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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### *Tena koutou e te Whaanau*

I start this newsletter by acknowledging the challenges that our students and their whaanau have faced because of PPTA industrial action this year. It is my hope that the move to binding arbitration will provide a path of agreement between the PPTA and the government regarding the Secondary Teachers Collective Agreement and this will enable a more settled second half of the 2023 school year.

Despite these challenges we continue to see students and staff engage in projects which build the character and uniqueness of Fairfield College. These activities covered areas such as curricula, cultural, sporting, and community.

My newsletter comment will cover these areas:

- Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities
- NCEA Changes Professional Learning
- Learning conferences and school reports
- Rongohia te Hau 2023
- Fairfield College's Transitioning from a Streamed to a De-streamed School
- The Opening of the Haimona Tawha (Snr) Kii-o-rahi Field

### Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities

We were able to hold the NCEA Literacy and Numeracy Common Assessment Activities on June 12, 13, and 16. There are significant changes in how literacy and numeracy will be awarded under the new NCEA model and being involved in the trial has enabled our students to be assessed in these common assessment activities, and allowed the school to gain valuable experience about how to prepare students for these assessments and also how to operate them. I want to thank Fraser High School teachers, Sue Ware and Elsie Leslie, for allowing Fairfield College to use a programme that they are developing to help our teachers more effectively teach the content and prepare our students for the common assessment activities. These assessments are externally marked, and we are hoping to receive the results from NZQA within a 6 week time frame.

### NCEA Changes Professional Learning

If there is no PPTA industrial action, we are planning to hold two half-day teacher NCEA changes professional learning workshops. These are scheduled for Thursday July 20 and Friday August 4. On these days school will conclude at lunch time.

### Learning Conferences 2023 and School Reports

If there is no PPTA industrial action, we are planning to hold learning conferences from 4pm to 7pm on Thursday July 27 and Monday July 31. Booking information will be distributed with the school reports on Friday June 30.

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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

## Rongohia te Hau 2023

As outlined in the [Fairfield College Strategic and Annual Plan \(2023\)](#) Fairfield College will be engaging in a further “rongohia te hau” data gathering cycle. This is a self-review research tool that provides a measure of how the school is connecting with students and whaanau about teaching and learning as well as other activities. Teaching observations, teacher, student, and whaanau surveys are the four data collection areas that are gathered and evaluated to identify what is working well at Fairfield College and what areas need further development. A focus of the process is to implement deliberate professional learning support to reduce any variances that are observed between teacher, student, and whaanau perspectives about the quality of learning and teaching at Fairfield College. The following link provides more information about [Rongohia te Hau](#).

## Fairfield College's Transitioning from a Streamed to a De-streamed School

The school is continuing to transition from being a streamed school to a de-streamed school. This is also referenced in the [Fairfield College Strategic and Annual Plan \(2023\)](#). We are in the process of developing a school response to the review that we conducted at the end of last term about the de-streaming process that the school is following. I have attached a copy of this review document for your information and the link to access a presentation that I gave to Fairfield College teachers and Te Pae Here principals about the [Kookirihia](#) document which I was involved in writing. The document was released in March and is designed to assist schools effectively to transition from being a streamed school to a de-streamed school.

## The Opening of the Haimona Tawha (Snr) Kii o Rahi Field


In our May newsletter I discussed the development of the Fairfield College Kii-o-rahi field – He Piki Kootuku. I am happy to report that on Tuesday June 27 we had the privilege of formally opening the Haimona Tawha (Snr) Kii-o-rahi Field. The idea was proposed by the previous Head of Faculty of Physical Education and Health, Mr Kiran Gibbard, in November last year. He provided the [Fairfield College Kii-o-rahi Field presentation](#) at our first meeting and it was wonderful that he could return from Mountain View College in Timaru, where he is a deputy principal, to be part of the opening. We are in the process of installing QR codes which provide information about the development of the field and Kii-o-rahi.

Thank you to WEL Energy, Grassroots Trust, and the Fairfield College Board of Trustees for providing financial support for the field to be developed. I also thank Ngaati Wairere and Ngaati Maahanga for their attendance at the opening. It was fantastic to have previous Fairfield College students, Te Huia Pompey, who gave the karakia to open the field, and Eddie Neha, who spoke about his memories of Haimona Tawha Snr and the appropriateness of naming the field after him. Thank you also to our kapa haka students and the students that played the first kii-o-rahi game on the Haimona Tawha (Snr) Kii-o-rahi Field. We were also privileged to have previous principal, Brian Prestidge, who was the first chairperson of the Aratiatia establishment marae committee, and Kereti Rautangata, the master carver of Te Ihorangi in attendance. Thank you also to Mr Dominic Tuhakaraina for coaching our students and providing professional kii-o-rahi support for our teachers, and guidance about how the field should be developed. I especially thank Mrs Stella Tawha for giving the school permission to name the field after her late husband, Haimona Tawha (Snr). We erected the following signs to explain the naming of the field.

Thank you for your ongoing support and it is privilege to be the principal of Fairfield College.

Ngaa mihi nui  
**Richard Crawford**  
PRINCIPAL



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**Te papa taakaro kii-o-rahi o Haimona Tawha (Tuatahi)**

I tapaina teenei papa taakaro ki te tiamana tuarua o te koomiti whakatu i Te Aratiatia. He tapa ingoa teenei, e tohua ai ngaa haora mahi maakohakoha o Haimona Tawha tuatahi ki taana mahi ki te tuutuki pono te moemoeaa o te haapori o Te Aratiatia. He mihi teenei moo toona whakakitenga, moo taana whakapau kaha, moo toona manawanui me toona aroha ki toona haapori. He tangata ringa raupaa, aa, he tangata ngaakau nui. Ka noho hei tauira, hei whakaawenga ki a taatou katoa.



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**The Haimona Tawha (Snr) kii-o-rahi field**

This field is named after the second chairperson of the establishment committee of Te Aratiatia. This naming recognises the many hours of selfless service that he gave to transform the dream of Te Aratiatia into a reality. We thank him for his vision, his unceasing efforts, his persistence, and his love for this community. He was a man with calloused hands and a big heart. He is an inspiration and example to all of us.









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## 2024 FAIRFIELD COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN DAY

● **INFORMATION EVENING**  
Thursday 10th August 2023  
5:30pm - 7:00pm

All students are invited to attend an evening with Fairfield College Senior Leadership, Staff, and Students introducing and showcasing opportunities at Fairfield College.

● **OPEN DAY**  
Friday 17th November 2023  
10:00am - 3:00pm

All students are invited to experience a snapshot of what Fairfield College can offer with a variety of interactive workshops. Please bring togs and towel. Lunch will be provided for the students.

Enrolment applications must be submitted by 1st December 2023. To enable us to cater for individual needs, all enrolling students will be interviewed.

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## PINK SHIRT DAY

Pink Shirt Day is celebrated nationally once a year. This is to show that Aotearoa and kura stand up against bullying. However, the Fairfield College whaanau who support this kaupapa decided to show support all year around. We do this by wearing our pink t-shirts (or any pink clothing) every Tuesday. Koorero mai, koorero atu, mauri tuu, mauri ora!



REMEMBER THE  
**3Bs**

● **Be** respectful  
● **Be** responsible  
● **Be** the best you can be

Kia mau  
ki te  
takitoru

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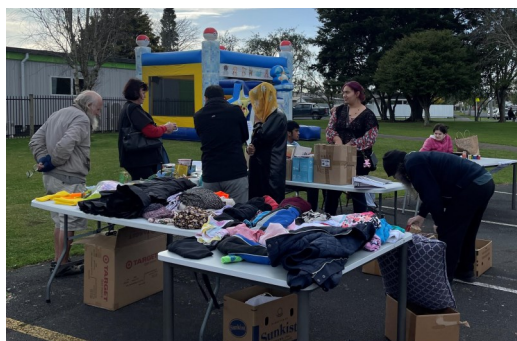


# CULTURAL WEEK



Cultural Week was an amazing celebration of all cultures at FFC. The student council organised events which were celebrated by many students, including cultural performances and activities, dress up week, and a cultural parade. Congratulations to all students involved. Thank you for sharing your culture and experiences, and celebrating FFC's diversity and uniqueness!

# FFC MARKET DAY



It was so great to see everyone at our third FFC Market Day – June Jamboree. The sun was shining, and there were food stalls and indoor stalls aplenty. The bouncy castle kept the kids amused, as did the face painting. Our musical entertainment was provided by Mr Teao; a spectacular performance supported by some students. Our next FFC Market Day is Jolly July on Sunday 23rd July. **SAVE THIS DATE.** This time we have a surprise performer. Come on down and enjoy the day!

# SCHOOL CALENDAR



## TERM THREE

### JULY

- 19 Year 10 Speech Finals
- 21 Year 12 Speech Finals
- 23 FFC Market Day
- 25 Spoken Word Poetry
- 26 OED300 Pukete Mountain Bike Park
- 27 Spoken Word Poetry
- 28 Stars Planting Day 1
- 29 Year 11 GEO Hobbiton Trip

### AUGUST

- 3 Stars Planting Day 2
- 7-11 Inter-Mountain Netball
- 9 OED200 Mountain Biking
- 10 OED300 Mountain Biking
- 14-15 Forklift Licence Workshop
- 14-18 Dance Week
- 15 Year 11 Waitomo Trip
- 16-18 OED200 Snow Trip
- 17 Pasifika Awards
- 21 OED300 Mountain Biking Rotorua
- 21-25 Arts Week
- 22-24 APE300 Snow Trip
- 22-25 Stars Adventure Days
- 23 Senior Subject Choice Evening
- 27 FFC Market Day
- 28-1 Winter Sports Tournament

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Dress Up Day
- 4-5 FFC Showcase
- 4-8 Inter-Mountain Volleyball
- 5 OED100 Canyoning
- 12 Year 11 Speech Finals
- 13 Year 9 Speech Finals
- 14 Maaori Awards
- 18-20 Stars Graduation/Community
- 18-22 Chinese Language Week
- 21 Sports Awards
- 22 Inter-Mountain Event: The Big Quiz
- 22 Last day of term 3



## ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR AT FAIRFIELD MARKET

**Fairfield College**  
Every 4th Sunday • 9am - 1pm

### UPCOMING DATES

Sunday 23rd July  
Sunday 27th August  
Sunday 22nd October  
Sunday 26th November