



**MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

*Tena koutou e te Whaanau*

I want to start my final column of the 2020 school year by repeating the address that I gave in the Junior Prize-Giving on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

**Prize-giving 2020 – Junior Prize- Giving Speech**

*“To our parents and whaanau that are in attendance today thank you for your support and for all that you do for your children in helping them navigate the complex world of becoming a young adult and all that this entails.*

*2020 a year like no other – well at least in our lifetime. Actually let’s reflect on the uniqueness of 2020. The first two numbers in the year are repeated in the last two numbers of the year. We have to go back 101 years in history when we had a similar year that of 1919 and at that time the world had just come out of World War 1. The next time that we will have a repeat of the first two numbers in the year is 2121 which is in another 100 years in the future. So 2020 in itself is pretty unique and special.*

*For most people including myself 2020 will be remembered as the year of Covid-19. Dealing with the uncertainty of Covid-19 is proving to be a global, regional, national, and local game changer. Despite this it has also been a great learning period for all of us. It has emphasized the importance of being kind and appreciative of each other. The need to be agile and responsive to changing landscapes and to change and amend things midstream to better meet the wellbeing needs of our students, whaanau, and staff.*

*I acknowledge our Board of Trustees who set as a main goal in the 2020 school Charter the importance of health and wellbeing. We set this before the realities and threats of Covid-19 were known and this has supported us to lead in a way that repositions this often spoke about concept from the background to the foreground of all that we do in the school. Thank you Mrs MacKenzie, and other Board members, who have served so selflessly during this challenging year.*

*The term “essential worker,” has become a key concept in our thinking as a result of Covid 19. The term essential means highly valued and has reference to a particular context. People in*

*a wide range of careers are deemed to be essential because what they do is crucial for how we live our lives. In many cases the importance of their role has been magnified as a result of Covid 19.*

*I extend the same invitation to our year 9 and year 10 students that I extended to our year 11, Year 12, and Year 13 students in the 2020 senior prize giving. I encourage you to continuously strive to become not so much an essential worker but an essential contributor to the causes and organisations that you are connected with, both now and in the future. To become an essential contributor you need to be respectful, responsible, and be the best that you can in all that you do. It is my invitation to you today to reflect on your perspectives of life and renew or take on a new commitment to be an essential contributor.*

*To our staff of Fairfield College thank you all for being essential contributors. It has been a challenging year and your support and responses to the challenges we have faced and continue to face have been invaluable. A special thank you to Mr Murray Shannon for the 14 1/2 years of exceptional teaching and leadership service that you have given to FFC. Know that you have positively impacted on the lives of so many students during your tenure at Fairfield College and I wish you, your wife, and your children the best in the next phase of your lives.*

*I also acknowledge and thank Mr Mark Van Buerden, Mr Matt Ting, Mr Steve Schooley (who came out of a sort of retirement to help us out this year) and Ms Bex Knaggs for the service that you have rendered and wish you the best in your future pursuits.*

*I acknowledge our students that will be recognised today. They are the stars of this show and they and their fellow FFC students are the purpose for all that we do in this school.*

*2021 is going to be exciting and I look forward to leading what I refer to the refiguring of streaming at Fairfield College. For our Year 10 students this means that you will no longer be streamed off to a 102 Mathematics or a 102 English or a 102 Science. The pathways to these subjects are now fully open for the vast majority of our 2021 Year 11 students. We are saying to you that you have the capability to*



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travel down this pathway that provides access to a greater number of future pathways and opportunities. I will revisit this in greater detail in your 2021 welcome back to school assembly on Wednesday February 3. Have an enjoyable and safe break.

Thank you to students, whaanau, and staff for all that you have done in 2020 to make Fairfield College the school that it is, and importantly the school that it is always becoming. That school is a school that is inclusive of all students and supports them to be responsible, to be respectful, and to be the best that they can be. It is a school that is committed to continuous improvement and is constantly checking to see if what we were doing yesterday and today is sufficient for what must be done tomorrow to provide greater learning and achievement opportunities for our students.  
*Ngaa mihi nunui ki a koutou katoa.*"

### Refiguring Streaming at Fairfield College

Thank you to those parents that attended the refiguring streaming information evenings that were held on

Streaming and setting also have been found to have a negative impact on the social and emotional outcomes of many students. Research suggests that streaming can exacerbate the effect of socio-economic background on educational achievement, thereby reinforcing already existing social disadvantage experienced by certain groups of students. Furthermore, streaming often increases racial segregation within schools and there is evidence to suggest that streaming decreases students' acceptance of racial difference and general positive interaction between racial groups. Streaming also has been shown to have a negative impact on the self-concept, confidence and motivation of students in lower streams, which in turn negatively impacts on their academic achievement and progress.

November 19 and November 25. We were able to collect valuable insight that will inform the plan that we are implementing to enable the cultural shifts to support the structural shifts of refiguring streaming that we are putting in place.

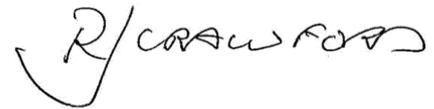
The following two slides provide a glimpse of why we are refiguring streaming at Fairfield College. The following link in particular is very informative: [Educational Research and Streaming](#)

Further information can be accessed through the following links:

[Refiguring streaming at FFC - BOT Presentation](#)

[Refiguring streaming at FFC - Parent Information Evenings](#)

Thank you once again for your support and I wish you all a Meri Kirihimete and a happy festive season.



Ngaa mihi nui  
**Richard Crawford**  
 PRINCIPAL

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Refiguring Streaming at Fairfield College in 2021

Our Why
Enhancing education and pathways of <b>all</b> students
Our How
Through inquiry and self-review that is informed by current research and best practice be responsive to the learning needs of <b>all</b> of our students
Our What
Improve learning, enable progress, and raise achievement of <b>all</b> students at Fairfield College

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## Leavers Dinner

The last event of 2020 for our Year 13 students was their Leaver's Dinner held at the Novotel. Thanks to Mr Major for MC'ing this event and to Lorelle for all her organization.

It was a lovely occasion reflecting on their secondary schooling years and looking forward to the future. On behalf of all the staff at FFC, I wish each and every one of our school leavers every success in whatever pathway they choose to follow.  
*Mrs Jenny Heta—Year 13 Dean*



# Selectives

Selectives are annual activities offered to the Junior students during the last week of Term 4. These activities promote positive learning experiences for our students within and outside of the school classroom context and it provides positive rewards and affirmation of students who have worked diligently over the whole school year. This year Selectives were held on Tuesday the 1st of December and Wednesday the 2nd of December, and the weather was perfect.

The students were fortunate to select some of the following activities this year: water sports (sea-biscuiting/knee boarding and skiing), surfing, skiing at Snow Planet, Chinese culture experience, visit to the Auckland Zoo, along with golfing, darts, volleyball, E-biking etc.

It was encouraging to see positive relationships built between the staff and students during these activities and it was a great way to finish off the year.



Auckland Zoo Trip



"We had a great time out at Raglan. The surf was pumping!!! A great experience for everyone. We capped off our day with hot chip sandwiches and ice creams."



"Students made beautiful sugar paintings, experienced a Chinese Tea Ceremony and learned a traditional Chinese musical instrument—Gu Zheng."

## Junior Prize-giving 2020

Congratulations to all  
Fairfield College 2020  
Junior Prize-giving Recipients

Congratulations to all our Junior students recipients of Fairfield College who were presented awards at the annual Junior Prizegiving held on Thursday the 3rd of December. It was wonderful to see such a good huge number of whaanau come to support our students for their achievements during 2020.

We would like to acknowledge the Top Achievers:

**Top Year 9 Academic:** Layia West

**Top Year 10 Academic:** Jorja McKinnon

**100% Attendance:** Anisha Bester and Samuel MacKenzie

**Junior All Round Sportsperson of the Year:** Sophie Harries

**Taituha Cup for Sporting Excellence:** Caleb Hawkins

**Junior Sportswoman:** Tasmyn Leeming

**Junior Sportsman:** Makaira Browne



Top Year 9 Academic Student Layia West with parents



Top Year 10 Academic Student Jorja McKinnon with mum

*meri Kirihimete*



# 2020 Sports Round Up

Wow what a year we have all had! Fairfield Sport would like to thank all our Coaches, Managers and students who have managed to stay committed throughout this challenging year to sport. We have managed to finish the year with one of our busiest in terms of teams entered in competitions.



Waka Ama team pictured with coach Mrs Jenny Heta (bottom right)

Congratulations to the two In – Line Hockey,

Softball, Touch, 2 Volleyball, Waka Ama and Waterpolo teams who have managed to see the term out. A highlight in Term 4 sport was Mrs Heta and her Waka Ama team attending the Super 12 Regatta held at Hamilton Lake on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. The team competed in 3 heats, a semifinal and then came runners up in the Lady Dragons Grand final. They then were recipients of the Junior Girls Championship trophy at the prize giving later that evening. This was an awesome result as the team has been out on the lake paddling twice a week. Congratulations everyone.

Mrs Heta is hoping to compete at the Auckland Regional Secondary Schools Schools Championships at Lake Pupuke in March 2021. This will be a full Dragon boat regatta which means 20 paddlers per boat so therefore we are looking for more paddlers to join the team. If your son or daughter is interested to give paddling a go our contact details are below.

As Term 4 sport draws to an end for 2020, we finish with celebrating our Junior sports champions. Congratulations goes to these students for their efforts and commitments and we look forward to celebrating your future seasons.

Finally we would once again like to thank all our volunteer coaches and managers that make sport happen for our students. We can't do it without you!

Be safe and have a wonderful Christmas and holiday season. Best wishes Toni & Vikki

If you are interested in helping with any of our sports teams in 2021 please don't hesitate to contact us via 07 8535660 ext 854 or email [sport@faircol.school.nz](mailto:sport@faircol.school.nz) or [rangiawhav@faircol.school.nz](mailto:rangiawhav@faircol.school.nz)



## School Calendar 2021

TERM DATES	SCHOOL TERMS
<b>JANUARY</b> 27 School Office opens	<b>TERM 1</b> Starts: Wednesday 3rd February Ends: Friday 16th April
<b>FEBRUARY</b> 2-3 Teachers Only Days 3-5 Year 13 camp 4 Years 10 and Years 11 only 5 Years 9 and Years 12 only	<b>TERM 2</b> Starts: Monday 3rd May Ends: Friday 9th July
8 Holiday 9 All students in school 10	<b>TERM 3</b> Starts: Monday 26th July Ends: Friday 1st October
	<b>TERM 4</b> Starts: Monday 18th October Ends: TBC