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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Tena koutou e te Whaanau

#### The Importance of School Attendance

Improving school attendance remains a school priority and I congratulate those students who are **regular** school attenders. To be a **regular** school attender a student needs to be attending school more than 90%, which means they are attending school at least 9 days a fortnight. This is important because research has established a direct correlation between attendance and achievement. The research concludes that the more a student attends, the more likely they will be able to optimise their learning and their achievement.

Similarly, the research concludes that the more a student is absent, the more likely it is that they will not achieve to the level that they are capable. It has a direct impact on the opportunities that they can participate in once they leave school.

It is important that we support our students who are **irregularly** and **moderately** absent from school to become regular school attenders.

**Irregularly** absent from school is defined as attending school more than 80% and up to 90% (students missing 5 – 9 ½ days of a standard term).

**Moderately** absent from school is defined as attending school more than 70% and up to 80% (students missing 10 – 14 ½ days of a standard term).

I encourage parents and caregivers to monitor school attendance and to contact the school if you have concerns about the level of your child's attendance. If the school has your email address, you should be receiving weekly attendance data summary of your child. If you are not receiving this, please contact the school. Below is an example of the **Weekly Attendance Summary** that you should be receiving.

#### Weekly Attendance Summary

Kia ora, please see the details of your attendance for the previous week. Attendance stats are for 1/2 day attendance and lates for the last week, last three weeks, and this year.

Below are the half day attendance rates:

- Last Week 100%
- Last Three Weeks: 100%
- This Year: 88%
- Term 1: 87%
- Term 2: 100%

Table Showing attendance from last week.

Date	1	WA	A	L1	2	L2	3	ST
Wed 26 Apr	MAC300 MTS*	Akotahi DNA*			CHE300 LJA*		BIO300 DSU*	
Thu 27 Apr	PHY300 KRS*				ENG300 JCO*		MAC300 MTS*	
Fri 28 Apr	CHE300 LJA*	Akotahi DNA*			BIO300 DSU*		PHY300 KRS*	

You can also access live attendance through the parent portal.



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# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

## School Surveys

Over the next seven weeks we will be conducting various surveys to access data. This will assist with our planning to improve how we can engage in our core business of improving learning, enabling progress, and lifting achievement.

## Voice of Rangatahi (Young People) Survey

From August 8 to August 18, students will be invited to complete the Voice of Rangatahi (Young People) survey. An information letter about the survey was distributed to parents and students on August 3rd. Fairfield College is partnering with Sport Waikato and Sport New Zealand to carry out this online survey which is about the sport, physical activity, and active recreation experiences of our students both inside and outside of school. Collecting and analysing this information will enable us to meet the

physical activity needs more effectively of our students and ultimately support them to develop a lifelong love of being active.

## Fairfield College Wellbeing/Hauora Survey

From August 21 to August 30 students and staff will be invited to complete a Fairfield College Wellbeing/Hauora survey. This will provide us with data to inform our planning to improve the wellbeing of our students and staff.

## Fairfield College Rongohia te Hau Survey

From September 4th to September, 15th students, staff, and parents will be invited to complete surveys that will enable the school to collect perception information about the quality of student learning experiences. The school conducted these

surveys last in 2021. The data that we collected informed our decision to strengthen our understanding and application of cooperative learning and also culturally responsive pedagogy. Below is an example of a spider chart that was produced from the data that we collected and reducing the variance between student and teacher perspectives has been a focus of our professional learning in 2022 and 2023.

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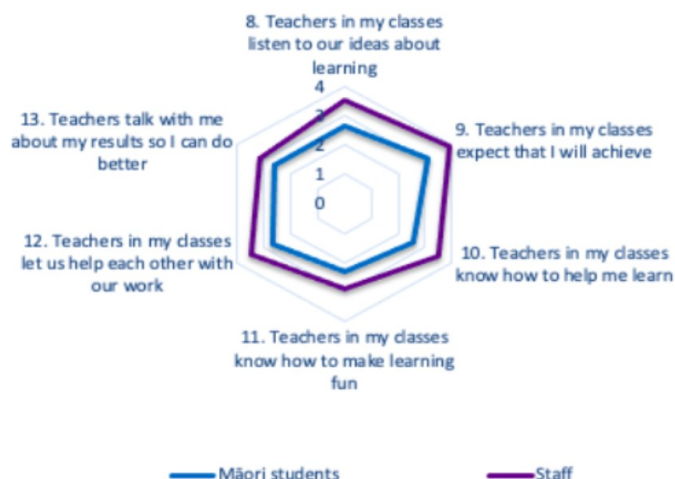


Richard Crawford  
PRINCIPAL

### Mean Ratings for relational items



### Mean Ratings for pedagogical items



## LEARNING CONFERENCES

Thank you to parents and caregivers who were able to attend the July 27th and July 31st learning conferences. I encourage parents and caregivers to contact the school to find out information about how your child is progressing at school.

## DEANS

Year 9	Stefanie Belworthy	belworthys@faircol.school.nz	Year 12	Dean Leary	learyd@faircol.school.nz
Year 10	Charlie Aughton	aughtonc@faircol.school.nz	Year 13	Jenny Heta	hetaj@faircol.school.nz
Year 11	Julie Wright	wrightj@faircol.school.nz			



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# AOTEAROA SPELLING BEE

I congratulate Fairfield College's top Year 9 and Year 10 Aotearoa Spelling Bee students. I enjoyed hosting them at a special Principal's lunch on August 3rd which acknowledged and celebrated their hard work and achievement. We had over 60 participants for the Spelling Bee across our Year 9 and Year 10 classes.

Students were given 50 words to spell. For example:

- Transmogrify
- Lugubrious
- Thalassic
- Pirouette
- Mendacious



We are proud of these students and look forward to seeing how they progress in the September 11th semi finals which will include oral and written tests.

Year 9 Student	Position	Result (50)
Chase Paterson-Rangitutia	1	49 = 98%
Ryan Wang	2	40 = 80%
Thomas Kelle-West	3	35 = 70%
Giana Mata	4	34 = 68%
Vitolia Nauer	5	33 = 66%

Year 10 Student	Position	Result (50)
Zayaan Kahn	1	49 = 98%
Diamond Wilson	2	47 = 94%
Linda Lam	3 <sup>rd</sup> Equal	45 = 90%
Kartus Hiku-Punga	3 <sup>rd</sup> Equal	45 = 90%
Brandon Hudson	4	40 = 80%

## STARS-OPOLY



On the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023, our Stars Year 9 Students and Peer Mentors took part in our Community Adventure event known as Stars-opoly. The game we play is a little like Monopoly, with a huge game board that Stars Groups make their way around and instead of utilities and streets, students roll the dice and land on either their local community organisations or school subjects. Students raced around the school getting to know their school subjects and local community organisations, carrying out fun challenges in order to earn points and find a Stars-opoly winning team. A huge congratulations to the runners up team - Unicorn Sparkle Pants of 9D, and the overall winning team - Sophie Harries Fan Club of 9F. A special mention to 9G who made the most creative kiwiana playing piece.



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# MAUNGA SING OFF

The Intermountain Sing-Off competition was the major event to close off term two. Mountains had to perform two songs - the school himene and a song of their choice. The theme for the song of choice was the 1980s, which was an era well before any of our students (and some of our teachers) were born. Despite this, a huge amount of practise and dedication was put in by each mountain over a five-week period, culminating in a fantastic final event which was held in the hall.

Our students put their shyness aside and sang their hearts out, with every performance being of the highest quality. Karioi were selected by our two independent judges as the winners on the day, with their dance moves to Michael Jackson's 'Billy Jean' being enough to sway the judges. Maungatautari finished in second place, Pirongia in third, and Kakepuku in fourth. A huge thank you to Mr Fergusson who set up the hall and got our maunga sounding great.

# SCHOOL CALANDAR

Upcoming Events

## TERM THREE

### AUGUST

- 3 Stars Planting Day 2
- 7-11 Inter-Mountain Netball
- 9 OED200 Mountain Biking
- 10 OED300 Mountain Biking
- 14-15 Forklift Licence Workshop
- 14-18 Dance Week
- 15 Year 11 Waitomo Trip
- 16-18 OED200 Snow Trip
- 17 Pasifika Awards
- 21 OED300 Mountain Biking Rotorua
- 21-25 Arts Week
- 22-24 APE300 Snow Trip
- 22-25 Stars Adventure Days
- 23 Senior Subject Choice Evening
- 27 FFC Market Day
- 28-1 Winter Sports Tournament

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Dress Up Day
- 4-5 FFC Showcase
- 4-8 Inter-Mountain Volleyball
- 5 OED100 Canyoning
- 12 Year 11 Speech Finals
- 13 Year 9 Speech Finals
- 14 Maaori Awards
- 18-20 Stars Graduation/Community
- 18-22 Chinese Language Week
- 21 Sports Awards
- 22 Inter-Mountain Event: The Big Quiz
- 22 Last day of term 3



## 2024 FAIRFIELD COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN DAY

### ● INFORMATION EVENING

Thursday 10th August 2023  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

All students are invited to attend an evening with Fairfield College Senior Leadership, Staff, and Students introducing and showcasing opportunities at Fairfield College.

### ● OPEN DAY

Friday 17th November 2023  
10:00am - 3:00pm

All students are invited to experience a snapshot of what Fairfield College can offer with a variety of interactive workshops. Please bring togs and towel. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Enrolment applications must be submitted by 1st December 2023. To enable us to cater for individual needs, all enrolling students will be interviewed.

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### UPCOMING DATES

Sunday 27th August  
Sunday 22nd October  
Sunday 26th November

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