



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tena koutou e te Whaanau

It has been a very eventful first month of our 2022 school year. Our response to Covid-19 has dominated much of our thinking and our energy. Despite this we have been able to start the year with great enthusiasm and an appreciation of being able to attend school notwithstanding the Covid-19 challenges that continue to confront us.



Ko te tumuaki e korero ana ki nga tangata whenua—Mr Crawford

Year 9 Poowhiri

Highlights of the beginning of the year were once again welcoming our Year 9 students to Fairfield College through a poowhiri. The weather was great, and it was a privilege to take our Year 9 students on to Te Aratiatia marae and to formally welcome them to their new secondary school. Not being able to include parents in the poowhiri was disappointing and we hope that in 2023 we are able to include parents and whaanau in this significant first day event for our Year 9 students.

Year 13 Camp

Our traditional Year 13 camp in Whaingaroa was another highlight. Covid-19 did impact the numbers that attended but it was a special and memorable experience for the 44 students that were able to participate. We look forward to supporting all Year 13 students to have a successful and enjoyable final year of secondary school. A highlight of our 2022 year will be acknowledging and farewelling our Year 13 students at their graduation which will be held at Te Aratiatia on 4 November 2022. We hope that we will be able to include parents and whaanau in this event.



Year 13 Camp

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Year 9 Virtual Meet the Teachers' Event

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has resulted in the cancellation of our annual Year 9 barbecue event. The objective of this event is to provide an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers of their Year 9 children in an informal setting. We have replaced this with a Virtual Event on 8 March. You will receive a communication from the school outlining the details of the event. We look forward to meeting with parents and whaanau of our Year 9 students on 8 March.



Year 9 students entering Te Aratiatia marae

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED



New FFC staff left to right: Jack Collin, Emily Gelling, Mark Cornaga, Principal Richard Crawford, Natasja Wright, Eillish Coulsby, Haley de Rijk, Dipti Maharaj

Welcome to new Fairfield College Staff

We are so fortunate to have the following new staff members join our kura in these capacities:

Jack Collin who previously taught at Cambridge High School will teach Junior English and Senior English.

Emily Gelling who previously taught at Melville High School is joining our Science Faculty teaching Junior Science and Level 2 Biology.

Mark Cornaga previously employed at Waikato Diocesan, will be teaching Senior Outdoor Education and Junior Physical Education.

Natasja Wright who has been a frequent reliever at FFC throughout 2021 now teaching English Language Assistant.

Haley de Rijk joins us for this year in the Languages Faculty as the Mandarin teacher.

Dipti Maharaj who previously taught at Wharekura o Manaia, Coromandel, will be teaching Junior and Senior Mathematics.

The Core Business of Fairfield College

I want to clarify what the Board of Trustees and the staff see as our core business. Our core business is to provide a learning environment that supports our students to improve learning, enable progress, and raise achievement. The learning, progress, and achievement that we are supporting extends beyond academic learning. Engaging in learning experiences that strengthen a student's cultural, social, emotional, and physical development are also a priority.

Educational research shows that strengthening school whaanau relationships is a key lever in raising a school's capacity to deliver the improved student outcomes that we are continuously seeking to achieve. It is my hope that as parents/guardians you feel that there is an open and approachable school atmosphere that embraces your contact, queries, and feedback.

The Board of Trustees are in the process of completing the 2022 Charter. The Charter will be available for reference on the school website on 14 March. This will include the 2022 achievement improvement targets and the strategies to achieve these targets.

FFC 2022 Head students

I want to finish this newsletter by acknowledging our 2022 Head students. I look forward to working with them and for their continuing the pattern of outstanding leadership that their predecessors have provided.

"Kia ora everyone. As the Head Students of Fairfield College 2022 we would just like to do a quick introduction of ourselves and schooling background as well where we see ourselves in the next five years.

We have Mariana Kingi. Mariana has a big interest in music and traditional dancing and sees herself on a big stage performing for people of all different ages and backgrounds.

Next we have Katie Irwin. Katie sees herself getting her certificate in teaching. Jayme Irwin is the third member of the team and sees herself travelling and embracing what life throws at her. Last but not least we have Izzy Partridge who has an interest in tourism and also sees herself travelling as well as working in the hospitality sector.

We have all come from very local primary schooling; Hukanui, Bankwood and Woodstock Primary as well as all going to Fairfield Intermediate just down the road. To add to that we have all spent the full 5 years of high school at Fairfield College. We have an exciting year in front of us and can't wait to work with not only staff but students as well and to see how we can make Fairfield College a better place."



HEAD STUDENTS left to right: Katie Irwin, Mariana Kingi, Mr Crawford, Jayme Irwin and Izzy Partridge.

—HEAD STUDENTS

Ngaa mihi nui
Richard Crawford
PRINCIPAL

YEAR 9 POOWHIRI



STAFF WELCOME YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2022



Staff welcoming Year9 students onto Te Aratiatia marae



Year 9 students and STARS peer mentors entering onto Te Aratiatia marae

On Friday 4 February we welcomed our Year 9 students of 2022 to Fairfield College at our school marae, Te Aratiatia. Due to the Covid Protection Framework moving to Red, sadly this meant whaanau could not join their students in being welcomed on. However, it was lovely to see our Year 9s being supported by their teachers and our senior Stars Peer Mentors as they stepped onto Te Aratiatia for the first time.

The rest of the day involved various rotations which allowed our Year 9s to learn about the important aspects of our school. It was great to see the students partake in some team building activities and fun games with their teachers and see the connections the students made throughout the day with their new class peers.

I would like to take this opportunity to again welcome our new students. I hope they have found the first few weeks at Fairfield College enjoyable. Thank you to our new and returning whaanau for choosing to entrust us with your young people. We look forward to working with you throughout your students schooling over the next five years.

Mrs Charlotte Major—YEAR 9 DEAN

YEAR 13 CAMP

Over half of our Year 13 students took the opportunity of attending our Year 13 Camp at the Christian Youth Camp in Raglan from Wednesday 2 February to Friday 4 February. The people who run the camp were so grateful to see us as they hadn't had a school camp since last July.

It was a fantastic three days. Things were a little different this year with Covid protocols in place, but everyone still was able to enjoy the amazing beach views. Our students were engaged in team building activities, spoken to about leadership opportunities and given some valuable information from various guest speakers.

They also tried their hand at archery, target shooting and great fun was had with competitions on the big water slide.

On Thursday night we were entertained by some talented students who were willing to step up and perform in front of their peers. A huge thank you to Jahvaeah-Lee Panapa and Manaia Tupara for MC'ing the event. They did a fantastic job.

- ⇒ Most Captivating Award—**Percy Fisher & Mariana Kingi** ⇒ Top Vocalist —**Heather Jamieson**
- ⇒ Synchronicity Award—**Katie Irwin, Izzy Partridge & Julia Glover** ⇒ Combo Award of Singing & Dancing—**Vila To'ofuhe**
- ⇒ Audience Participation Award—**The 3 M's: Mason Kohai, Malachi Wilson and Matthew Raekwon**
- ⇒ Contemporary Award—**Julia Glover**

The **Overall Supreme Award**, as judged by the staff on camp went to Heather Jamieson for her solo performance.

The students had a sand sculpture competition on the beach. They were tasked with creating a sculpture that represented their maunga. The jury is still out on who won that competition. Thanks to everyone who attended camp. It was a great way to start the year.

Mrs Jenny Heta—YEAR 13 DEAN



SCHOOL TIMETABLE



TERM DATES NORMAL TIMETABLE

	Monday RAAHINA	Tuesday RAATU	Wednesday RAAPA	Thursday RAAPARE	Friday RAAMERE
PERIOD 1 8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am	PERIOD 1 9:00—10:30am	8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am
WAANANGA AKOTAHI 10:25—11:00am	10:25—11:00am	ROTATING ASSEMBLY 10:30—11:00am	10:25—11:00am	LUNCH 1 10:25—11:00am	10:25—11:00am
LUNCH 1 11:00—11:35am			PERIOD 2 11:00—12:30pm		LUNCH 1 11:00—11:35am
PERIOD 2 11:35—1:05pm	11:35—1:05pm	11:35—1:05pm	11:35—1:05pm	LUNCH 2 12:30—1:05pm	11:35—1:05pm
LUNCH 2 1:05—1:40pm			PERIOD 3 1:05—2:35pm		LUNCH 2 1:05—1:40pm
PERIOD 3 1:40—3:10pm	1:40—3:10pm	1:40—3:10pm	1:40—3:10pm	STARS Y9 & Peer Mentors 2:35—3:10pm All Yrs 10—13 who are not Peer Mentors leave school 2:35pm	1:40—3:10pm



UNDER RED TRAFFIC LIGHT TIMETABLE

	Monday RAAHINA	Tuesday RAATU	Wednesday RAAPA	Thursday RAAPARE	Friday RAAMERE
PERIOD 1 8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am	8:55—10:25am
LUNCH 1 10:25—11:00am					
PERIOD 2 11:00—12:30pm	11:00—12:30pm	11:00—12:30pm	11:00—12:30pm	11:00—12:30pm	11:00—12:30pm
LUNCH 2 12:30—1:05pm					
PERIOD 3 1:05—2:35pm	1:05—2:35pm	1:05—2:35pm	1:05—2:35pm	STARS Y9 & Peer Mentors 2:35—3:10pm All Yrs 10—13 who are not Peer Mentors leave school 2:35pm	1:05—2:35pm

SCHOOL CALENDAR



TERM ONE

MARCH

- 1 BIO200 Freshwater Stream Trip
- 1—2 OED100—ABL Karau Camp
- 3 ~~Athletics Day~~ **Postponed** normal school day
- 8 Year 9 Meet the Teacher Virtual Event
- 8—9 OED200 Snorkelling & Rock Systems
- 9 Lincoln University visit 10:30am
- 11 Provisional Junior Swimming Tabloids
- 16 OED300—Lead Climb & Abseil
- 17 Puhoro STEM Academy
- 18 Senior Swimming Tabloids (Championship only)
- 21—25 Inter-Mountain Touch Tournament
- 23 OED300—Lead Climb & Abseil
- 24 Puhoro STEM Academy
- 25 Dress Up Day—Mountain Theme Colours
- 28—1 STARS Adventure Day (Week)
- 29 Kakepuku & Pirongia Haka
- 30 Karioi & Maungatautari Tug of War
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- 30 Karioi & Maungatautari
- 31 OED100 Canyoning & Sea Kayaking
- 31 Puhoro STEM Academy

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

FAIRFIELD COLLEGE SPORT

It's been another interesting start for Vikki and myself over in the gymnasium trying to get sport going under the red light system. There are a number of sports codes that are unable to get going due to the restrictions which has limited what we can offer.

Term 1 so far we have:

- ⇒ Softball
- ⇒ Junior and Senior Volleyball
- ⇒ Summer Netball
- ⇒ Waka Ama

These codes will be starting up within the next week or so. Sign up meetings have been advertised in the student notices and put over our PA system. Please encourage your son/daughter to visit the Student Services Centre noticeboard to keep up to date with all the sport goings on. We also advertised Touch Rugby and Ultimate Frisbee but have been unsuccessful in getting enough players to make a team at this point and time to register is running out.

Understandably we are unable to offer composite teams with other schools at the moment. Shortly there will be Winter sports musters for:

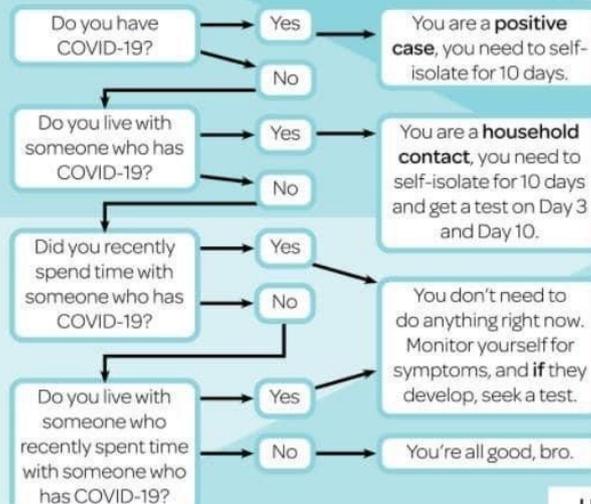
- ⇒ Football
- ⇒ Hockey
- ⇒ Netball

These codes will be advertised in the school notices around mid-late March. The Rugby muster has already started with their first meeting taken place on February 18. There will be others advertised regularly.

If you would like your son/daughter signed up for any of these sports please don't hesitate to contact either Vikki: rangiawhav@faircol.school.nz or Toni: sport@faircol.school.nz and we can arrange information to be sent home regarding the sport and when the trainings are happening. If you as a parent/caregiver would like to become involved as a coach or manager of a team please also contact us. We are extremely grateful for any volunteer support.



What type of contact are you?



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