



### Message from the Principal

#### *Tena koutou e te Whaanau*

The last two weeks has been great and I thank our students for the positive and responsible way that they are adapting to the Alert Level 2 public health requirements of our school. We are working together to find our new normal as we implement the health requirements into our everyday school actions and although we look forward to moving into the Alert Level 1 space there will be some practices that will become a permanent part of our new being. I particularly refer to the increase focus on hand sanitation, property cleaning, and hygiene practices.

There were also other changes that occurred as a result of the lockdown and I want to share an extract that I have taken from a letter that I sent as the Lead Principal to other Principals and Leaders of schools and Early Child Education organisations that are part of Te Pae Here (Community of Learning that consist of 19 schools and 12 ECEs

<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/know-your-col/col/profile-and-contact-details?col=99132>.

I share this extract because it encapsulates the need for us to think at a deeper level about the experiences that we have lived through as educators:

*It has been a period where we have been adapting to a new normal which for many of us has included a new way of communicating and teaching. For many of our students they have been required to engage in a new way of learning.*

*I look forward to meeting with our staff on June 8 to discuss the topic "What have we learned as a result of lockdown and what could become our new normal as we strive to be more effective in engaging students and whaanau in learning at Fairfield College." You may have also engaged or will be engaging in a similar exercise with the staff that you lead.*

*I would welcome the opportunity to develop a shared document that we can all access about the experiences of our staff and their thinking regarding the questions that have been posed. It*

*is important that we appreciate the challenge and rawness of this experience but that we also use it as a stepping stone to improve our school capacity and our Kaahui Ako capacity to be more effective in engaging in our core business of enabling effective learning through the delivery of quality teaching and all that this entails.*



Our learning from this experience, however will be incomplete if we do not include perspectives of students and whaanau. I am mainly referring to the experience of distance learning and I want to identify those aspect that students and whaanau may have found engaging as well as those aspects that were not so engaging. You could also provide feedback about the communications that you received from the school during this period or any other perspectives of the experience that you wish to share. I invite you to share your perspectives through emailing these to [brownl@faircol.school.nz](mailto:brownl@faircol.school.nz)

### Learning at Fairfield College (May 19 – May 29)

During these Alert Level 2 weeks it has been affirming to see how students and teachers are engaging in on site learning and teaching. I want to share with you some of the learning experiences that students have been engaging in. Most of these learning experiences are represented through photographs as these demonstrate the happiness and joy of both students and staff in being back on site at Fairfield College.



Mr Van Beurden shares the following about the learning of I10H Social studies:  
I was contacted by an old boss of mine in the

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**MAUNGATAUTARI**

**KARIOI**

**KAKEPUKU**

**PIRONGIA**

UK who works caring for the elderly in the UK. He is a retired Police Inspector and he works closely with WW2 veterans in London and outer counties, specifically at the Chelsea Pensioner Hospital. He reached out to a number of people to see if they were interested in writing letters to a specific man called George Skipper. I decided as an activity to have 10H write an individual letter to him and to use the time to focus on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2 this year. This has proved a challenging task for many, however, there has also been some excellent work surprisingly from many male students. George is 97 years old ex-service man and due to Covid-19 is house bound. Things are a lot different in the UK to what they are in NZ for many elderly. We as a class used the time to talk about the D Day Landings and Europe being liberated by allied troops of which George and New Zealand took part. We also touch on Nazi occupied Europe and will expand on this later this term.

Below is a video on George and a bio on him. Mr Thompson in English will be finalizing the letters and I will be printing and sending these off with the photo we took today to him on Friday. The New Zealand flag we used was also from 1945 and was flown on The Mall in London on VE day. This I acquired from my own time in the UK. <https://www.chelsea-pensioners.co.uk/news/profile-george-skipper>

George has also made the news in the UK and a short clip on him is also provided. He was due to also attend the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2 this year but could not attend. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZKlhJuJ9As>



**Ms Houlihan's Year 13 students happy to be back in their English class**



**Mr Irving's Whakairo students hard at work and happy to be back**



**Students and Staff happy to be celebrating Samoan Language Week**



**Mr Suter's Year 11 Science happy to be back**



**Mr Whitiora's PE class are all smiles**



**CELEBRATING SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK**

**Student Reports and Learning Conferences schedule**

Reports for Year 11, 12, and 13 students will be distributed in the week of June 15 to June 19. Reports for Year 9 and Year 10 students will be distributed in the week of June 29 to July 3.

Learning conferences will be held on Thursday July 30 and Tuesday August 2.

**Revive a smile returns to Fairfield College**

I am happy to report that our dental provider returns to Fairfield College on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the third year that they have provided our students with dental care. For students to access the treatment they need to complete an information form that can be accessed on the school website [www.faircol.school.nz](http://www.faircol.school.nz) or the student services.

We are fortunate to be in a partnership with the charity because they are also able to support other members of our community that require dental treatment but are unable to afford it. Please see the link for information about Revive a Smile <https://www.nzdentalcharity.org/>



*R. Crawford*  
 Nga mihi nui  
**Richard Crawford**  
 PRINCIPAL

Thanks again for your continued support.

*Sporting Achievements*

Congratulations to Makaira Browne, Year 10 student at Fairfield College, who represented Waikato Elite U14 Touch team at the Northern IPS (Inter Provincial Series) held in Rotorua last term. The team won the gold medal in their division and Makaira was named the Most Valuable Player, a huge achievement. Well done Makaira, we are super e proud of you!



*Mountain Update*

**May the Month of Themed Fridays**

To help us through lockdown, we created a theme for every Friday in May to give us something positive to look forward to, especially as we have missed out on doing some of our Mountain events in 2020. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed in some way. We celebrated NZ Music Month, Mother's Day, International Family Day, Pink and White Shirt Day and Samoan Language Week.

Upcoming events for the remainder of Term 2 are: Dress up Day, Inter-Mountain Football, Noticeboard competition for Waananga Akotahi, Esports Competition and the School Cross Country.



*Left photo: Year 9 student Logan Clarke and his whaanau celebrating 'NZ music' in their whaanau bubble Right photo: Year 13 student Christina Bateson and her whaanau dressed for 'best themed whaanau bubble' theme*

*School Calendar*

TERM 2/3		Upcoming Events		
JUNE				
1	QUEENS BIRTHDAY	Upcoming Events	24-25	OED300 Leadership Camp
2	Wintec Presentation		30	Year 10 Speech Final
	OED300 Climb Practice		<b>JULY</b>	
4	OED300 Climb Practice		2	CACTUS noho
8-12	Inter-mountain Football Week		3	School Cross Country
9	OED300 Lead Climb Practice			End of Term 2
9-10	Gateway Health & Safety		20	<b>Start of Term 3</b>
10	Waikato/BOP SS Cross Country Competition		23	Smashed programme (Year 9)
11-12	OED200 Navigation Day Tramp			Smart\$ Programme (Year 10)
12	GEO300 Field Trip		24	GEO100 Field Trip
16-17	OED300 Lead Climbing Assessment Camp		27	CACTUS 2020 starts
18	AUT Insights Presentation			WA Quiz
18-19	OED100 Rock Climbing and Caving Camp		29	NZ Blood Drive at FFC Hall
19	NZ School of Tourism		30	OED100 Camp & Tramp
22-26	Esports Competition		31	Waikato University Open Day



**ATHLETICS DAY**

## FFC Inter-Mountain Sports 2020

FFC annual Athletic Sports Day was held in the brilliant sunshine at Porritt Stadium on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. It was great to see our students in action both on the track and at the field events.

A fortnight later, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, our swimmers were on the starting blocks for our annual Swimming Sports. It was great to see some whanau coming to watch. Congratulations to our swimmers that broke records:

**Tess Cleaver (RF Year 11) broke 4 school records:**

- 25m Freestyle previously held by Mikayla Snook (2009) 15:08  
**NEW RECORD** — 14:23
- 50m Freestyle previously held by Charlotte McKinnon(2019) 32:94  
**NEW RECORD** — 31:39
- 25m Butterfly previously held by Erica Burns (2006) 16:90  
**NEW RECORD** — 15:79
- 4x25 Individual Medley previously held by Rebecca McKinnon (2017) 1:23:49  
**NEW RECORD** — 1:17:73

**Ryan Leeming (KA Year 11) also broke a record:**

- 25m Backstroke previously held by Peter Coombridge (2006) 16:12  
**NEW RECORD** — 15:08

Here are the results of the **Staff Relay**. Congratulations to everyone who swam this year, it was a great race.

- 1<sup>st</sup> — Maungatautari
- 2<sup>nd</sup> — Pirongia
- 3<sup>rd</sup> — Kakepuku
- DQ — Karioi

It has been a long time since FFC's last water-bombing competition, but in 2020 it was back. Congratulations to the following champions:

- 1st Zavien Deisher—RB                      2nd Dontay Mahara—PC
- 3rd Jeremy Marshall—KA

Bring on 2021!!!

