

The end of term is only nine days away for our seniors so all of the end of year processes and procedures are included in this newsletter.

NCEA exams begin on Thursday 10 November 2011 so for seniors this must be their absolute focus. Most faculties are offering tutorials so I encourage students to make the most of these revision opportunities.

Our annual Arts Awards are being held this Thursday evening at 7.30 PM in the school hall. I encourage your attendance to celebrate the significant successes that we have had this year.

We have 10 students, along with our boys' and girls' 1<sup>st</sup> XV's, nominated for the Manawatu Secondary Schools' Sports Awards which will be held this coming Wednesday. Students are as follows:

Stephanie Dickins	Athletics
Amy Cokayne	Athletics
Cody Mason	Basketball
Surry Coombes	Basketball
Thomas Bishop	Clay Target Shooting
Leanne Ireland	Equestrian
Ben Edwards	Rugby
Jaymi Ngaia	Rugby
Christopher Smithers	Swimming
Damien Silk	Tennis

We wish them every success.

This year's Mini Bike Challenge was held at Manfeild over the holiday break and FAHS – Feilding High School again won the school trophy. We had 105 bikes competing out of a total of 270.

The Ministry has approved staffing for 2012 for a roll of 1404, although we expect a much higher roll than this. At present the school is fully staffed for next year. Mr Michael Maher, Head of Faculty Mathematics, is the only staff member leaving, which represents a record low in my time as Principal. I wish Mr Maher every success in the business venture that he is beginning and thank him for his input.

It was great to have Sam Whitelock (FAHS 2001 – 2005) in our winning Rugby World Cup All Black team. Having a FAHS – Feilding High School link to the team made the tournament all that more special. His brother, Luke (FAHS 2003 – 2008), was one of three players nominated for the IRB Young Player of the Year at the recent awards in Auckland which was a great honour.

We are again holding a separate Year 11 Prize-giving. This will be held at 12.20 PM on Tuesday 8 November 2011, with our Senior Prize-giving being held at 7.30 PM.

I wish the Senior Boys' Basketball team all the best for their trip to the USA. They are away for three weeks, leaving on 4 December 2011, and will be playing six games at a tournament in Pasadena. My thanks go to Mr

Larsen and Mrs Lawton for all their efforts in organising this trip.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The new Student Representative on the Board of Trustees is Kate Parkinson. I wish to acknowledge Deirdre Roberts' input as the Student Representative this year.

The Year 13 Common Room has now been completed and is awaiting furniture.

Plans for the refurbishment of the gymnasium and hall are presently being prepared.

Recent presentations to the Board of Trustees have been from the Learning Support and Mathematics Faculties.

**SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING**  
 Tuesday 8 November 2011 in the school assembly hall.  
 School will finish at 1.15 PM on this day.

Year 11 - 12.20 PM      Year 12 / 13 - 7.30 PM

**JUNIOR PRIZE-GIVING**  
 Thursday 8 December 2011, 10.00 AM in the school assembly hall. Students will leave for their holidays after Prize-giving.

**STUDENT MATTERS**

The following Year 13 students have won university scholarships so far:

Kristy Atkins	Victoria
Lauren Henderson	Auckland
Jessica McLean	Massey
Deneille Bligh	Otago

Caleb O'Fee and Lauren Hunt will be our 2012 President and Vice President.

Australian Science Exam Distinctions:

Damon Kleinschmidt	Sam Pike
Todd Parkinson	

Australian English Exam Distinctions:

Year 9

May Ponsonby	Gerard Horsfield
Ben Henderson	Zoe Fraser
Emma Wills	Holly Steven
Liam Clarke	Georgia Rubery
Daniel Lees	

Year 10

Lauren Hercock	Kelly Davey
Molly Jowsey	Amy Kowalewski
Sam Pike	Eliza Mudgeway
Niamh Conlon	Bailey Chapman

Year 12

Victoria Steven

Ben Edwards gained selection in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' rugby team that competed against Australia over the holidays.

Our Reserve Bank Monetary Policy Challenge team of Waitapu Potaka, Declan Forrest, Ashleigh Clarke and Ashleigh Turner gained a merit award.

Mollie Cartridge and Ashleigh Hill have gained their Netball Centre Umpire Badge. Kyla Hesketh won a New World Volunteer Award for netball.

Our canoe polo team finished third in a recent A Grade tournament.

Bryce Hirschberg was a stand-out cyclist for the school at the recent national teams' event.

Stand-out riders at the Mini Bike Challenge were Britney Shirriffs, Jake Anderson, Tane Knight, Tom Bishop, Jesse Anderson and Shaun Evans.

Our rugby sevens team will be representing Manawatu at the Condor Sevens in Auckland on 4 December 2011. The team is being coached by Mr Kerry Whale.

MacKenzie Nuku and Danielle Zentveld were part of the Manawatu representative U15 basketball team that qualified second at the Zone 3 Premier Tournament and won their way to the Nationals in Nelson.

New Zealand Economics Competition results:

High Distinction

Hannah Prior

Distinction

Zane Crook

Dylan Gowan

Harriet Durgal

Amy Hayes

Victoria Steven

**LATE START TUESDAY**

There will be no more late start Tuesdays for the remainder of 2011.

**2012 START DATES**

Year 12 / 13 Re-enrolment

10.00 AM – 12.00 noon in the school library.

Tuesday 24 January 2012 Surnames A – M

Wednesday 25 January 2012 Surnames N – Z

2012 School Year

Monday 30 January 2012 Year 9 and 13 8.40 AM

Tuesday 31 January 2012 Year 12 8.40 AM

Year 11 11.20 AM

Wednesday 1 February 2012 Year 10 8.40 AM

**YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

This begins on 15 November 2011. Money needs to be paid by 4 November 2011 at the latest to ensure smooth organisation.

**YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

The final date for payment is Tuesday 1 November 2011. Please help us by meeting this deadline. Your son / daughter should be coming home with notices and health forms relating to their camp choice.

All day trip activities will receive a notice in Week 3.

Manchester Lions Club has kindly sponsored two students on a Spirit of Adventure voyage. Congratulations to Chris Curtis and Charlotte Seal who are the first recipients of this award.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

New senior uniform will be available from mid-November. Photos will be on the school web site for viewing.

Thank you for the donations of uniform that have arrived. Please feel free to drop off any donations to the main office.

The uniform shop will only be open on Saturdays during November due to NCEA Exams - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9.30 AM to 12.30 PM.

**HOMESTAY HOSTS WANTED**

We require short term and long term home stay hosts for international students attending our school. We need kind, caring, responsible hosts with a genuine interest in welcoming an international student into their home. Some students may arrive with limited English so patience and understanding is required. For further information contact Jo Brew on 3234029.

**COMING EVENTS**

November

2 Manawatu Secondary Schools' Sports Awards

3 Arts Awards, 7.30 PM, Assembly Hall

4 Young Achievers Awards, Civic Centre

7 Hostel Valedictory Dinner

8 Year 11 Prize-giving, 12.20 PM

School Finishes 1.15 PM

Senior Prize-giving, 7.30 PM

9 Final Senior Assembly

10 NCEA Exams begin

11 Junior Exams (2 days)

21 Year 9 Outdoor Education (4 days)

28 Year 10 Outdoor Education Camps begin (5 days)

December

4 National Secondary Schools' Condor Rugby Sevens

5 Senior Book Return Day in the Hall

Auditions for 2012 Production

8 Junior Prize-giving, 10.00 AM, Assembly Hall

Last Day of the Year

9 Secondary Schools' Touch Nationals, Hamilton (3 days)

January

24 Re-enrolment for Year 12 / 13 students, surnames A - M, 10.00 AM – 12.00 noon, Library

25 Re-enrolment for Year 12 / 13 students, surnames N - Z, 10.00 AM – 12.00 noon, Library

R.S. MENZIES

Principal