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A busy Term 2 is nearly at an end and everyone is looking forward to the July break.

Senior students have completed their first set of exams and with two terms worth of teaching and assessment completed seniors will be in a position to gauge their likely success in NCEA. Academic mentors should have spoken with individual students with regard to this. Parents can view credits achieved via the parent portal on the website. Students will have their log in number.

Reports for all students were emailed home on Friday 26 June 2015. We have a report afternoon scheduled for Thursday 30 July 2015, 3.30 – 6 PM.

We held a very successful hostel Open Day on Thursday 18 June 2015 with over 150 people attending. Our school Open Day will be happening on Thursday 6 August 2015.

Our Winter Sports programme is in full swing and I thank all those staff and parents who are helping with the 55 teams that we have competing in weekly competitions. A reminder that students have committed themselves for the whole season, which for most sports continues until September. We know that sickness does hit during the winter terms but ask that students communicate with coaching / managing staff to ensure teams are not depleted to a point where defaults have to happen. In some cases sports are charged for late defaults.

We have a number of staff changes occurring at the end of Term 2. Mr Sam Moore is leaving to take up a position at New Plymouth Boys' High School. He will be missed from his roles as Hostel Manager, Year 11 Dean, technology teacher and 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby coach. Mrs Tania Moore is leaving after 11 years teaching English. I wish to acknowledge the significant contribution that Mr and Mrs Moore have made to FAHS – Feilding High School.

Ms Liz Johanson will be taking maternity leave from the beginning of Term 3 and Mrs Sisson returns from maternity leave. Miss Harris returns after her Shakespeare internship in London.

Mr Mark McAlley has been appointed as our new Hostel Manager. He joins us from Huntley School. Ms Weston has been appointed to a long term relieving position teaching Social Studies.

Proposed new courses for 2016 are:

Agribusiness	Level 1, 2, 3
Physics / Chemistry	Level 1
Biology / Chemistry	Level 1
Land Skills	Level 1, 2, 3
Computer Skills	Level 1, 2, 3
Outdoor Adventure	Level 2
Outdoor Management	Level 3
Design	Level 2

It was sad to note the passing of two prominent old pupils recently – New Zealand cricketer Mike Shrimpton and Peter Williams QC.

### EXCITING FARM DEVELOPMENTS

The Board of Trustees has approved the installation of a robotic milking machine at the dairy unit, Ngakaunui. This is an exciting development which will revolutionise our farm practise. The robotic unit is perfect for the small herd which we have. It will produce data which will have applications across many subjects within the school and will certainly complement our new Agribusiness courses that will operate next year. We will be adapting our present dairy shed so that cows can still be milked conventionally, so students can still gain credits for cupping cows. Pasture management becomes the focus with robotic milking so it is great that our students will get exposure to this technology.

Food production dominates New Zealand's economy and there is a high demand for graduates across this food space. The changes that we are making places our students in a great position to take advantage of these opportunities.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MATTERS

The 2016 school prospectus has been approved.

Approval has been given to purchase a robotic milker.

The refurbishment of the assembly hall continues.

New signage has been put in place at the hostel.

Applications for the new position of Business Manager close on 20 July 2015.

### STUDENT MATTERS

Our two choirs, Not Your Forte and Dolce Com, competed with credit at The Big Sing.

Te Rau Huia competed at Pae Taiohi and represented the school extremely well.

Our rock band, Constant Decay, won the regional Rock Quest competition. Band members are Brendan MacFarlane, Jayden Kuyper, Sam Shore, Todd Carlsson and Tipuna Rakatairi.

Neon Fusion competed at the Manawatu Jazz Festival and the New Zealand School of Music Jazz Festival, with Lachlan Bush winning the Most Promising Musician award at the Manawatu event.

Ainslee Smithers (flute) won the Most Promising Wind Player at the Manawatu Performing Arts Competition and the Adjudicator's Commendation Award at the New Zealand School of Music Jazz Competition.

Bailey Jeffery (Year 9) and Brittany Blencoe (Year 12) recently gained their red belt with black stripe in Tae Kwon Do.

Outstanding performers at the Manawatu secondary schools' cross country were:

Madison Keightley	1 <sup>st</sup> Junior Girls
Tessa Webb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Intermediate Girls
Elen Barr	8 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Girls
Josiah Maraku	4 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Boys
Rory McGregor	5 <sup>th</sup> Intermediate Boys
Carl Drylie	5 <sup>th</sup> AWD
Ben Richardson	6 <sup>th</sup> AWD
Destiny Gubb	10 <sup>th</sup> AWD

Josh Pilet and Jarod Hislop competed at the Moto New Zealand cross country championships. Josh gained first place in the North Island 250cc class and third in the New Zealand 250cc class. He also gained first place in the North Island 250cc team event and first place in the New Zealand 250cc team event along with Jarod.

At the North Island secondary schools' swimming championships:

Keely McKnight	1 <sup>st</sup> place 50m, 100m, 200m backstroke and 50m butterfly
Chris Smithers	1 <sup>st</sup> place 50m, 200m butterfly, 3 <sup>rd</sup> place 100m butterfly and 400m freestyle
Elen Barr	1 <sup>st</sup> place 50m breaststroke and 3 <sup>rd</sup> place 100m breaststroke

Monique Corson has been selected as a Forward Foundation Ambassador. The Forward Foundation's mission is to assist young female athletes. This recognises Monique's leadership in canoe polo.

In the second round of the lower / central North Island clay target shooting series Josie Dean (Year 11) won the HOA ladies shooting competition and gained third placings in both the single rise and single barrel competitions.

The following students have been selected for Manawatu Football Federation Talent Centre representative teams:

U14	Lucas Haw
U15	Madison Keightley
U16	Bailey Cooke, Joshua Scales, Louise Gainford, Lily Galloway, Jordan Clarke

Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV has been recording some excellent victories recently:

PNBHS	won 25 – 15
Hastings Boys	won 20 – 17
Gisborne Boys	won 44 – 12
St Peter's Cambridge	won 50 – 12
St John's Hastings	won 76 – 10
Wanganui Collegiate	won 95 – 0

They will be playing St Paul's Collegiate in Hamilton on Saturday and this match is being televised on Sky TV.

The following Economics students are attending New Zealand Business Week in Palmerston North during the first week of the holiday break:

Year 13	Tiriana Walker, Tyla Thomson
Year 12	Julie Long-Lay, Jasmine Phippen

We wish them well. Our thanks to Rotary for their sponsorship.

### **OPEN DAY / COMMUNITY DAY**

Our Open Day and Community Day is scheduled for Thursday 6 August 2015. Our Open Day will have sessions beginning at 10.15 AM, 1.15 PM and 7.00 PM for intending Year 9 students and their parents.

Community day is where Year 10 students work for the day within the community for no reward. It is an opportunity for the school to thank the community for all their support. All Year 10 students are required to participate and Mrs Paki is co-ordinating the day. The expected hours are 9.00 AM until 3.30 PM with a morning tea and lunch break. Students are to supply their own lunch unless otherwise arranged. Some employers may wish to negotiate more suitable times for students to start and finish work. Students must register their Community Day place with Mrs Paki by Wednesday 1 July 2015.

### **EVENTO 2015**

Our annual wearable art awards show, Evento, is being held at Manfeild on Saturday 15 August 2015 commencing at 7.30 PM. Tickets can be purchased from FAHS – Feilding High School, Feilding Promotions, Palmerston North I-site or at [evento.org.nz](http://evento.org.nz).

### **REPORT AFTERNOON**

For the report afternoon on Thursday 30 July 2015, 3.30 – 6 PM, we are using an on line booking system. To book your child's interviews go to the following website:

<http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

Enter in the event code : WLCGR

You will then be prompted to enter your name, a valid email and your child's name. Once all bookings have been made you will receive a confirmation email with the schedule.

Any concerns please contact Malcolm Jury ([mjury@feildinghigh.school.nz](mailto:mjury@feildinghigh.school.nz)) or Grant Davis ([gdavis@feildinghigh.school.nz](mailto:gdavis@feildinghigh.school.nz)).

## UNIFORM MATTERS

For 2016 all junior sports teams (except rugby) will be required to wear a new PE shirt and shorts.

Also, the following price changes apply:

Shirts and Blouses	\$50.00
Socks	\$20.00
New PE Shirt	\$45.00
(available later this year)	

## ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

This was held on the last day of Term 1 for Year 12 students. The organisers are wanting feedback from parents via an on line survey. The survey is at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ryda\\_parent](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ryda_parent)

## READER / WRITER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a large number of senior students who qualify for the assistance of a reader and / or writer for written assessments. The demand for this assistance has been steadily growing over recent years with an increase in the number of students qualifying. This is compounded by the on-going nature of internal assessments. At times we have difficulty covering this demand with our own resources. For the last two years we have recruited the services of a small group of volunteers from the community, who have been willing and able to come into school at reasonably short notice to assist. This has suited a number of people including retired teachers, self-employed people or stay at home parents. An excellent standard of reading and writing is the requirement for this voluntary role, as is a willingness to work with teenagers of varying abilities. Volunteers are given training and we are required to do a police check. If you are interested in this voluntary role and would like more information, please telephone the school office and leave your contact details.

## NZQA MATTERS

Before the end of term all Year 11 – 13 students will receive an NZQA card. The information on this card will enable them to:

- Log in to the NZQA website
- Check their personal details
- Check their results
- Request copies of certificates for NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3, or Vocational Pathways

When students receive their card, please log in to ensure the link is working.

## CAREERS INFORMATION

Massey University will be holding a series of information days during the holidays that your son / daughter may be interested in attending. On Tuesday 7 July 2015 there is the I Am Undecided day aimed at Year 12 and 13 students who are not sure what courses they want to take. On the same day there is also an Agriculture Experience day aimed at senior students interested in that area. They will show them what they do on their farms, in the plant growth area. They will

get hands on with two projects – management for top production animals and how to make a food production business profitable. On Tuesday 14 July 2015 there will also be a Computer Science Experience day. Students can register on the Massey University website for any of these taster days.

## YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Thank you to those who have returned their camp choice forms. However, there are still a large number of Year 10 students yet to do so. Please get these in to the school office as soon as possible.

## COMING EVENTS

### July

- 3 Last day of Term 2
- 4 Sports exchange with St Paul's – 1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, Colts, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey
- 7 Massey University career information day (Year 12 / 13 students)
- 14 Massey University computer science experience day (Year 12 / 13 students)
- 20 First day of Term 3
- 21 Late start Tuesday
- 29 Board of Trustees meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 30 Report afternoon, 3.30 – 6 PM

### August

- 4 Late start Tuesday
- 6 Open Day and Community Day
- 7 Jazz Festival (3 days)  
11ODX / 13ODL trip
- 8 1<sup>st</sup> XV central region semi final
- 11 12ODE trip
- 13 11ODX / 13ODL trip  
Year 12 / 13 Drama evening trip
- 14 Girls rugby (Hamilton)
- 15 Event at Manfeild Park, 7.00 PM  
1<sup>st</sup> XV central region final



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