



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou e te Whaanau

It was a privilege today to complete Term 1 by holding our Anzac Day remembrance assembly. I thank our school student leadership team for organising the assembly. This was the first



Year 13 Student Heather Jamieson addressing students

school assembly of the year that we were able to operate physically rather than virtually. Special thanks to Heather Jamieson who was our student speaker. Thank you also to Mr Ferguson for his saxophone performance of the Last Post and Reveille.



Mr Jamey Ferguson performing the Last Post and Reveille

2022 Fairfield College Charter

Thank you to the Board of Trustees for setting the 2022 School Charter. The Charter is available for viewing on the school website.

On Tuesday April 12 we received the following feedback about the 2022 Charter, from Ms Tania Flintoff, the school's Education Advisor, from the Ministry of Education.

Student well-being and hauora is at the centre of your strategy which is of utmost importance as we know that learning, engagement and achievement all flow out of mauri ora. Other goals in your Charter are woven around each student achieving and feeling a sense of success in purposeful ways both now and post-secondary. As I read through your charter I was thinking of the whakataukii –

Ko te manu e kai ana te miro oona te ngahere, ko te manu e kai ana te maatauranga noona te ao

The bird that feasts on the miro reigns in the forest, the bird that feasts on education has access to the world

The journey you are on around disbanding streaming practices is well-researched and strengthened as you base this around Lewin's 3 step model of change. The strategic direction for Fairfield College and your ability to clearly articulate how you will get there is evident in your charter. I do not see your commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi as something that Fairfield College does, rather, I see it as a way of being for Fairfield College; part of who you are. You have a strong focus on student wellbeing and incorporating a culture of understanding and acceptance – which in these times will be paramount to helping re-engage students over the next few months.

Moving to the Orange Setting

Yesterday the government announced that New Zealand will move to Orange from 11:59pm last night, 13 April.

Although the change to Orange took place last night, we retained our red settings at school today, and we will be planning for the changes that we will be implementing when we return to school in Term 2. I will distribute information about how Fairfield College will operate under the Orange Setting on Thursday April 28.

School Reports Distributed

School reports can be accessed through the parent portal. Please contact the school through email if you require support to access the parent portal. Information to access this was distributed earlier in the week. Parent, student, and teacher Learning Conferences are taking place on May 18. Bookings for these appointments will be opened when we return to Term 2.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED

Acknowledging FFC Students

I acknowledge our students who have adapted responsibly to the safety measures that we have put in place to manage on-site learning under the Red Setting. Their wearing of face coverings has particularly been a standout, and this was acknowledged by a grandmother through the following email:

Hi Mr Crawford

I wish to acknowledge how impressed I was with the students today while I was waiting in my car for my grandchildren. As they were leaving the school grounds, they were either still wearing their masks or had them under their chin which of course was evidence that they had been wearing them during class. It is so wonderful to see the students taking the Covid outbreak seriously. You can be very proud of them. I realise how difficult it must be as a principal to work through this Covid crisis and having to adapt to it. So, I felt it only right that you should hear something positive.

The wearing of face coverings at school under the Orange Setting is no longer mandatory but we encourage all of our staff and students to continue with the wearing of face coverings when indoors.

Acknowledging FFC Staff

Managing the challenges of Omicron have been very difficult during Term 1 and I acknowledge the response of our staff who have worked hard to ensure that Fairfield College remained open for on-site learning for all students at all levels. Thank you for your support and understanding as we have operated under these challenging conditions.

On Wednesday April 13 the FFC Board of Trustees provided a special morning tea to express their appreciation for the committed efforts of our staff. We presented three "Above and Beyond" awards to people who have been crucial in helping FFC remain open. I acknowledge that there are many others



"Above & Beyond" recipients: Wafa Romayah, Daya Nand and Jenny Rae-Middleton

that could have received this award and I thank them for their efforts,

The awards were made to Mr Daya Nand who has the responsibility of organising cover for staff that are absent and the isolation requirements of omicron made this task more challenging than normal. We also recognised two retired long-serving FFC teachers who made themselves available whenever required to cover for absent teachers: Mrs Jenny Rae-Middleton and Mrs Wafa Romayah. We acknowledge their Term 1 "Above and Beyond" efforts that significantly

contributed to Fairfield College being able to remain open for on-site learning in Term 1.

Increasing Staff Cultural Capability through learning about the Significance of Ramadan



Mustafa Farouk with Principal Richard Crawford

It was a privilege to host Mr Mustafa Farouk who shared with staff the importance of Ramadan. He visited the school on Wednesday April 13. We thank him for his generosity in giving his time to increase our understanding of Ramadan. Increasing our cultural capability is an important driver to continuously improve our performance.

Thank you for your continued support. It is a privilege to be the principal of Fairfield College. We look forward to a very busy and exciting Term 2.

Ngaa mihi nui
Richard Crawford
PRINCIPAL

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Fairfield College would like to thank all those whaanau that participated in our survey:

'Rongohia te Hau'

The results of this survey are being analysed and we are working on your valuable input to provide an action plan. We will notify you once this has been actioned.

Once again thank you and your voice does matter!

OUR MOTTO IS WE SERVE

Lions are ordinary men, women and young people from all walks of life. We are united in our desire to make a difference by contributing our personal time and talents to help other people. In New Zealand 9,500 members belong to 350 clubs.

We are community volunteers who roll up our sleeves to help in all kinds of ways. In terms of our contribution on projects, it is estimated Lions Clubs contribute more than \$100 million each year for charitable organisations here and in the Pacific Islands. We are proud that every dollar raised from the public goes to the cause.

We do not take a percentage of the money for our own purposes. This makes us distinctly different from other charities and fund raisers and entirely NFP. East Hamilton Lions Club has an annual book fair which raises money that goes back directly into our local community. If you are interested in helping us fulfil our pledge to serve the community in various ways, please give us a call.

We are a small and friendly club who would like to have new members join us. It is not a lot of work when shared. We meet for a dinner meeting on the second Monday of the month and a business meeting on the fourth Monday.

If you are interested in joining us or require more information, please phone one of the contacts below. Also, feel free to come to a dinner meeting to meet with us.

Glenys Morrow 021 141 5066

Maurice Roper 021 051 7412

Cheryl Blackburn 021 549 674



MOUNTAIN UPDATE



FFC staff and students dressed in Mountain colours



Poster designed by Leia Cadman Year 10

It has been a very strange term, with nearly all of our planned Mountain events either being postponed or cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The one event that we have been able to hold, was our Maunga Dress Up Day on the 11th of March. It was great to see students and staff coming to school, in their maunga colours. We are working on some new events that hopefully will be able to take place in Term 2.

Mrs Jenny Heta—Mountain Leader

GULLY ECOLOGY

Some of the Year 9 science classes are getting down into the gully to learn about ecology. The students have had the chance to learn the names of native plants, identify bird song and see how different living things interact with each other. The overall goal is to establish if the gully can be restored to its former glory as the local iwi remember it. A place where the kereru flew in their hundreds.

This photo shows the students quietly filling in a sound log (they sit in silence recording anything they hear in the gully).

Mr Dean Suter—Co HOF Science



Year 9 Science classes in the FFC gully learning about Ecology

Mountain Results

MOUNTAIN COLOURS DRESS UP DAY RESULTS TERM 1 2022

Congratulations **Pirongia** for winning the first event of 2022!!

Congratulations MF, KB, PL, RH/RD for winning their respective WA competitions.

OVERALL MOUNTAIN PLACINGS

- 1st **Pirongia** 127/196 = 0.65 (pts/pp)
- 2nd **Kakepuku** 108/168 = 0.64 (pts/pp)
- 3rd **Karioi** 90/181 = 0.5 (pts/pp)
- 4th **Maungautari** 84/175 = 0.48 (pts/pp)

Join the conversation to help your teen prepare for their future!

- Up-to-date sector information
- Stories of Waikato young people in work
- Free career planning resources
- Tips for whānau
- Work-readiness tools
- Local Job Board



FUTUREFORCE CAREERS HUB



www.futureforce.nz



As we near the end of Term 1, FFC Sport is kicking into gear to start Term 2 with a hiss and a roar.

Now is the time to sign up for winter sport, team numbers are filling up fast so get in quick and register. What we offer for Winter Sports:

- Senior Boys Rugby ➤ Girls Rugby
- Junior Boys Rugby ➤ Senior Netball
- Junior Netball ➤ Hockey
- Boys Football ➤ Girls Football
- Boys Basketball ➤ Girls Basketball
- Badminton ➤ Volleyball
- Inline Hockey – if there's enough interest

If the winter sport your son/daughter are interested in is not listed, just get them to come and talk to Toni and Vikki over at the gym office and we'll see what we can do.

NB. Students no longer need to be vaccinated or have a vaccine pass to participate in any secondary school sporting programmes.

GIRLS RUGBY "Give it a Go" Sessions!

On Tuesday 29th March we had our first Girls Rugby "Give it a Go" session run by Melville Woman's Rugby Coach Matthew Chandler and on Thursday our second session was run by Waikato Rugby Union Secondary Schools Facilitator Paul Martin and Girls Activator Roelien Du Plessis. We thank them all for their support of Fairfield College Rugby. The girls who attended really enjoyed learning new skills and techniques. We are really hoping to get enough girls interested in playing rugby, so we can get a 10 aside team back in the Waikato Secondary Schools competition. The Tuesday and Thursday sessions will continue to happen for the next few weeks.

FFC Sport needs Coaches, FFC Sport needs you!

To enable our students – your sons & daughters – to play their favourite sport, we need help with coaching and managing their teams. Do you have some sporting strategies or knowledge and skills you can pass on to our students? Do you have a spare hour, once or twice a week for trainings? Are you able to attend competition games on game day? Are you just wanting to help out? We want to hear from you! Please contact Toni & Vikki by calling their office on 07-853 5660 ext 854 or by emailing them at the following—

Toni Phillips:

sport@faircol.school.nz

VikkiRangiawha:

rangiawhav@faircol.school.nz

Softball

Softball season starts in Term 4 of the previous year and finishes Term 1 of the next. The only code we know of that you can turn from a junior to a senior student in the same season.

Up until Term 4 2021, we were lucky to have a solid base of students to continue through each year with a relatively knowledgeable team.

This season was about "rebuilding the royals". Teaching them basic fundamentals and rules of the games. Enable them to enjoy it, to be a part of a team, in a brand new sport.



Toni & Vikki
—SPORTS CO-ORDINATORS

TERM ONE

APRIL

- 12-13 Health and Safety in the Workplace
- 13 OED200—Rock Systems
Student Elections Assembly
- 14 Staff vs Student Softball game
End of Term 1
- 15 Good Friday

TERM TWO

MAY

- 2 Start of Term 2
- 3-4 Health & Safety in the Workplace
- 5 OED200—Hakariamata Trip
- 6 University of Waikato follow up presentation
- 9 **NCEA Teacher Only Day—no school for students**
- 10 Honours Assembly
- 11 OED300—Abseil practise
- 11-12 Puuhoro Engineering Young Maaori Minds
- 17 OED100—Caving Karamu
- 18 X-Country
- 19 OED200—Wairere Falls Trip
- 20 **Pink & White** Shirt Day
- 24 Central Cross Country
- 25 OED300 / 100PE—Abseiling Full assessment
OED200—Mt Te Aroha
- 26 Waikato Swimming
- 27 WA Bunting Competition
- 30 Samoan Language Week

NB: All events dependant on Traffic Light system, cancellations are a possibility. Please check with Student Notices for updates.



GIRLS RUGBY "GIVE IT A GO" SESSION



SOFTBALL