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# **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Tena koutou e te whaanau,



The school year is rapidly coming to an end and term 4 has been another significant term for Fairfield College. It has been great to see our students achieve and for our staff to be working with students to enable this achievement to occur.

### Senior Prizegiving Ceremony

Congratulations to those students who were acknowledged at our Annual Senior Prizegiving held on Tuesday 31st October. Special congratulations to Jorja McKinnon who was awarded the Fairfield College Brian Wickham DUX Award. At our 2015 senior prize-giving we were privileged



to have our 1996 Dux, Hadley Wickham, address us as our guest speaker. It was also the year that Hadley and his father Brian and mother Allison started to provide a special monetary prize for the Dux and also the top mathematics/computer science student. This is the 9th consecutive year that this support has been offered and inclusive of the 2023 funding, total's \$22,500. Brian and Allison explained to me that the reason they offer this support is because of the valuable educational experience that their son, Hadley, and their daughter Charlotte received at Fairfield College. It was important for the Wickhams to support Fairfield College students who worked hard to achieve their goals. On the morning of our prizegiving, I received an email from Hadley that informed me that sadly his father, Brian, and a great supporter of Fairfield College passed away in August this year.







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### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE CONTINUED.

Hadley wrote that he knew that supporting Fairfield College was important to his father and he would like to continue providing the money- for prize scholarships. His final sentence read: Just let me know how much and where to send it.

When the scholarships were first awarded Brian requested that the Wickham name not be referenced, however, over the years he has attended several prize-givings and has made the award to the Dux. He was here last year (2022), where he awarded the Dux award to Nathan Bateson. In acknowledgement of Brian. Allison, and Hadley I have made the decision to refer to the Dux award as the Fairfield College Brian Wickham Dux award. Kua hinga teetahi totara o te wao nui o Tane. Me noho mai i te korowai o Ranginui kei reira e moe rangimarie ai ana. One of the giants of the great forest of Tane has fallen. Stay in Ranginui's cloak where you can sleep peacefully. Thank you, Brian, we will remember you.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ACADEMIC AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:		
Anabella Furmage	Year 11	<ul> <li>Ethne Mahoney Cup for Top Year 11 Student</li> <li>Pine Campbell Trophy for the Best Maaori Student Academic Studies Year 11</li> </ul>
Isaak Janssen	Year 12	Turnbull Cup, Top Year 12 Student
Rarua Kiriwi	Year 13	Recipient of the Waikato Regional Award & the recipient of the New Zealand Manukura Eke Panuku - Outstanding Career Navigator Participant Award 2023
Caleb Richardson	Year 13	<ul> <li>Aorangi Award for Excellence – Outstanding Performance of the Year in the University of Waikato Climate Ambassador Programme and as Fairfield College Environmental Group Leader</li> </ul>
Kyra Thornton	Year 13	<ul> <li>Shirley McKay Memorial Rose Bowl</li> <li>Recipient of the Leaders of Tomorrow Otago University Scholarship - \$7,500.00</li> </ul>
Kasen Taylor	Year 13	Napi Waaka Trophy – Best Maaori Student in Academic Subjects
Toakase Ma'u	Year 13	Recipient of the Sisitoutai Cup – Top Pasifika Student
Lucas Rudolph-Deeming	Year 13	Recipient of the Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award - \$2,000.00
Shakaila August	Year 13	Recipient of the Tae Whakamua Scholarship - \$7,500.00
Rebecca Adams	Year 13	Recipient of the David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship - \$6,000.00
Hollie McInnes	Year 13	<ul> <li>Proxime Accessit 2023</li> <li>Wickham Family Prize for Excellence in Computer Studies Mathematics</li> <li>Statistics - \$1,250.00</li> </ul>
Jorja Mckinnon	Year 13	<ul> <li>Recipient of the Brian Wickham DUX 2023</li> <li>Recipient of the Te Paewai o te Rangi University of Waikato Scholarship \$30,000.00</li> <li>Recipient of the David Johnstone Charitable Trust Scholarship - \$6,000.00</li> </ul>
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### **2023 INTERMOUNTAIN COMPETITION - WINNERS KARIOI**

The intermountain competition this year was another exciting chapter in the history of this school event. Congratulations to Karioi who are the intermountain champions for 2023. Finishing in equal second place were Kakepuku and Maungatautari, with Pirongia fourth.

The following Waananga Akotahi's also finished top of their respective maunga: RD, KC, MG and PH. Well done! To celebrate their victories, they were rewarded with a free pizza lunch on Tuesday October 31.



### TE OHOMAURI O WAIRERE

Wow what an experience. Five of our year 10 rangatahi were fortunate enough to attend the Waananga of a lifetime.

#### Day 1

We began by travelling to Te Parapara garden at the Hamilton Gardens. A garden created to model the original harvesting and growing of kumara in the local area. We were welcomed on by the esteemed Ngati Wairere member Wiremu Puke. We then travelled to base camp, which was Hukanui Marae, home of Wiremu Puke who once again welcomed us onto his Marae and into the wharenui. Next, we were introduced to Jamie Downes, life coach, who led us on a journey of Maaori identity and discovery through the use of Te ihirangaranga o puoro. Students were then gifted some personalised Koohatu. We then had a lesson about Maramataka by the esteemed Astrologist Piripi Lambert. This involved a night hike to the summit of Pukemokemoke.

#### Day 2

Students began their day by travelling to Pirongia, where we were met by Dr Oliver McLeod who taught the students how to break rocks and study the composition of them. Travelling back to the marae and into a session with traditional Taonga Puuoro led by experts Sebastion Lowe and Elise Goodge Next students were given a lecture about the carving of Hukanui Marae by Wiremu Puke, they were then shown some of his most prized carvings, before having the opportunity to practice some traditional Maaori whakairo with a pounamu chisel.

#### Day 3

We ventured out to an extremely isolated Pa in the Taupiri area. Placed deep in private farm, this Pa has not had public entry since its discovery. With the support of Wiremu Puke and archaeologist Warren Gumbley, this was a truly special experience for our Akonga. The waananga ended with a whakamutunga of our experiences led by Jamie Downes. This was inspiring to hear the impact this waananga had on both our rangatahi and our experienced mentors.

Special thanks to Hukanui Marae for hosting, the Downes Whanau for the Kai and Waikato Diocesan School for accompanying us on this waananga.

Charlie Aughton, Year 10 Dean.









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### TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL—KII-O-RAHI EXCHANGE



On Thursday 9th November Fairfield College hosted Taumarunui High School to partake in a Kii-o-rahi exchange between our two schools. The day started with a poowhiri at Aratiatia Marae. Students then played a number of games. Then it was kai time.

Fairfield College would like to acknowledge Dom Tuhakaraina, Rosina Tuhakaraina and all students involved. A great day had by all and we can't wait for the next match. Thank you Taumarunui High School.

## FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 13 STUDENTS - CLASS OF 2023

We wish our Year 13 students all the very best as they venture into the next chapter of their lives.

It was a busy couple of days at the beginning of Week 4, with Graduation, Leavers Dinner, Marae Noho for those that chose to stay and then Senior Prizegiving.

Thank you to the students that performed at Graduation, Mytchell, Isa, Oliver, Rebecca, Tui and also Charlie for your opening remarks. It was wonderful to celebrate your talent on the stage.

#### One final message to you all:

Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart and strong enough to live the life you've always imagined.

Thank you all for your contribution to Fairfield College in the time that you attended here.

Mrs Heta, Year 13 Dean



Term 4

#### December

- 1 LSC Open Day
- 11 Selectives
- 12 Selectives
- 13 Ngaruawahia Day
- 14 Junior Prizegiving



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