes-Kumeroa are U15 netball development representatives.



School cross country results are as follows:

Junior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Madison Knightly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Molly Alcock

Intermediate Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tessa Webb
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly Hartley
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sarah Talumepa

Senior Girls

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sophia Seddon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Natasha Cowx
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah McKnight

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Karl Drylie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Richardson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jamaine Ryan

Junior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Marrick Manning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Cooper Hamilton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Josh Pakai

Intermediate Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Josiah Maraku
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rory McGregor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Matt Defryn

Senior Boys

- 1<sup>st</sup> Taine Pakai
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harley Hughes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joshua Pilet

Tessa Webb set a new record of 9.40 minutes in the intermediate girls' race. The old record, held by Rebecca Koot, was 10.33 minutes.

Dion Charles gained second place in a recent Hawkes Bay chess tournament.

Te Rau Huia, our Kapa Haka group, have a dress rehearsal for Pae Taiohi, the regional Kapa Haka competition, on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7.00 PM at the Civic Centre in Feilding. Gold coin entry.

Ainslee Smithers gained Merit in grade 4 theory, and Sarah Hercock gained Distinction in grade 5 theory in the recent Royal School of Music Exams.

Connor Backhouse, Year 9, will be travelling to Australia in the holidays with an elite junior tennis group from the central region. They will be training and playing in a tournament. Connor was a member of the Feilding Club team who won the senior premier title this year.

Emma Westbury, Year 13, volunteered her labour at the recent Garden Festival and impressed many with her efforts. This was the result of her Gateway placement at the Feilding Information Centre. Well done, Emma.

**YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

Year 10 'Choice of Camp' forms are due back at school with the deposit on Wednesday 3 June 2015. These will be collected on a 'first in' basis. Hostel students must have a deposit.

**COMING EVENTS**

May

- 19 Late start Tuesday  
Year 12 ODE trip
- 20 Manawatu Secondary Schools' Cross Country  
Senior music performances
- 21 Year 13 SPS Tough Guy Challenge
- 22 40 Hour Famine (3 days)  
Year 10 Geography field trip
- 23 North Island Swimming Championships
- 26 Double period teaching time (3 days)  
Senior testing / exams (3 days)

- 27 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 30 1<sup>st</sup> XV versus Gisborne Boys' High School (home)  
Manawatu Jazz Competition

June

- 2 Late start Tuesday
  - 3 Year 11 Drama production (P4)  
ICAS Science exam  
NZSM Jazz, Wellington(3 days)
  - 5 Semester 1 ends
  - 6 1<sup>st</sup> XV versus St Peter's Cambridge (home)  
Chamber Music Competition
  - 9 Year 13 Geography trip (3 days)
  - 10 Big Sing at the Regent  
Otago Science Quiz
  - 11 Kapa Haka dress rehearsal, Civic Centre, 7.00 PM
  - 12 Nga Manu Korero speech competition
  - 13 Rock Quest regionals
  - 16 Late start Tuesday  
Drama production season
  - 17 Year 12 / 13 Reserve Bank visit  
Drama production season
  - 18 Hostel Open Day
  - 22 Pae Taiohi regional Kapa Haka competition
  - 24 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
  - 25 13 ACC trip to Massey  
13 ECO trip (P4, 5)  
Reports emailed home  
Shave for a Cure
  - 30 Late start Tuesday
- July
- 3 Last day of Term 2

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*Max Corpe with his  
World Vex Computer Aided Design Award*