

Term 2 is nearing an end and many are looking forward to the two week break.

Seniors have just completed their first set of exams and reports will be issued at our coming report afternoons on Tuesday 29 June 2010 and Thursday 1 July 2010 from 3.30 – 6.30 PM. At our last assembly I spoke with students about what happens from now is what’s important. The exams will have highlighted areas of concern and if improvements or changes are not made then the same mistakes will be made next time. Over the holiday break seniors should set aside time for revision. Possible actions could be:

- to break down notes into manageable chunks and perhaps write these on flash cards.
- to focus on things they find difficult.
- to purchase a revision book and complete some sections.
- to write model answers to questions they did not answer or answered poorly in the exams.
- to practise writing an essay of the type that could well come up in future exams.

As I said to the assembly, you only get good at something through practise.

Our choir and Lyrical Ladies group competed with credit at The Big Sing last Friday. Their items were very polished and well received by the audience. I wish to acknowledge the expert guidance of Mrs Jones and Mrs Kirsten Clarke.

Next week we will be holding our annual Open Day and community work day for all Year 10 students. Having our Year 10 students working within the community frees up enough staff to host the 1000 plus visitors expected.

June has been an exciting month for rugby at FAHS – Feilding High School. Sarah Goss was selected for the New Zealand Women’s Aotearoa Sevens team that won their tournament in Rome – an outstanding achievement for a 17 year old. We also had past students, Aaron Smith and Sam Whitelock, playing for the New Zealand Maoris and All Blacks respectively; Sam scoring two tries on debut was an added bonus.

Over Queen’s Birthday Weekend our regional winning Sheilah Winn Shakespeare troupe competed at the national finals in Wellington. They won the prestigious Best Understanding of the Play trophy which was just reward for all their hard work. My thanks to Miss Harris for her work with this group.

REPORT AFTERNOONS

Collect your child’s mid-year report at one of the report afternoons, 3.30 – 6.30 PM in the assembly hall. Reports will be available from 3.00 PM.

Tuesday 29 June 2010 / Thursday 1 July 2010

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MATTERS

The newly elected Board is as follows:

Mrs Glenys Taylor	(Chairperson)
Mrs Jayne Cameron	
Mr Geoff Walker	Newly Elected
Mr Shane Hoggard	Newly Elected
Mr Michael Campion	Newly Elected
Mr Kevin Hodgetts	Co-opted
Mrs Cathie Prior	Co-opted

I wish them every success in their important governance role.

The following policies are coming up for review shortly:

Adult Students	Child Abuse
Health & Safety	Homework
Infection Control	Leave
Non-Violence	Farms
Food and Nutrition	Harassment
Library	Planning & Decision Making
Policy Making	Privacy
Professional Development	Programme Development
Programme Evaluation	Property Management
Protected Disclosures	Quality System
School Council	Self Review
Staff Appointments	Staff Appraisal
Student Assessment	Student Entry
Student Guidance & Support	Suspensions
Teaching Staff Discipline	Treaty of Waitangi
Work Experience	Work Related Expenses
International Fee Paying Students	
Off-Site Practical / Work Based Components	
Recording & Archiving Achievement Data	
Reporting to Parents or Caregivers	
Principal’s Performance Appraisal	

Tenders for the science laboratories upgrade and the main quadrangle landscaping have been let with the building of the new senior common room coming up later in the year.

The Board has reluctantly closed the Community Learning Centre as from the beginning of Term 3. Patronage has fallen off greatly since last year’s funding cuts. The Community Learning Centre has been in operation since 1938.

Each year we publish our Complaints Policy:

Rationale:

The Board of Trustees has the obligation and responsibility to ensure that complaints are resolved in a manner that accords fair process to the complainant and person complained about.

Purposes:

1. To provide a procedure by which complaints can be made.
2. To provide a method for investigating complaints.
3. To achieve acceptable outcomes to complaints.

Guidelines:

1. Complaints whether verbal or written are to be referred to the Principal / Chief Executive or if against the Principal to the Board of Trustees chairperson. Appropriate assistance will be offered if there are difficulties in submitting a written complaint.
2. The Principal / Chief Executive will ensure that complaints are dealt with at the appropriate level.
3. All parties to the complaint should be consulted during the investigation of the complaint.
4. The Principal / Chief Executive will attempt to resolve complaints as fairly and amicably as possible.
5. The requirements of employment contracts, natural justice and relevant legislation will be complied with.
6. Unsolved complaints will be reported by the Principal / Chief Executive to the Board of Trustees chairperson.
7. Complainants have the right of appeal to the Board of Trustees. This must be in writing and signed by the complainant.
8. Potential disciplinary matters will be addressed in accordance with relevant disciplinary provisions.

9. Where a complaint may have a potential disciplinary consequence for a person they should be advised of their right to representation.
10. All parties involved in a complaint will be advised of the outcome.

Conclusion:

Procedural fairness is essential in all matters relating to complaints. Adherence to clearly understood and fair procedures will assist in the resolution of complaints.

STUDENT MATTERS

The Maatangi Whenua Geography team of Amy Hayes, Thomas Holmes and Patrick Millward finished second in the regional competition.

Sarah Goss was selected for the NZ Aotearoa Women’s Sevens team that won the Rome tournament.

Congratulations to Lisa Swinbanks, Jess Dunne, Imogen Atkins, Steph Mosley, Rowan Patching, Jesse Richardson, Jacob Wilson and Brooke Rush for their Shakespearean efforts.

Mathew Waghorn will be travelling to Canada to compete in the World Mountain Biking Championships in September. He will be competing in a world circuit event in the USA prior to this. We wish him every success.

Stephanie Dickins, Summer Willis, Josh Hughes and Bryce Hirschberg will be competing at the National Cross Country Championships at Waikanae this Saturday. We wish them all the best.

Congratulations to Jordan Wilson for winning a national motocross title in Christchurch recently.

TALENT QUEST

22 July 2010, 7.30 PM in the school hall. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be available from the Music Department and students of Japanese. All proceeds are in support of the Japan trip and to buy music resources. Proceeds from people’s choice voting will go to the SPCA. As well as Talent Quest entries there will be items from school music groups.

SELL (Student Enterprise Learning Link)

Enterprise New Zealand Trust came into school last week 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 Deputy Mayor Matt Bell, and local business people Christall Lowe, Margaret Kouvelis, Michael Ford and Hamish Williams in a Dragon’s Den Scenario. Congratulations to the following winning teams:

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| Marketing Award | Magic Monitor, CEO Taine Knight |
| Production Award | Autogate, CEO Kieran Turton |
| Teamwork Award | Magic Mailbox, CEO Ame McSporrان |
| Finance Award | Zunch Lunchware, CEO Lauren Harrigan |
| Overall Winner & Sustainability Award | Enviro Cleanser, CEO Aiden Brew |

UNIVERSITIES TIGHTEN ENTRY

Massey and Victoria Universities have changed their enrolment criteria for 2011. University Entrance will no longer be good enough. Students will have to accumulate 120 points at Level 3: Achieve credits will count for 2, Merit credits will count for 3, and Excellence credits will count for 4.

So, you will need 60 Level 3 credits at Achieve to gain entry. For specialist courses Achieve credits will not be good enough. So Merits and Excellences must be the goal for university hopefuls. The Government only wants to fund those students who are highly likely to pass.

NZQA FEES

These are due by 3 September 2010.

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours will continue as per this term - Monday and Wednesday, 3.30 – 4.30 PM, and Tuesday 1.00 – 2.00 PM. During the school holidays the shop will only be open on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 July 2010 (enquire at the main office in the first instance).

We now have girls’ socks (\$7.00) and stockings (\$8.50).

OUTSTANDING SPORTS FEES

A number of students have outstanding sports fees. If they are not paid by this Friday, 18 June 2010, or alternative arrangements to pay have not been made with Mrs Norman, then those concerned will be withdrawn from their teams.

COMING EVENTS

June

- 17 Manu Korero
Year 13 Production
Year 12 / 13 Economics Trip
- 19 Hostel Ball
- 22 Year 12 Production
- 24 Open Day
Year 10 Community Work Day
- 29 Late Start Tuesday
Report Evening 1, 3.30 – 6.30 PM
- 30 Year 11 – 13 Drama Trip (PM)
Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber

July

- 1 Report Evening 2, 3.30 – 6.30 PM
- 2 Last Day of Term 2
- 19 First Day of Term 3
- 20 Late Start Tuesday
- 21 PTA Meeting, 7.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 22 Talent Quest, 7.30 PM, Hall
- 23 Year 13 Economics / Accounting Trip to Massey
- 27 Kapa Haka Trip to Rotorua (4 days)
- 28 Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.30 PM, Council Chamber
- 29 One Act Play Festival (Feilding – 3 days)
Year 11 – 13 Subject Books Issued

August

- 3 Late Start Tuesday
Years 10 – 12 Subject Information Evening
- 5 Complete Subject Choices Years 10 – 12
- 14 Wearable Art Awards Evening – Evento at Manfeild Park

R.S. MENZIES
Principal

