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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Tena koutou e te Whaanau*

The school year is rapidly coming to an end and despite the challenges of Covid-19 we can look back with feelings of fulfillment and satisfaction in what has been achieved. We have been able to hold a number of functions that we were unable to hold earlier in the school year because of Covid-19 and some of these are featured in this newsletter.

### 2020 Senior Prize Giving

Last week was the final week for our Year 11, 12, and 13 students and the annual Senior Prize -Giving on November 10 was an opportunity to reflect on some of the outstanding student achievements that have taken place. Special congratulations to Christina Bateson who received the Dux award for 2020 and Elizabeth Bainbridge who received the award of Proxime Accessit to the Dux. I wish both young woman the best as they plan for their university studies in 2021. Christina will be attending the University of Waikato and Elizabeth will be attending the University of Otago.



My thanks also to our guest speaker, Fairfield College Alumni (1980-84) Mr Dean Blair (Judge). Mr Blair was appointed to his role as a District Court Judge in 2019 and now serves in Hamilton. Judge Blair spoke about the strong connections and memories that he has with the area as was raised in Tongariro Street and later in St Pauls Crescent. He spoke about the importance of developing resilience and agility so that that they are able to respond to the different situations that will confront them in their futures. Judge Blair spoke of his different work experiences both as a student that did not complete his Year 13 and Head Boy role (1984), a university student studying for his law degree, and also working experiences after he worked as a lawyer. He came close to walking away from a career in law as he delved into the exciting world of adventure tourism as a black water rafting guide. He did however return to law in his late twenties and worked hard in his career to be appointed to a District Court Judge position. <https://sunlive.co.nz/news/210276-tauranga-barrister-now-district-court-judge.html>

Judge Blair also shared insights with the audience about his role which included the more challenging aspects such as having to make decisions about family relationships and about

youth who were suffering mental health issues. On some occasions, court hearings have to be held in health facilities because of the mental health challenges that some youth are experiencing. Judge Blair took the opportunity to caution the audience, and particularly our students, about the use of cannabis. This caution was based on what he saw through such court proceedings where often the use of cannabis was a common link and this had impacted on the life of the young people that he was required to make a judgement about.

I thank Judge Blair for accepting the invitation to be the 2020 Senior Prize Giving speaker. It is always a special experience to have alumni return to speak at such events. This is because they once sat where our students now sit and this connection enables them to expand the possibility thinking of our students.

This is especially relevant to our Year 13 students that are about to embark on the post-secondary school phase of their lives. In my address I informed our Year 13 students that I was extremely proud of them and wished them the best as they pursue the goals that they have set. It is my hope that we have been able to make a contribution to their development that will enable them to be essential contributors to the organisations that they are connected with now and will be connected with in the future.

### NZQA External Assessments

A reminder that external assessments commenced today, Monday 16 November, for our Year 12 and Year 13 students. Teachers have organized various support programmes to assist students for their preparation. I wish them the best as they sit their examinations. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries (see the following link for the schedule) <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/assets/qualifications-and-standards/qualifications/ncea/exams-and-portfolios/examination-timetable.pdf>

### Teacher Only Day – November 25<sup>th</sup>

All schools have been allocated eight additional teacher only days to use between now and the end of 2022. These eight days will not extend the school year and are set aside to support the implementation of changes to NCEA. On November 25, Fairfield College is holding a Teacher Only Day to assist in our preparation for impending NCEA changes. For your information most secondary schools in the Hamilton region will also be taking a Teacher Only Day on November 25. There are three



further training days allocated in 2021 and four days in 2022. For more information on the NCEA changes please see the following link: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/national-secondary-examinations-timetable/>

**Recognition of Mr John Tylden’s Service to New Zealand Athletics (awarded life membership of Athletics New Zealand)**

It is with a great deal of pride that I acknowledge the life membership award that has been awarded to previous teacher and Deputy Principal of Fairfield College Mr John Tylden. Mr Tylden’s tenure at Fairfield College commenced in 1976 and concluded with his retirement at the end of 2008. During his tenure Mr Tylden worked tirelessly to assist Fairfield College students to excel in all areas. The award acknowledges Mr Tylden for his life time service to athletics. There are a number of Fairfield College students that have benefitted from Mr Tylden’s coaching expertise. One such athlete was Mr Tony Rogers who represented New Zealand at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games where he was placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m final. It was Mr Rogers who brought this matter to my attention. He informed me that only 19 people have received this award.

Mr Tylden continues to be active in Athletics and also continues to support Fairfield College when he is able. I acknowledge him for the support, advice, and counsel that he continues to provide me in my role as the Principal of Fairfield College. I encourage previous Fairfield College students to send notes of congratulations to Mr Tylden. This can be communicated to him through a school face book post. For more information on Mr Tylden’s achievement see the following link: <https://nzssaa.org.nz/>



Ngaa mihi nui  
**Richard Crawford**  
PRINCIPAL

# Senior Prize Giving 2020

Congratulations to all our senior student recipients of Fairfield College who were presented awards at the annual Senior Prizegiving held on Tuesday the 10th of November 2020.

We were privileged to have Judge Dean Blair as our guest speaker, Head Boy from 1984, sharing his exciting journeys throughout his life. He also shared a very strong message for our students about being resilient.

Other distinguished guests at the prizegiving were Mayor Paula Southgate, Shaynah Jackson (University of Waikato), Mr Brian Wickham, Mr Jamie Strange (local MP), Mrs Darise

Mackenzie (BOT Chair), Matua Te Huia and Whaea Rangitahi Pompey, and Mr Pine Campbell.

We would like to acknowledge the talent of our students. Kapa Haka, Pasifika Group, Maaori Performing Arts, Fairfield College Singers and Esme Flemming performed to a very high standard. Thank you to all of you.

**Scholarship Recipients:**

Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships for 2020:

**Meleane Tonga**—Hands-On Science at Otago Pacific Scholarship for 2021

**Lucus Mactier**—Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarships \$3,000

**Wil Zijlstra-Schmidt**—Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarships \$3,000

**Christina Bateson**—Ko Te Tangata School Leaver Scholarships \$3,000

**Elizabeth Bainbridge**—University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship \$7,000

**Lauren Rossiter**—University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship \$10,000

**Piki King Kaukau**—Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Scholarship \$2,000

**Jahdea Dixon Isaacs**—University of Otago Maaori Entrance Scholarship \$13,000

## TOP ACADEMIC RECIPIENTS 2020



The Dux of Fairfield College 2020—Christina Bateson Presented by Mr Brian Wickham



Proxime Accessit 2020—Elizabeth Bainbridge Presented by Rangitahi and Te Huia Pompey



Honourable guests in attendance at the Fairfield College Senior Prizegiving: *Left to Right:* Principal Richard Crawford, Mayor Paula Southgate, Shaynah Jackson, Dean Blair, Brian Wickham, Jamie Strange



Guest Speaker Judge Dean Blair



Head Student Jahdea Dixon Isaacs with Mr Crawford



Recipients Brooke Janssen and Te Auraki Fraser

# Farewell Year 13's

We had a very busy, but memorable week 5 farewelling our Year 13 students. On Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>, we had the Year 13 Graduation in the School Hall. Unfortunately the weather didn't allow us to hold this event at the marae this year. Thank you to the large number of whanau who came to celebrate with us. Graduation was followed by activities, starting with a very competitive game of busstop. We then headed over to the gyms, played some badminton and shot some hoops before heading to the pool for a swim and pizzas. For those that wanted to, they stayed the night at the marae. The staff were very appreciative of the morning tea put on by the Year 13 students in the staffroom earlier in the day. Tuesday, was the traditional Toga Day and a celebration of students success with the Senior Prizegiving in the evening. To finish off the week, we had the Leavers Dinner at the Novotel on Thursday night. It was an emotional evening, capped off with the school himene. On behalf of all the staff at Fairfield College, I would like to wish each and everyone of our Year 13 students the very best, as you navigate the next stage of your lives. Please come back and visit us sometime. Good luck to our Year 13 students who are sitting exams soon. Mrs Jenny Heta (Year 13 Dean)



## Fairfield College School Ball

Ferrybank Reception Centre provided a spectacular venue once again for our school ball 2020. The theme this year was "The Secret Garden" and along with twinkling fairy lights and an abundance of ivy there were amazing props produced by the ball committee and staff.

A huge thank you again this year to Mr Hansen Ihle who painted an amazing backdrop and built a pallet wall with seating to set a magical garden theme. Thank you to the ball committee and especially Ms Malgosia Cholewa for a superb job organizing the night.

Congratulations to the following students who won the title of:

- King and Queen:** Haki Paewhenua and ex student Arden Samuels
- Prince and Princess:** Ocean Ngaruhe and partner
- Cutest Couple:** Jahdea Dixon Isaacs and Lauren Rossiter



## "The Secret Garden"



# Māori & Pasifika Awards

**Pasifika Achievements Awards:** After being postponed four times due to Covid-19, the annual Fairfield College Pasifika Awards was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020. It was a great night for all who attended. We started the evening with a potluck dinner of delicious food. We were then treated to performances prepared by the students. We were spoiled with dances from the islands of Tonga, Samoa and Hawaii. We also had some amazing singers serenade us. Congratulations to all students for their Excellent Effort during 2020. We would also like to acknowledge all the hours and hard work our performers put into practicing to make this night so special.



Kaira Habib and Jahdea Dixon Isaacs  
Special Awards recipients for Māori Students



Piki King Kaukau—  
Recipient of the Prime  
Ministers Vocational  
Excellence Award \$2,000

**Māori Achievements Awards:** Fairfield College Māori Awards were held on the 21 October 2020. We were privileged to hear from Dr Hyrum Martin about his journey to completing his Dentist Degree at Otago University, and opening up his own practice here in Hamilton. We were also treated to a performance from our Kapa Haka group and music students. It was awesome to see our Māori students come up on the stage and be acknowledged for all the hard work that they had been doing this year. A special recognition to Piki King Kaukau (pictured left) the recipient of the Prime Ministers Vocational Excellence Award for \$2,000. Well done Piki!

We acknowledge that this year was particularly tough with the disruption of the pandemic and so it was inspiring to see our students persevere in their studies.



Tonga Saimone Afungia Finau and Kaira Habib (centre)—Outstanding Contribution to Pasifika

# Inter-Mountain Competition

Results are as follows:

**4<sup>th</sup> Place: Pirongia** – 23 points, **3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Maungatautari** – 35 points

**Runners up: Kakepuku** –43 points, **And our Champions for 2020: Karioi** 50 points. Congratulations Karioi for taking out top spot in 2020. The sixth time Karioi has won the shield.

We managed to complete 11 out of the 14 scheduled events. Unfortunately the Haka, Tug of War and Singing events were unable to proceed due to Covid restrictions. A huge thank you to all students for your participation throughout the year. Special mention to our Mountain Leaders and our Lead Teachers for all their hard work and for being so adaptable this year. **Maungatautari:** Pat Whitiora, **Pirongia:** Rima Teao, **Kakepuku:** Vanessa Maru, **Karioi:** Andrea McKenzie. Thank you so much to all the staff that took part in the challenges and our APE 300 class for organising the Multisport. Our Year 13's enjoyed the challenge and learnt never to underestimate FFC staff!!

Term 3, 2020 WAANANGA AKOTAHI RESULTS			
2020	1st	2nd	3rd
PIRONGIA	PF	PL	PC
MAUNGATAUTARI	ME	MF	MB
KAKEPUKU	KB	KC	KH
KARIOI	RD	RB/RF	

2020 Overall WAANANGA AKOTAHI RESULTS			
2020	1st	2nd	3rd
PIRONGIA	PF/PL	-	PC
MAUNGATAUTARI	MF	ME	MB
KAKEPUKU	KB	KC	KH
KARIOI	RB	RD	RF/RH



Year 13 Challengers for Kidstaff Trophy



Staff Challengers for Kidstaff Trophy

# School Calendar

## TERM FOUR

### NOVEMBER

- 19 Open Day
- 25 NCEA Teacher Only Day—no students at school

### DECEMBER

- 1-2 Selectives
- 3 Junior Prizegiving
- 4 Ngaruawahia Day
- Last Day of the Year 2020

## TERM DATES

### 2021

#### JANUARY

- 27 School office opens

#### FEBRUARY

- 2-3 Teachers Only Days
- 3-5 Year 13 camp
- 4 Years 10 and Years 11 only
- 5 Years 9 and Years 12 only
- 9 All students in school



Senior Prizegiving performances by Fairfield College Kapa Haka and Pasifika Group