

Term 2 is at an end with most looking forward to the two week break. Hopefully it will be an opportunity to get on top of any sickness but not an opportunity to contract H1N1. If at the end of the holidays your children are 'fluey' please keep them at home.

Seniors have completed their exams and reports have been issued at our report afternoons, so you should be well aware of the progress being made. It is what happens from now on that's important. I suggest that all seniors set aside time over the holidays to revise. Possible actions could be:

- to break down notes into manageable chunks and perhaps write these on flash cards.
- to complete some sections of their revision books.
- to purchase a revision book
- to produce model answers to the questions that they mucked up in the exams.
- practise writing an English essay.

We take for granted that sports teams regularly practise if they wish to be successful – it's no different for school work.

If not already collected, reports are available from the school office from Friday 3 July 2009.

We held a very successful Open Day last Thursday when we hosted 1000 visitors through the school and hostel. This is a marketing exercise for FAHS – Feilding High School and requires input from many staff and students and I wish to acknowledge all those involved.

Our Year 10 students were involved with Community Work Day. Mrs Paki oversees this day and all reports suggest that it was a positive experience for all involved.

Our Year 13 One Act Play, *The Battle Within*, won the Bryan Aiken Youth Award at the Theatre Federation finals at the Globe Theatre last Friday. The musicians won an Emerging Artist Award and James Hopkinson was awarded the Best Actor at the festival. All in all a marvelous result and I must acknowledge Mrs Karla Crofts' efforts. She has had remarkable success over the years with her Year 13 classes.

It was great to see one of our recent past students run onto Jade Stadium as an All Black. George Whitelock (1999 – 2004) scored a try on debut which was a great thrill for George and all of us watching. Hopefully this is a forerunner to a successful All Black career.

Mrs McChesney will be leaving the Mathematics Faculty at the end of Term to take up an overseas appointment. Mr Thomson will be relieving in this position.

As from Term 4 the school will be operating a uniform shop. This is primarily to ensure that we can provide a quality, competitively priced uniform to parents. The shop will operate from the foyer of the assembly hall.

Congratulations to Alex Field (Year 13) on his swimming selection to the New Zealand Deaf Olympics team to

compete in Chinese Taipei later in the year. Alex is one of six athletes in the New Zealand team.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MATTERS

The Board is presently reviewing the following policies:

Administrative Resources  
Agrichemical  
Attendance  
Co-curricular Activities  
Community Learning Centre  
Complaints  
Consultation Guidelines  
Education of Students with Special Needs  
Education Outside the Classroom  
Equal Employment Opportunities  
Equity  
Financial Management  
Fixed Term MU

They are available for consultation from the school office.

The Technology Block will be re-carpeted over the holiday break.

Plans for landscaping the main quadrangle, the re-development of Science Laboratories A1 – A5, and the building of a new Senior Common Room are being developed.

Board of Trustees elections will be held early next year. Please feel free to make contact if you are considering standing, or have suggestions regarding suitable nominees.

### STUDENT MATTERS

General excellence certificates were awarded to the following Year 11 students following the recent exams:

David Bish, Kieran Cox, Courtney Mitchell, Jessica McLean, Lauren Henderson, Andrew West, James Otter, Kristi Atkins, Nick Walton, Ashleigh Turner, Courtney Tarttelin, and Dylan Gowan.

The school finished second in the regional Maatangi Whenua Year 11 Geography Competition. The team comprised of Louise Thomas, Andrew West, and Ryland Bennett.

Tammy Hastings gained first and third places in the recent Manawatu Performing Arts U21 singing competition.

Te Kiritahi Pakai, Ronnie-Jordan Searancke and Haimona Searancke were our speakers at Manu Korero this month.

The Lyrical Ladies, our girls' Barbershop group, won a merit award at the Big Sing. Other participants were the Ukulele Orchestra and Dolce Com.

Girls' rugby won the regional 7's tournament – points 159 for, 0 against.

Charles Bennett came first in a local orienteering competition.

Megan Smythe and Megan Lozell competed successfully in the Havelock North inter-school show jumping event.

At the Manawatu secondary schools' cross country the following students performed well:

Junior Girls	Stephanie Dickins 1 <sup>st</sup> , Sarah Campion 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Hayley Hutana 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Intermediate Boys	Ethan Brind 1 <sup>st</sup>
Senior Boys	Seb Burrow 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Senior Girls	Rebecca Koot 4 <sup>th</sup>

Netball representatives:

U15	Kristi Atkins
U15 Development	Demi Raleigh

Basketball Representatives:

U17	Lani Lawton, Georgia Martin, Eloise Campbell
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Hurricanes rugby trialists:

Josiah Smith, Gene Ropoama, Chris Delamere-Broughton, Codie Taylor, Paora Rakatau, Daniel Fitzgerald, Hamish Northcott, Saul Chase

Heather McGinty won a recent Karate competition at Counties.

### **SELL (Student Enterprise Learning Link)**

Enterprise New Zealand came to school in Week 8 of this term to run an intensive programme over three days with 80 Year 10 students. The students were put into companies of eight and had to develop and market a virtual product. Using the latest business theories they had to develop a financial and business plan and a marketing strategy. These were used on the third day to present their ideas to judges MDC Mayor Ian McKelvie, and local business people Jocelyn Oke, Margaret Kouvelis, Michael Ford and Bill Abbiss, in a Dragon's Den scenario. The teams were judged on innovation, teamwork, sustainability and marketing. Congratulations to the following winning teams:

Excellence in Marketing – Mr Whitelocks led by CEO Ben Anderson who developed a sensor lock

Sustainability Award – Eco-Mo led by CEO Loren Hunt

Overall Winner – I Tech, a photoshop for I phones led by CEO Abbey Carver

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - NZQA FEES**

The last day for financial assistance applications is 1 September 2009. Forms can be collected from Mr Smyth in A6. Financial assistance is available to families who have a Community Services Card, are on a benefit or low income. This reduces the cost of exam entry.

### **WEARABLE ART**

The annual Wearable Art Awards will be held at the Feilding Civic Centre on Friday 31 July 2009. Tickets will be available from the school office and Feilding Information Centre from the start of Term 3 – adults \$20.00, students \$10.00. Be in quick as they sell fast.

### **'ROCK ON' FEILDING TRUANCY PROGRAMME**

Feilding Police have just launched the 'Rock On' Truancy Programme which will run alongside all the schools in the Feilding community with the assistance of other local agencies. The programme will assist in identifying children

who are truant from school and help to identify the reasons why and work alongside that child, their family and the school to help resolve the issues.

In New Zealand children must be enrolled at a primary school from the age of six years and must remain at school until the age of 16 years. Allowing your child to remain home without a very good reason is an offence as outlined in the Education Act.

The 'Rock On' programme works alongside the schools and the families to help re-engage children who have fallen into the truancy hole and are having problems at school and attending school. The goal is to work with the community and families rather than prosecute parents.

If you receive a letter from the school about your child's lack of attendance or truancy issues, please respond to the letter. If parents do not respond to the letters sent by the school, be aware that a referral will then be made to the Police chairperson of the 'Rock On' programme and the Police will then serve a letter on the family encouraging them to engage with the school to work through the issues for that child. Once the referral is made to the Police and 'Rock On' the goal will be to identify and resolve issues with the child and family.

This process can also end up at a Family Group Conference with Child Youth and Family Service to address the truancy problems.

Please work alongside your child's school to keep them engaged and learning.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### July

- 3 End of Term 2
- 4 North Island Cycling Championships
- 20 Start of Term 3
- 21 Late Start Tuesday
- 23 1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Chanel College (Co-ed Play-off)
- 29 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM in the Council Chamber
- 31 Wearable Art Awards Evening, Civic Centre

#### August

- 4 Late Start Tuesday
- 6 Australian Mathematics Competition
- 12 PTA Meeting, 7.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 13 2010 Year 11 – 13 Subject Books Issued
- 18 Year 10 – 12 Subject Information Evening
- Late Start Tuesday
- 22 Senior Ball
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM in the Council Chamber
- 31 Tournament Week (5 Days)

#### September

- 1 Late Start Tuesday
- 7 Senior Exams Begin (6 Days)
- 9 PTA Meeting, 7.30 PM, Council Chamber

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