

**Message from the Principal**

Tena koutou e te Whaanau



We have had an eventful term with our students and teachers engaging in a wide range of activities.

Waka Ama

My special congratulations to our Waka Ama teams who performed so creditably at the recent competitions in Rotorua. Thank you to Mrs Heta for her efforts in coaching our students and also for the ongoing support that we receive from Toni Phillips and Vikki Rangiawha who excel in their sport coordinator roles.

Year 9 Camp

Our Year 9 Camp was also a very special experience for our students. Thank you to the Graeme Dingle Foundation for their ongoing support for our STARS programme.

Commemoration of the New Zealand Wars Assembly – March 31

My congratulations to our students who participated so respectfully in the annual assembly that we hold to acknowledge the importance of the New Zealand Wars. The assembly was moved from the normal October time to March 31 to coincide with the three day conflict that took place in Ooraakau on March 31, 1864. The assembly was filmed as it may feature in a documentary that is being made about the event.

The event was made even more special by Hamilton Girls High School, Fraser High School, Waikato Diocesan School for Girls, St Johns College, Sacred Heart Girls' College, St Pauls College, Rototuna Junior High School, and Rototuna Senior High School who accepted our invitation to attend.

extracts from the speech that they delivered as a team:

**Brooke**

The New Zealand Wars took place from 1845 to 1872. Today we want to talk about the invasion that took place in the area that we live in - Waikato. This took place from 1863 -1864 and we particularly want to focus on the final physical battle of this invasion: Orakau. The battle of Orakau was fought 157 years ago today, March 31st. This occurred in an area that is just over 40km from where we are right now. The site can be found several kilometres out of Kihikihi near Te Awamutu

Mariana

Rangiaowhia, was a peaceful village that had been declared as a place for non-combatants by the New Zealand government. Rangiaowhia was a thriving economic and agricultural zone for the Maaori. Prior to the invasion it was a main provider of food and produce for Auckland. During this time we have learned that the Waikato River was a busy highway of waka transporting essential products to Auckland. Despite this, Rangiaowhia was attacked and sacked by the British military. It is recorded that soldiers shot women, children and burned elderly people inside the wharenui and chased down survivors on horseback.

Brooke

We cannot change the past, but we can change how things unfold from here. We can acknowledge these events and do our best to know and share the history of what happened. We can show empathy towards those who suffered and are still suffering because of it. And we can take action so that these events will never be forgotten and so that nothing like it will ever happen again.

Mariana

My people did not deserve to be raided and pillaged for their land. Maaori did not deserve to be called 'rebels' and 'a bloody threat' just



Year 12 History students Mariana Kingi and Brooke Jannsen delivered impressive speeches about the Ooraakau conflict and also made reference to the horrors that took place in Rangiaowhia on February 21, 1864. These are

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Principal's Message continued...

because they honored Article 2 of Te Tiriti O Waitangi which states in short that Maori may protect and uphold Whenua, Taonga and Culture. We shouldn't blame current Europeans or current Maori because they/we weren't there. We don't need to blame anyone honestly, but we do need to understand today as a way to reflect on our actions and **NOT** repeat history.

This was a dark time in NZ history and as this is also a historic event. May the saying "lest we forget" that we connect to Anzac Day may also be a reminder to the NZ Wars. May we also say "Me maumahara tatou-We must remember".

I also acknowledge our school band who performed a rendition of Neil Finn's Parihaka and our kapahaka roopu that supported the assembly through waiata and haka.

My thanks also to the businesses that supported the assembly by providing prizes for the competition that the student council ran.

LOWER—Chartwell Shopping Centre, Hamilton ⇒ Clothing accessories	PB TECH—674b Te Rapa Road, Hamilton ⇒ 3 x UE Wonderboom speakers
Books & Gifts Direct—Mark Wheeler, Hamilton ⇒ Bluetooth Karaoke Microphone	EVENT Cinemas—Chartwell Shopping Centre, Hamilton ⇒ 3 x movie passes
The Warehouse—The Base Te Rapa, Hamilton ⇒ Basketball/Netball balls, easter eggs, chocolates	Countdown, Chartwell Shopping Centre, Hamilton ⇒ \$50 gift voucher
McDonalds—Chartwell, Hamilton ⇒ Vouchers, drink bottles, rugby balls	Burger King—Chartwell, Hamilton ⇒ Vouchers
Vending Direct ⇒ Various drinks and potato chips	

Could you have answered the questions? (an example of one of six quizzes)

1. Ooraakau is closest to: a. Ngaaruawaahia b. Meremere c. Kihikihi	2. What year did the New Zealand Wars start? a. 1545 b. 1845 c. 1945
3. What was the name of the place that the British attacked instead of the Paaterangi Pa? a. Rangiaowhia b. Rangiriri c. Ooraakau	4. What date did British soldiers attack the Ooraakau Pa? a. March 29, 1864 b. March 30, 1864 c. March 31, 1864

Learning Conferences

Our learning conferences are scheduled to take place on Thursday April 8. I encourage you to attend these conferences. Please follow the booking instructions below to make appointments with teachers.

Ngaa mihi nui

Richard Crawford

PRINCIPAL

LEARNING CONFERENCES

To book an interview with teachers please go to:

[https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/
code?z=zk2MI4](https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?z=zk2MI4)

Enter the code: **n33e5**

Then enter your logon and password. If you have any further inquiries please contact Reception Ph 07 853 5663.



Year 9 Camp

It was a beautiful couple of days on the shores of Lake Karapiro at Camp Epworth. Our year 9 students and our senior STARS mentors enjoyed various activities such as water slide, flying fox, kayaking, raft making, archery, and many more. It was great to see so many students getting outside of their comfort zones and challenging themselves in the many activities on offer. Improving interpersonal skills, building relationships, resilience and having self management were some of the qualities students were encouraged to focus on.

This is a free camp for our students and one that is really valued by our college. Providing such quality experiences for our Year 9 students, as well as strengthening the leadership of our seniors is one we prioritise.

A huge thank you to our senior mentors who came and lead camp. Another thank you to our staff members and the Graeme Dingle Foundation for providing this amazing opportunity for our rangatahi.

Mrs Charlotte Major—Year 9 Dean



Athletics Sports Day

Another successful Athletics Sports Day at Porritt Stadium was finally held on Tuesday 9th March. Our third attempt to run this whole school event, and it was enjoyed by all - students, staff and whaanau who came to support. We were treated to a spectacle of athletic ability as students from all four maunga battled it out on the track and the field. Healthy competition was balanced with sportsmanship, humility and those who were there to 'just give it a go'. This year saw no school records broken. However, achievements of note include a personal best by Izaak Redley in the High Jump as a Year 10 boy flying to a height of 1.68m. Well done to all students who participated and contributed to the success of this years Athletics Sports Day. Thank you to the staff who ran the various events, supporting and encouraging our students.

OVERALL CHAMPION PLACINGS:

YEAR 9 Girls	1st— Sunny Stedman — RE	2nd— Angel Takiari — MG	3rd— Roxy Kira — RF
YEAR 9 Boys	1st— Henglee Huy — RB	2nd— Hamish Puata — KC	3rd— Montana Matthews — ME
YEAR 10 Girls	1st— Sophie Harries — RD	2nd— Charlotte Harries — RB	3rd— Stella McFadden — MG
YEAR 10 Boys	1st— Bilal Nisar Ahmed — RD	2nd— George Read — MB	3rd— Isaak Redley — RC
YEAR 11 Girls	1st— Georgia Rennie — KD	2nd— Carly Terelmes — RE	3rd— Raydiance Ranga — KA
YEAR 11 Boys	1st— Israel Kohai — RE	2nd— Omid Ghulam Saeed — MB	3rd— Rico Kira — RE
YEAR 12 Girls	1st— Tess Cleaver — RF	2nd— Coco McFadden — RF	3rd— Jayme Irwin — RF
YEAR 12 Boys	1st— Ryan Leeming — RF	2nd— Jordan Goodwin — RF	3rd— Dion Redley
YEAR 13 Girls	1st— Emma Irwin — RF	2nd— Ocean Ngaruhe — RF	3rd— Kate Bennett — RF
YEAR 13 Boys	1st— Isaac Tshikula — RF	2nd— Rohullah Ghulam Sakhi — RD	3rd— Hameedullah Ghulam Sakhi — RD

RD

OVERALL MOUNTAIN PLACINGS:

1st Karioi (15.79pts) 2nd Kakepuku (12.89pts) 3rd Maungatautari (10.33pts) 4th Pirongia (6.92pts)

OVERALL WAANANGA AKOTAHKI PLACINGS

1st RD	2nd RE	3rd RB	4th KC
5th KD	6th MG		



Swimming Sports

This year saw a slightly different format for our swimming sports to try and encourage students to get involved and remove some of the barriers students in previous years have outlined. This saw a separation between non-competitive swimmers and those competing for our championship events.

It was a great day for all involved and reflected in all students in the pool area having a great time, participating in many fun events.

Congratulations to all students who got involved. This is always a day on the calendar that many look forward to.

OVERALL CHAMPION PLACINGS:

YEAR 9 GIRLS:	1st—Maia Thompson; 2nd—Megan Apers; 3rd—Lily Lye
YEAR 9 BOYS:	1st—Manaia Davis; 2nd—Haegan Jamieson; 3rd—Montana Matthews
YEAR 10 GIRLS:	1st—Tasmyn Leeming; 2nd—Stella McFadden; 3rd—Sophie Harries
YEAR 10 BOYS:	1st—James Lanigan; 2nd—George Read; 3rd—Julian Goble
YEAR 11 GIRLS:	1st—Carly Terelmes
YEAR 11 BOYS:	1st—Hein Cloete; 2nd—Caleb Richardson; 3rd—Rico Kira
YEAR 12 GIRLS:	1st—Tess Cleaver; 2nd—Tasha Terelmes; 3rd—Coco McFadden
YEAR 12 BOYS:	1st—Ryan Leeming; 2nd—Shannon Neale; 3rd—Lance Marupo-Hill
YEAR 13 GIRLS:	1st—Jasmine Goble; 2nd—Charlotte McKinnon; 3rd equal—Kate Bennett; 3rd equal—Emma Irwin

YEAR 13 BOYS:

1st—Evan Wilson; 2nd—Bailey Bell; 3rd—Caleb Hawkins

OVERALL MOUNTAIN PLACINGS (Points per student)

1st Karioi (9.23pts)	2nd Maungatautari (6.00pts)
3rd Kakepuku (5.14pts)	4th Pirongia (3.50pts)

OVERALL WAANANGA AKOTAHKI PLACINGS

1st RF	2nd RD
3rd MC	4th KI
5th KB	6th RC



Inter-Mountain Competitions

TOUCH COMPETITION

There was some great action out on the school fields at lunchtimes during Week 7. Thank you to our refs, and supporters and of course the players who represented their maunga with pride.

Kakepuku went through the round robin games unbeaten and convincingly won the final. They then got the opportunity to challenge the staff team last Friday. Kakepuku were masterful, but the staff were all class in their 3-2 victory.



Touch Results: 1st — Kakepuku 2nd — Karioi 3rd — Maungatautari 4th — Pirongia

DRESS-UP COMPETITION

The theme for our first Dress Up day in 2021 was 'Formal Attire'. On Friday March 12th, staff and students were seen looking particularly smart. This competition was extremely close, with Kakepuku beating Pirongia by the narrowest of margins.

Dress-up Results: 1st — Kakepuku 2nd — Pirongia 3rd — Karioi 4th — Maungatautari

MOUNTAIN POINTS UPDATE

Overall points: 1st — Karioi (21) 2nd — Kakepuku (18) 3rd — Maungatautari (13) 4th — Pirongia (8)

Fairfield College Sport

We have had a very busy start for 2021 with 3 x Volleyball, 3 x Waka Ama, 2 x Touch, a Softball and a Waterpolo team/s competing. For the first time in at least 10 years we had a Volleyball team in the Waikato Secondary Schools Comp and have finished the season named as the Division 2 Champs which is an awesome achievement for the boys and their two coaches Vikki Rangiwha and Tongafau'ave Soli.

Our Softball team were on the road toward the grand final for the Waikato Secondary Schools Competition unfortunately fell at the semi finals match against a well trained HBHS team. They finished 3rd place on Saturday 27th March at Resthills Park with a convincing win. Thank you to the efforts of their coaches Ned and Vikki.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURNAMENT WEEK:

Three girls Waka Ama teams headed off to compete at the National Secondary Schools Waka Ama Championships at Lake Tikitapu in



FFC top Volleyball team "Aces"

Rotorua over 4 days. It is fantastic to see the growth in this sport at FFC. The girls dedication to training both on and off the water has paid off with each team making a final. Just making a final is impressive in itself, as there were 113 schools competing this year. Final results are: **Fairfield Tuupari** 4th place in the Plate U19 Girls W6 250m Final (trimming 3 seconds of their previous fastest time)

Semifinalist in Plate U19 Girls W6 500m turns race

Fairfield Te Inanga 1st PLACE (GOLD) in the Plate U19 Girls W6 500m turns Final; Semifinalist in the Plate U19 Girls W6 250m

Congratulations to the girls and especially Mrs Heta their coach! Fantastic efforts by everyone. Fairfield College is so proud of you all!

The girls Waterpolo team combined with Fraser High School is also competing in the NZ Waterpolo Div 2 Champs held at either Waterworld Hamilton or St Peters Cambridge on the 17-20 April! Congratulations girls!

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YEAR 13 STUDENTS 2021

MoneyHub, a consumer finance website, has published a guide to hundreds of scholarships for any student planning to start university in 2022. The comprehensive list includes scholarships offered by every university as well as those specifically available to local students. A list of privately-funded, Maaori, Pacific and International university scholarships completes the list.

Applications close throughout the year, with tens of millions of dollars available. MoneyHub has also published a list of tips for scholarship success. For more details and to find suitable scholarships, visit the [MoneyHub Scholarship page](#)

The link is <https://www.moneyhub.co.nz/scholarships-nz.html>

School Calendar

TERM ONE

APRIL

- 1 Science Spinners Stem Hub
 - 2 Good Friday (School closed)
 - 5 Easter Monday (School closed)
 - 6 Easter Tuesday (School closed)
 - 8 Meet the Teacher 3—7pm —(school will finish at 2:25pm)
 - 8-9 OED300 Climbing Assessment
 - 12 Heart Children NZ Charity 3:30pm
 - 13—14 Year 12 Health & Safety in the Workshop
 - 14 Year 13 Height Safety Intro Workshop
 - Year 12 OED Rope Systems
 - 15 NZ Security Association presentation
 - 16 Lincoln University visit
 - Mountain Event: Tug of War and Haka Competition
- END OF TERM 1

MAY

- 3 TERM 2 BEGINS
- 5 University of Otago visit 1:30pm
- 7 Year 12 GEO trip to Raglan
- 12 Year 12 OED Caving Assessment
- 13 Auckland Writers Festival
- 14 Year 13 GEO Research Waitomo & Rafting
- 18 School Cross Country
- 19 NCEA Staff Only Day (no students at school)
- 28 WA Bunting Competition
- University of Auckland presentation

