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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou e te Whaanau

The first four weeks of the second term have been busy with students and staff engaging in projects that continue to build the character and the uniqueness of Fairfield College. Now in my twelfth year as the principal of Fairfield College, I continue to be amazed by the achievements of our students, the commitment of our staff, and the support of our community. I acknowledge our Board of Trustees for the governance leadership that they provide which significantly contributes to the effective operational running of the school, and the future thinking that is required to be responsive to the changing needs of our students and the communities that they are part of.

My newsletter comment will cover these areas:

- Congratulations Toakase Ma'u for being selected to participate in the 64th London International Youth Science Forum
- Preparing for NCEA changes
- The "He Piki Kootuku" project
- The threat of a measles outbreak

Toakase Ma'u



I congratulate Toakase for being selected to participate in the 64th London International Youth Science Forum. I also thank the Fairfield Rotary Club for their guidance and their support which will enable Toakase to participate in this event. This is a proud moment for Toakase, her whaanau, Fairfield Rotary Club, and Fairfield College. Toakase will be travelling to London on July 25th and returning to New Zealand on August 9th. Fairfield College has pledged financial support for Toakase by raising \$2000 through the organisation of a Givealittle page - www.givealittle.co.nz. I encourage our Fairfield College whaanau to help us raise this amount so that we can support Toakase to travel to the United Kingdom and engage in what promises to be a life changing experience. The Givealittle page will be closed once the \$2000 has been reached. The following link provides information about the forum - www.liysf.org.uk.

Preparing for NCEA Changes

The government recently announced that NCEA changes have been postponed by a year, with Level 2 changes moving from 2025 to 2026, and NCEA Level 3 changes moving from 2026 to 2027. It continues to be a challenging time as schools prepare to implement changes to NCEA Level 1 for 2024. Currently, our main focus is preparing our students to sit the new literacy and numeracy assessments that are required to achieve any level of NCEA. It was interesting to read the following story which explains how more schools are now choosing to take an approach to NCEA Level 1 that Fairfield College took in 2018. [New Zealand Schools Dropping NCEA Level 1](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/education/news/article.aspx?cid=11111111). Once the teacher industrial action concludes we will organise meetings with our school community to discuss how Fairfield College is approaching NCEA Level 1 from 2024.

Continued...



• Be respectful
• Be responsible
• Be the best you can be



• Me whai whakaaro
• Me ū ki ngā tikanga
• Me eke te taumata

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

He Piki Kootuku

You may have noticed the construction of a fence in front of the school. This is part of the He Piki Kootuku project which is the establishment of a permanent Kii o rahi field. The project is aptly named because the field will become a valued and treasured community resource.

The school was opened in 1957, and this land is now being used for a sport that is increasing in popularity. The front of the school has been deliberately selected because it is an important cultural expression that demonstrates one way that a school can give greater effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.



We are planning to open the field on June 27 as the school's recognition of Matariki 2023. The national Matariki holiday is July 14, which is the last Friday of the school holidays. I have inserted a link to view a slide presentation that was presented at an assembly on May 2nd, 2022 - [He Piki Kootuku](#).

The Threat of a Measles Outbreak

With people travelling overseas again, there's a risk that someone with measles could unknowingly bring the disease back to Aotearoa. Measles spreads easily and quickly, usually between people who are unimmunised or only partially immunised. It can be serious and life threatening. In the 2019 measles outbreak in Aotearoa more than 30% of the people infected had to be admitted to hospital. The best protection against measles is the free MMR vaccine. It will protect you and your whānau, and prevent the virus from spreading.

You will be protected against measles if you:

- have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine
- or have had measles before
- or were born before 1 Jan 1969

If you're unsure if you or your children have had any or both doses of the MMR vaccine, check by calling your GP or hauora provider. Alternatively, check your Plunket Well Child Tamariki Ora book. If you're still not sure, be safe and get immunised – there are no safety concerns with having an extra dose. MMR vaccines are free at your local health provider and many pharmacies. More information about the measles vaccination can be found here - www.immunise.health.nz

Next week we will be distributing a letter to the parents/caregivers of those students that are not listed on our MMR vaccination register. Below is an extract from a letter that was distributed in May 2016 when a measles case was detected in the school. This provides insight into how the matter may be handled if a future measles case was detected at Fairfield College.

Date 16 May 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff

Information for contacts of a measles case



Ngāa mihi nui
Richard Crawford
PRINCIPAL

A student at Fairfield College has recently been reported to Waikato DHB's Population Health with measles.

Students and staff at the School may have been exposed to this infection. Measles is a serious viral infection; the early symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose, sore red eyes and white spots inside the mouth. After 3 to 5 days a rash appears on the face and then moves down the body. Occasionally measles has dangerous complications. Measles is highly infectious.

All students who **have not** had two doses of MMR vaccine (this will need to be documented either via school records, GP records or a Well Child Book) must stay at home in quarantine until **Monday 23rd May, 2016**.

- If your child has had 2 doses of MMR please provide documentation to school, if they do not already have it. They should be immune and there is no reason for isolation or keeping them away from school.
- If you are not sure of your child's immunisation records, check with your GP and keep your child at home in quarantine until you have the information that they have had 2 doses of MMR. **PLEASE PHONE** your GP practice rather than visiting.
- If your child has had one documented dose of MMR (more than a month ago) please keep them at home in quarantine, make an appointment with your family doctor for the second MMR, and once received, they may then return to school.
- If your child has received no documented doses of MMR then they are required to be quarantined at home (see below) **until Monday 23rd May, 2016** in accordance with the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966.

A trip down memory lane



On Friday 12th May 2023 we had the privilege of hosting eight alumni students who attended Fairfield College from 1963 - 1969, they came from all around New Zealand and overseas. They were escorted on a tour of the college, where their memories came flooding back. During their tour they spoke with current students and staff members, which provided insights that they would never have seen otherwise. Although Aratiatia had not yet been developed during their tenure, Te Iho Rangī was a real surprise and highlight for them.

Thank you to Mike Higgins, Derek Devoy, Dave Scott, John Kay, Tom Van Zoelen, Rod Aikin, Kevin Nicholson and Val Nisbet for sharing your memories with us.

STUDENT COUNCIL MESSAGE

Culture Week

Next week the school council is organising events to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of the cultures that are part of the Fairfield College whānau. We are inviting staff and students to participate in the various activities that we are organising.

	Lunch 1	Lunch 2
Tuesday	Dress up - whole week	Cultural performance
Wednesday	Cultural activity	Parade
Thursday	Cultural performance	Activity and performance

CROSS COUNTRY



FFC held their annual Cross Country on Friday, May 12. Luckily, the weather improved overnight to put on a clear, sunny day for the event. The 3.3km long course involved running around the school fields and through the adjoining Kukutaaruhe Gully. This included a muddy section alongside the Kukutaaruhe Stream that the students had to negotiate. This only added to the fun, however, as nearly the whole school participated and showed their effort and determination. Our competitive runners were the quickest to finish the course, with some impressive times being recorded. On the whole, it was a successful day that was thoroughly enjoyed by our students. A big thank you to the PE Faculty for organising this event.



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ki te
takitoru

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Me ū ki ngā tikanga
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FFC MARKET DAY



It was wonderful to see everyone at our first FFC Market Day – Easter Extravaganza having a great time. There were many stalls, games, food stalls, a bouncy castle and music. It was great to see everyone having fun. Thank you for your support.

Come and join us for our FFC Market Day May Mayhem - May 28th, 8:30am – 1pm. We have our very own, Mr Jordan Donovan - Hard Materials Teacher performing. Mr Donovan is a talented musician who performs regularly at the Keg Room in Rototuna. There are more stalls, craft, food, secondhand stalls, games and of course a bouncy castle. Come and join in the fun!

SCHOOL CALENDAR



TERM TWO

MAY

- 22 OED200 Mt Te Aroha Trip
Start Sing-Off Practices
- 26 University of Waikato Open Day - Hamilton
- 28 FFC Market Day
- 29 Inter-Mountain Football (**ALL WEEK**)
- 30 CAA Practice Assessment
Science Spinners Creative Lab
- 31 Science Spinners Creative Lab

JUNE

- 1 OED300 Mt Karioi Trip
- 2 Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day
- 5 King's Birthday
- 6 OED200 June Pinnacles Trip
Maunga Assemblies
- 7 OED200 June Pinnacles Trip
- 9 Dress Up Day
- 10 University of Waikato Open Day - Tauranga
- 12 CAA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
Careers Expo Claudelands
- 13 CAA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
OED100 Caving Karamu Trip
- 14 CAA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments
- 19 OED300 Pirongia Overnight Trip
- 20 OED300 Pirongia Overnight Trip
Year Level Assemblies
- 23 Hamilton Tough Guy and Gal
- 25 FFC Market Day
- 27 Puhoro Term 2 Waananga
- 30 Inter-Mountain Event: Sing Off
- 31 Last day of Term 2



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MAY MAYHEM

Sunday 28th May
Fairfield College
25 Bankwood Road, Hamilton
8:30am - 1:00pm