

Term 3 has begun extremely well and students have quickly settled back into their work routines.

Final exams are scheduled during Week 8 so revision programmes should be well underway for NCEA students. I have asked staff to help students with their study arrangements. If for any reason a student is unable to sit the final NCEA exams these coming exams are critical for compassionate consideration. The library is available after school for study.

The final date for the payment of NZQA fees is this Friday, 14 August 2009. Beyond this date it will be the student's responsibility to liaise with NZQA.

Subject selection booklets for 2010 will be issued this week to current Year 10 – 12 students. A subject information evening will be held in the library on Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 7.00 PM for these students. This will be an opportunity for students and caregivers to discuss likely 2010 timetables.

Our Wearable Arts Show 'Evento' was another memorable evening for the school. Congratulations to all the students involved. It was an impressive performance by not only the designers and models but also by a range of singers, musicians and art students. I wish to acknowledge the significant input of the organising committee comprising Amanda Street, Lynne Senior, Jacky Short, Michelle Wilson and Dennis Pierce. Next year the show will be taken to the next level at Manfeild with the added sponsorship of Toyota New Zealand.

Tournament week begins on Monday 31 August 2009 and this year we have five teams involved:

Senior A Netball	Gisborne
Girls' 1 st XI Hockey	Levin
Boys' 1 st XI Hockey	Ngatea
Boys 1 st XI Soccer	Palmeston North
Rugby 2 nd XV	Palmerston North

Mrs McChesney (Maths) left at the end of Term 2 and Mr Thomson is relieving in this position.

Mrs Jones (PE / Music) will be leaving shortly on maternity leave.

BOARD MATTERS

The Technology Block was re-carpeted over the holiday break.

Plans are presently being drawn for a new senior common room, upgrade of a number of science labs and the landscaping of the main quadrangle. Thirteen policies have been reviewed and adopted by the Board. The following 21 policies are

coming up for review and will be available for consultation shortly:

- Child Abuse
- Adult Students
- Health & Safety
- Hire of Facilities
- Homework
- Hostel
- Hostel Enrolment Selection
- Hostel Serious Misconduct
- Infection Control
- International Fee Paying Students
- Leave
- Non-Violence
- Farms
- Food and Nutrition
- Harassment
- Non Teaching Staff Discipline
- Off-Site Practical / Work Based Components
- Planning & Decision Making
- Policy Making
- Privacy
- Professional Development

With Board elections coming up in 2010 it is time to consider possible nominees to take up this challenge. If you are interested please speak to either Ms Lyn Carey (Board of Trustees Chairperson) or me and we can explain what is involved.

SENIOR BALL

This will be held on the evening of Saturday 22 August 2009. Only Year 12 and Year 13 students can attend this year which is a change from previous years. As is usual practise we will be breathalysing students at they arrive to ensure the safety of all attending.

I also wish to mention that the school does not condone the running of large post ball parties and will do all in its power to close them down. The safety of students is paramount and such events pose huge risks to all involved. There have been several tragedies over recent years with after ball parties and I don't want FAHS – Feilding High School students involved in similar situations. I urge parents to exercise common sense on such matters.

UNIFORM SHOP

As from Term 4 the school will be operating a uniform shop. This will be established in the hall foyer. Hours of operation to be advised shortly.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Reports that have not yet been collected are available from the school office.

THE NEW CURRICULUM

The teaching of values is a new dimension of the new New Zealand Curriculum. This term we are focusing on Respect. This has been a focus of assemblies and Group time and has been student driven. Student competitions have been held and prizes awarded. This follows on from our Please and Thank You focus in Term 2.

NCEA EXAM FEES

Are due this Friday, 14 August 2009.

SENIOR EXAMS

These are being held during the week beginning 7 September 2009. Those subjects not having exams will have dedicated time set aside for teaching. Students will have study leave when not involved in exams or teaching. Our expectation is that this time should be spent with revision. Our Truancy Service will be returning to school any senior students found in town.

STUDENT MATTERS

Ben Anderson (Year 12) was one of 20 students Australasian-wide to be invited to take part in the Computing Olympiad.

Vicki Steven gained second place in the regional Rotary Essay Writing Competition. She wrote about the media's role in obesity.

The 1st XV had a hard fought win against Napier Boys' High School recently. They also played Chanel College recently, scoring in excess of 100 points. They are in the Premier One final to be played against Wairarapa College at the oval this weekend.

Recently we hosted 60 rugby players from Leeds. Games were held with our 2nd XV and Colts teams. Thank you to those who hosted visitors.

Codie Taylor (Captain) and Daniel Fitzgerald were selected for the Hurricanes U18 rugby team that won the national tournament recently.

Haki Waller and Michael McCarthy have been selected for the New Zealand junior motocross team to compete at the world championships later this year.

Chance Warbrick competed with the Junior White Sox softball team in Australia during the school holidays.

Tiana Matthews gained second place in the Manawatu senior women's tennis doubles recently.

Bonnie Keall gained gold and bronze medals at the North Island Tae Kwon Doe Championships held recently.

Kristen Svendsen has passed the Netball New Zealand theory exam and Acacia Kupe gained the third best result in the country for the New Zealand regional theory exam.

Manawatu hockey representatives for 2009 are:

Manawatu U18 Nikki Flintoff, Katie Miller
Manawatu U16B Sasha Beattie, Sarah Campion
Manawatu U16A Stephanie Dickins
Manawatu U18 Jordan Flintoff
Masnawatu U16B Jordan Ellery, Justin Allen,
Brogan Hancock, Phillip Smart

Samantha Ellery gained second place in the U17 girls' race at the regional criterion cycling championships last weekend. The girls finishing first and third in this race are New Zealand representatives, so this was a fantastic achievement by Samantha.

Loren Hunt has been selected for the Western Junior Netball tournament team.

The Manawatu secondary school squash competition has now finished. Our division one teams finished fifth and sixth and our division two team finished fourth. Congratulations to all those who played during the season. We have a boys' team competing this weekend at the New Zealand secondary school squash championships.

COMING EVENTS

August

- 13 2010 Subject Books Issued to Year 10 – Year 12 Students
- 14 NZSS Squash Tournament in Palmerston North and Feilding
- 18 Late Start Tuesday
Year 10 – 12 Subject Information Evening, Library, 7.00 PM
- 19 Year 11 PED Field Trip
- 20 Year 12 / 13 Agriculture Field Trip
- 22 Senior Ball
- 26 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 28 Year 12 Tourism Field Trip to Wellington
- 31 Tournament Week Begins (5 Days)

September

- 1 Late Start Tuesday
- 7 Senior Exams Begin (5 Days)

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