

A busy Term 1 is drawing to a close and I am pleased to report that it is the best start to a year in all my time here as Principal. Classes have all settled into their work routines quickly and there is an excellent tone in the school.

Our confirmed roll for 2010 will be 1384 which is slightly up on last year, and at present we are fully staffed. The initial testing for Year 9 students has resulted in a small number of changes to core classes.

Our swimming carnival and championships and our athletic preliminaries and championships proved very successful and ran to schedule thanks to our very settled weather.

We held our annual Commemoration Assembly on Monday with a healthy number of old pupils attending. Mr Robert Silcock (1979 – 1982) was the guest speaker. Robert is the CEO of the electrical company PBA in Christchurch. The traditional tree planting ceremony was held out the front of the assembly hall.

This year's senior production is a combined affair involving the Arts and Technology faculties. It is called **Food & Farce** with two short comedies and live music, along with a buffet dinner and dessert. It promises to be a great night. The season runs from **Thursday 25 March 2010 to Saturday 27 March 2010** in the school hall. Tickets available from the school office or Turner's Gifts and Luggage - **\$25.00 for dinner, dessert and show, or \$15.00 for dessert and show.**

As from the beginning of Term 2 we will be stopping all lunch passes. Students will be required to have lunch at school. The present situation is far too difficult to police – some students are abusing the present arrangements and consequently we cannot ensure their safety.

Miss Lochhead will be leaving us at the end of term and we are presently advertising for a replacement.

During the April holidays a party of 29 students will be visiting France for three weeks. It will be an invaluable language experience for the students involved. The 1st XV will be spending eight days at Runaway Bay on the Gold Coast for pre-season games and training. We wish both parties every success.

BOARD MATTERS

The Board elections are coming up in early May. Three of the existing five members are seeking re-election so we encourage keen parents to allow themselves to be nominated. Nominations close on 23 March 2010 and forms are available from the school office. Voting day is set down for 7 May 2010.

Our Farm Manager, Ray Huxford, will be retiring mid-year so planning for a replacement is presently happening.

A draft Strategic Plan was presented to the Board of Trustees.

New capital expenditure of \$10,000.00 was approved for a replacement computer server.

STUDENT MATTERS

Merit and Excellence endorsed NCEA results:

Level 1 Merit

Philip Rubery	Waitapu Potaka
Courtney Tarttelin	Michelle Tustin
Deneille Bligh	Corban Lawrie
George Perigo	Claire Ritchie
Andrew West	Jessica White
Ashleigh Clark	Kate Marumaru
Louise Kauri	Ashley Turner
Gina Steven	Keryn Knight
Daniel Rowe	Danielle Balmer
Alex Denby	Jasmin Vanderwerff
Trent Clayton	Kate Mora
Kris Bailey	David Bish
Isaac O'Hagan	James Otter
Ryland Bennett	Leone Oldfield
Jacob Wilson	Nick Walton
Oliver Andrews	Keiran Cox
Emma Coley	Emily Rostron
Sam McKendry	Sophie Morris
Chloe Sharp	Alex Field
Harriet Purgal	Kate Blundell
Louise Thomas	Cheryl Hannah
Michael Judd	Paige Zimmerman
Enjoli Hollis-Slack	Anna Sullivan
Olivia Jacobs	Briar Robertson
Allanah Roberts	Kristy Grant

Level 1 Excellence

Jessica McLean	Thomas Gilchrist
Kristi Atkins	Lauren Henderson

Level 2 Merit

Mat Waghorn	Sam Waugh
Sam Grainger	Kelly Ingram
Caroline Christison	Ross Tompkins
Emma Pettigrew	Sarah Martin
Debra Czornookyj	Hayley Anderson
Rachel Gorniot	Steph Mosley
Katie Stratton	Chad Boyack
Kate Ball	Cameron Adams
Kristina Illston	Kaitlyn Corpe
Helene Low	Sean Rankin
Monique Thomas	Megan Smythe
Eloise Campbell	Nida Darr
Fraser Clarke	Imogen Atkins
Lucy Coleman	

Level 2 Excellence

Fletcher Horsfield	Daniel Simpson
Jess Dunne	Rowan Patching
Emma Maddox	Matt Fannin

Cam Rakatau has achieved his Level 1 and 2 referee's badge for touch.

Sarah Champion, Tiana Matthews, Chad Boyack and Damien Silk were selected for the Manawatu U16 tennis team.

Athletics champions:

Junior Girls	Amy Cokayne
Junior Boys	Joe Czornookyj
Intermediate Girls	Stephanie Dickins
Intermediate Boys	Josh Hughes
Senior Girls	Jane Medicott
Senior Boys	Dane Whale

Jamie Perigo has been selected for the New Zealand U17 rugby training squad.

Sarah Goss has been selected for the New Zealand 7s training squad.

Kiriana Butler has been selected for the New Zealand U16 polocrosse team

At the Golden Shears:

Sarah Goss (Year 13)	3 rd Place Female Junior Division
Simon Goss (Year 9)	10 th in the Juniors
Dan Rush (Year 11)	10 th in the Novice

Andre Hoggard (108 NO) and Keegan Crook (101) have been performing well for the FAHS – Feilding High School Blue cricket team.

Helene Low and Monique Thomas are this year's School Council Secretary and Treasurer.

Sam Ellery and Hamish Watson are the 2010 Sports Representatives.

National Mountain Biking Championships:

Mat Waghorn	6 th Place U19
Nathan Waghorn	13 th Place U17
Siobhan MacDonald	4 th Place U17

INTERIM REPORTS / REPORT EVENING

These were issued on Thursday 4 March 2010. If you have not received a copy please contact the appropriate Dean.

Year 9	Mrs Ellery	Year 10	Mrs Paki
Year 11	Mr Viles	Year 12	Mrs Clarke
Year 13	Mr Jeffreys		

We will be holding a report afternoon this coming Tuesday, 16 March 2010, 3.30 – 6.30 PM. School will finish at 3.00 PM.

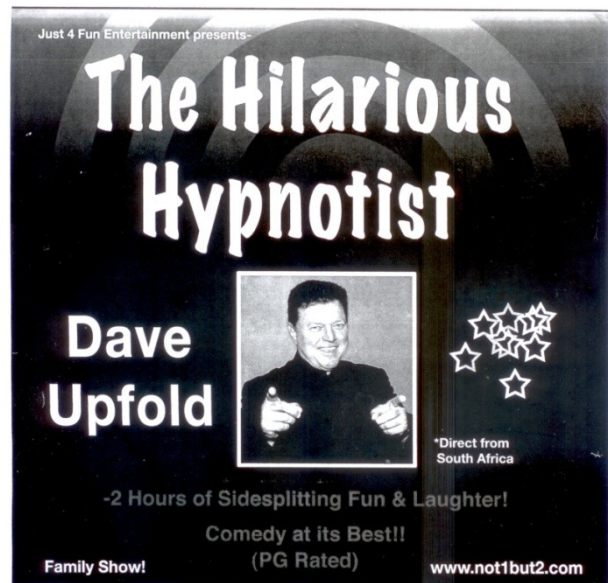
PAID UNION MEETING

On Wednesday 24 March 2010 school will close for instruction at 12.10 PM as union staff will be attending a meeting in Palmerston North. We will be running four shortened periods on the day. If you require your children to be supervised for the remainder of the school day please contact the school office. Non union staff will be available for supervision. Buses will run at the usual times.

HOSTING EXCHANGE STUDENTS

EF seeks hosts for exchange students arriving this June. For further information please telephone Ellen Witt, 3236014. EF also sends local students to a wide range of countries on exchange. Telephone Ellen for an application form.

FRENCH FUNDRAISER



Feilding High School

(Educational Tour to France Fundraiser)

Mon 22nd & Wed 24th March - 7.00pm

Tickets from F A H S Stationery Room

Tickets only : \$ 20.00

Normal Theatre / Casino Ticket Price \$ 59.00pp

COMING EVENTS

March

- 13 MISSA Athletics at Massey Track
- 16 Late Start Tuesday
Report Afternoon, 3.30 – 6.30 PM, Hall
11 Geography Field Trip to Napier
- 17 International Arts Festival Trip (PM)
- 18 Year 13 Geography Field Trip (2 days)
- 22 Hypnotist Fundraiser for French Trip, 7.00 PM, Hall
12 Outdoor Education Trip to Titahi Bay
- 23 **Nominations for BOT Elections Close**
- 24 13 Biology Field Trip
Hypnotist Fundraiser for French Trip, 7.00 PM, Hall
Paid Union Meeting – School Finishes at 12.10 PM
- 25 School Production – Food & Farce (3 days)
- 30 Late Start Tuesday
- 31 BOT Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber

April

- 1 HPV Immunisations (Years 10, 11, 12)
Last Day of Term 1
- 19 First Day of Term 2
- 20 Late Start Tuesday
- 27 ANZAC Day Assembly
- 28 BOT Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber

May

- 4 Late Start Tuesday
- 7 **BOT Elections Close 12.00 Noon**
- 17 Senior Exams Begin Periods 1 and 2 Only (2 weeks)

R.S. MENZIES

Principal