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A warm welcome to all new students and parents to FAHS – Feilding High School. I trust that your time with us will be positive. The year has begun extremely well with students settling into the school routines very quickly.

Our school roll at present is 1443 which is 60 up on what the Ministry of Education predicted. As a consequence there is little spare room within classes and within the school.

I welcome the following new staff to the school:

Mr Kellerman	English and Media Studies
Mrs Matthews	Mathematics
Miss Leggett	Tourism and Social Studies
Mr Haronga	Mathematics and Drama
Miss Parker	Chemistry and Science
Mr Dearlove	Mathematics (from 2 March)

Mr Larsen, Mrs Hansen and Mrs Moore have all returned from leave. Mrs Buksh leaves us for a mathematics position in the Cook Islands this Friday. I acknowledge her contribution to the school over the past five years.

Our interim NCEA exam results are very pleasing.

	<u>FAHS</u>	<u>National</u>
Year 11 Level 1	71	71
Year 12 Level 2	81.4	74.3
Year 13 Level 3	62.3	58.8
Level 1 Literacy	92.1	90.4
Level 1 Numeracy	84.2	87.9
University Entrance	45.9	44
Scholarships	8	
Outstanding Scholarships	1	

Maori Achievement

Level 1	57.4	57.1
Level 2	79.1	65.8
Level 3	50	46

2014 Scholarship Winners

<i>Anna Caudwell</i>	<i>Accounting, Economics</i>
<i>Niamh Conlon</i>	<i>English, Drama</i>
<i>Sam Pike</i>	<i>Agriculture and Horticulture</i>
<i>Laura Cowan</i>	<i>Biology</i>
<i>Lauren Fergusson</i>	<i>English</i>
<i>Sophie Richardson</i>	<i>English</i>

Outstanding Scholarship Winner

<i>Rose Coleman</i>	<i>Physical Education</i>
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Gaining a healthy number of scholarships at Year 13 is very pleasing as it points to outstanding teaching and learning that is happening within the school. Unlike the main NCEA pass rates, scholarship results cannot be manipulated.

Mrs Lawton, Mr Larsen and Mrs Higginson accompanied our boys' and girls' basketball teams to California and Hawaii over the Christmas break. The teams played in two tournaments while away; the girls won six of their 10 games and the boys three of their 10 games. Excellent results when visiting the home of basketball.

We will be holding a Year 9 parents' evening on 26 February 2015, 7.00 PM, so that you can meet and greet your children's teachers. It will be an opportunity to learn some of the processes and procedures that we operate by. There will be a parent interview afternoon on Thursday 26 March 2015, 3.30 – 6.00 PM.

During the week beginning 2 March 2015 Mr Robert Pereira will be visiting the school, delivering his anti-bullying programme. We will be holding a parents' evening with Robert on Tuesday 3 March 2015 in the assembly hall at 7.00 PM.

ATTENDANCE ISSUES

When your child is absent from school we need to have a reason for the absence. All absences have to be coded for the Ministry of Education, so your co-operation with this would be appreciated.

BOARD MATTERS

The Board of Trustees will hold their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 6.30 PM in the Council Chamber. The make up of the Board is as follows:

Mr Geoff Walker	Chairperson
Mrs Ellen Bartlett	
Mr Owen Bonnor	
Mr Dave Byrne	Staff Representative
Mrs Jackie Harrigan	
Mr Ben Henderson	Student Representative
Mr Shane Hoggard	
Mrs Cushla Williamson	

The refurbishment of the hall, gymnasium and the library will be major property projects this year.

STUDENT MATTERS

2015 head students are:

Ben Henderson	President
Kelsi Hoggard	Vice President

Students gaining Excellence and Merit endorsements for NCEA are as follows:

Level 1 Excellence

Peta Abernethy	Charlotte Anthony
Grace Burmeister	Jayden Cairns
Emma Cook	Ariel Foote
Rebecca Gray	Molly Hartley
Sarah Hercock	Caitlin Hogan
Emily Hunt	Abigail Legg
Keely McKnight	Rachel McLean
Charlotte Nimmo	Gabrielle Oke
Delaney Parfitt	Joshua Pilet
Matthew Schweikert	Sophia Seddon
Alexander Snaddon	Abbey Stratton
Caitlyn Thomas	Jessie Van Beek

Level 1 Merit

Amy-Jo Abrams	Tayla Anderson
Hannah Billinghamurst	Melissa Blackwood
Amber Blair	Hannah Brew

