



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Tena koutou e te Whaanau

Adjusting to an Uncertain and Fluid Covid-19 Delta Environment

Term three has been a challenging time for all of us. On August 17, we were informed by the Prime-Minister that because a community case of Covid-19 Delta had been detected in Auckland that New Zealand would be moving to Alert Level 4 at 11:59pm. We continue to draw on the learnings of our 2020 experience as we navigate through these challenging times.

I pay tribute to our staff who were able to effectively support and operate distance learning during Level 4 and Level 3. They have been working hard to meet the needs of our students since their return to on site learning at Level 2. I also acknowledge our students for the tenacity and resilience that they are displaying. There are wellbeing challenges that we are working through with some students but overall they have settled in well and appreciate being back at school. This was evident from the feedback that we received from Year 13 Advanced Physical Education students regarding their recent outdoor skiing experience in Ruapehu. I also acknowledge our Board of Trustees for the governance leadership support that they continue to provide for myself and the school in general. Thank you also for your support and understanding as we continue to operate in what is an uncertain and fluid Covid-19 Delta environment.

Changes to NCEA

The New Zealand Qualifications Authority have decided because of the COVID-19 lockdown this year our Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be eligible to receive Learning Recognition Credits (LRCs). They will receive these at a rate of 1 LRC per 5 credits achieved through assessment, up to a cap of 8 LRCs at NCEA Level 1, and 6 LRCs and Levels 2 and 3. This will provide support for our Year 12 students and Year 13 students to meet their NCEA Level 2 or Level 3 requirements. To be awarded University Entrance, students would need to achieve 12 - rather than 14 - credits in each of 3 University Entrance Approved Subjects. Students would still need to attain NCEA Level 3 and meet literacy and numeracy requirements.

Our Year 11 -13 students will also benefit from the two-week delay to end of year external assessments and most portfolio submission dates. This will provide additional time which can be used for further teaching, learning and assessment, so that our students can earn their full entitlement of LRCs. As a result of the NZQA postponement external examination assessments will now commence on Monday November 22 instead of November 8. School for year 11, 12, and 13 students was scheduled to finish on November 2 with senior prize giving to take place later that evening. Senior students will now finish school on November 16 with prize giving taking place that evening. Finishing school means scheduled classes will no longer operate but students will be able to use this time to work individually with their teachers to prepare for either external assessments or complete internal assessments.

Impacts of Alert Levels on School Events

There are a number of events that we have had to cancel or reconfigure because of the safety requirements of Level 2. The 2022 Senior Subject Selection Evening was held through zoom on Wednesday, September 15. This was followed up by a Virtual Information Evening for prospective 2022 Year 9 students. A recording of both of these events can be viewed from the school website:

<https://www.faircol.school.nz/info-evening-tour-department>

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the following annual events:

- Pasifika Achievement Celebration Evening
- Maaori Achievement Celebration Evening

Sports Prize - Giving

We are planning to feature aspects of these important occasions in our Senior and Junior Prize-giving events.

Fairfield College Thanks Graeme Dingle Foundation

Fairfield College acknowledges the continued support of the Graeme Dingle Foundation that enables the school to run the STARS and Career Navigator Programme. Both programmes significantly contribute to the balanced educational development of our students.

The STARS programme has now concluded and school will now commence at 9:30am on Thursday for all students (including Year 9 students).

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HEAD STUDENTS REPORT

Fairfield College Participation in the Blood Drive

I acknowledge our student council under the leadership of Hannah Luke and Charlotte McKinnon who organised Fairfield College's annual participation in the Blood Drive. With the uncertainty of Alert Level 2 I left the decision for Fairfield College's participation to the Student Council. I was pleased with their decision to proceed and thank the New Zealand Blood Services for the opportunity for Fairfield College to once again be part of this invaluable community service. Thank you also to the 38 students and staff who donated blood on this day.



Charlotte McKinnon on behalf of students accepting certificates from Chris Dickinson, NZ Blood Drive



Richard Crawford pictured with Megan Koschany, recipient of Te Paewai o te Rangi Scholarship University of Waikato

Megan Koschany (Recipient of Te Paewai o te Rangi Scholarship University of Waikato)

Congratulations to Year 13 student Megan Koschany for being awarded the Te Paewai o Te Rangi scholarship from the University of Waikato. Megan has received all of her secondary education at Fairfield College and we are proud of the way that she models our core values of being respectful, responsible, and the best that she can be. She will receive up to \$25000 in her first three years of study at the University of Waikato.

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/s/university-of-waikato-outstanding-academic-achievement-scholarship>

Ngaa mihi nui
Richard Crawford
PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. CRAWFORD'.

HEAD STUDENTS REPORT

Presented at the Virtual Information Evening 30 September

"Kia ora, I'm Emma and I'm Charlotte and we have had the privilege of representing Fairfield College as two of the head students this year. Entering Year 9 we were both super shy and didn't really know anyone... so the move was definitely intimidating, like it may be for many of you. However, by the end of the first week, Fairfield College felt like home. Because of the small size of the school, we were able to get to know almost everyone in our year group pretty quickly.

Personally, Fairfield College has provided us both with numerous opportunities that we will be forever thankful for. These include being a part of the STARS programme, SSEP education outside the classroom, school mountain competitions, athletics day, cross country and swimming sports. We have also been grateful for the opportunities to take part in musical performances, school camps, public speaking, outdoor education, day of love, the annual blood drive, and the list goes on.

As a result of our school's competitive nature, the arts and sport are major contributing factors to our daily school life. We have a large variety of sporting codes to participate in and you'll often find many of our students eventually become involved with more than one. Our arts department allows for students to express themselves through music, drama or fine arts. This year we had an awesome group of students work over the course of the year, alongside a couple of teachers, to choreograph and perform a range of musical items. They created a showcase which was recorded and allowed them to develop their talents further and earn credits while doing something that they loved. Through five years at Fairfield, we have seen the school grow and evolve both physically and in its learning and teaching styles. From the addition of the astroturf to the change from one hour to 90 minute periods, as well as the significant alterations in our NCEA structure, Fairfield has managed to embrace change all while holding onto its traditions, standards and core values.

Fairfield College is unique compared to other schools in the sense of family. We are privileged to have such a small but diverse and close knit community which allows us to grow and learn alongside each other and our teachers. The contemporary, responsive learning style that our teachers provide us with allows us to form relationships ensuring that every student is pushed to their personal potential. Fairfield College focuses on student development and growth and is a place to establish friendships that will last a lifetime.

Preceding generations always say 'Your school years are the best years of your life' and although some days and weeks may seem to last a lifetime, trust me when I say they go super quick in the grand scheme of things. We want to emphasise to you that Fairfield College has so much to offer, so embrace every opportunity that comes your way. We wish everybody here the very best in the years to come and good luck.

Ngaa Mihi, Emma Irwin and Charlotte McKinnon"



Head Students Emma Irwin and Charlotte McKinnon

SCHOOL BALL

A Night with the Gods



Crowned King and Queen 2021:
Ethan Wright and Winter Smith

Fairfield College Ball – A Night with the God's

The ancient Greece theme this year was spectacularly portrayed with lights, columns, ivy, Greek urns at The Atrium. With a record number of over 200 students the evening ran with well-oiled planning, great music, delicious food and drinks and lots of dancing.

A huge thank you to staff and students who organised the evening, fundraised and helped out in so many other ways. Also thank you to the Hamilton Operatic Society for their awesome props. Congratulations to the following students who won the title of:

Royals: Winter Smith and Ethan Wright

Next in Line: Vila To'ofoho and Mason Kohai

Best dressed: Eramiha Abrams and Levi Moana-Whareni

Cutest Couple: Essence Dinsdale-Hohepa and Jayvier Ngarongo



FAIRFIELD COLLEGE SHOWCASE

2021 brings us the debut of Fairfield Colleges very own SHOWCASE - the brain child of siblings Jamey Ferguson and Charlotte Ferris. "FFC Showcase" combines the talents of Jamey's Music Department including the Takoha Puoro programme and Charlotte's Māori Performing Arts Department.

The show consists of 25 students (dancers and singers) – Haki, Ethan, Poasi, VJ, David, Tonga, Winter, Nellie, Tess, Esme, Afa, Janeitha, Mariana, Kaitlin, Manya, Julia; and the FFC Takoha Puoro Band - Tane, Hozay, Josh and Sione. Together, they have practiced performing a variety of numbers consisting of different genre of dancing, and singing injected with drama and a little humour here and there. The original plan was to take the Showcase show on the road for a 4 night tour performing at high schools in Whakatane, Tokoroa and Taupo during final week of Term 3.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and the rules around social gatherings, the scheduled shows needed to be cancelled. In concern that the student's may not be able to perform in front of an audience, Jamey and Charlotte decided to organize to have 2 items captured on video – 1) to create evidence for the students NCEA units, and 2) to give students the experience of the process involved in creating a music video, a special memoir for their hard work.

We are happy to advise that the video session happened Wednesday 29th September, all day. Pualena was the first item recorded. It was hard work, lots of repetition and lots of smiles demanded of them. Then it was time for Don't Forget Your Roots. 3 hours later, our principal Richard Crawford walks into the hall and catches the last run through of the item - wide-eyed and smiling with pride as he witnessed at the end of performance, the videographer giving the students the 'thumbs up' confirming they were done! Our principal ended this huge day by sharing his pride and his gratefulness to all involved for their hours of practice and dedication. He also expressed his thanks and recognition to his staff members who worked quietly in the background creating a beautiful stage setting fit for New York (Riima and Karina), the creation of props and taonga (Rima and Thomas), sound and video services provided and manned (John and Casey), a scrumptious lunch (Karina and Sano), bass playing and musical direction from Takoha Puoro Music specialists (Casey, Ben and Shirley Ferguson), and other support received from others that contributed to the success of the day. Last, but not least, thanks again was expressed to Jamey and Charlotte for giving up their time to teach and mentor our students, encouraging them to be the best they can be. This experience has not only blessed our Showcase students personal lives, but has changed and bonded them.

It has been really beautiful to see them have fun and express themselves through the Arts.

Bring on Showcase 2022!

INTER-MOUNTAIN COMPETITIONS

	Dress up	Netball	Esports	Total Term 3	Grand Total
Maungatautari	1	2	4	7	39
Pirongia	4	1	2	7	41
Karioi	2	4	3	9	60
Takepuku	3	3	1	7	60

TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK

Malo e lelei!

The theme for Tongan Language Week this year was *"Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Ako Lelei"*, "Enriching Aotearoa with holistic education". This year it looked very different due to half of it being through lockdown. Our students enjoyed inspirational video quotes, language lessons and even a virtual flag raising ceremony. Our Head Student, Tonga Finau and his brother Simione made a make shift flag pole in their back



garden and shared the ceremony along with the significance of the Tongan flag with our school and community through social media. We are so proud of how our students have been able to adapt to still ensure that these important weeks are still celebrated and acknowledged.

TE WIKI O TE REO MAAORI



Maori Language Week 13-19 September

The impact of Covid Delta had already affected much of the school programme of events and none more so that Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori. With social distancing, many of the popular activities from other years could not take place. We had to get innovative!

Each day Year 11 student, ShaneO Skinner entertained the whole school with stories of local Maori history. He spoke of many ancestors who have left their mark in our community and city. He spoke with enthusiasm and humour. Wehi na ShaneO!

The Principal also ran a school wide quiz relating to events during Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori. The prizes he provided to the winners were tino pai!

Another activity was that we invited staff and students to post video clips of them speaking or singing in Te Reo Maaori. A huge mihi to Matua Heemi Walker at Melville High School who had his students add a clip on our page for us to see. Some staff and students posted a waiata in reply. An awesome way to finish the week.

FAIRFIELD COLLEGE SPORT

Sport in Term 3 started superbly with Fairfield College teams competing in all the major sporting events and competitions around the Waikato. We recorded some great results, even had some teams tracking nicely to a positive position when it came to the business end of their competitions. Unfortunately COVID-19 DELTA reared its ugly head and closed down the country and by default all sporting competitions. To say we were disappointed is an understatement, knowing the work that goes on behind the scenes to get FFC teams off the ground did hurt everyone, students and coaches. However we are resilient and bounce back quite quickly.

Sports Awards and Sports Photos

Alert Level 2 has also seen the cancellation of our Sports Awards evening, yet another point in favour of Covid-19 Delta. We take pride in the work and effort our sports students and coaches put into the season, and not being able to celebrate their efforts is another tough blow for us all. After much deliberation we have decided to present the students with their awards at the sports photos day, which is happening Friday 22nd October. Unfortunately only staff, coaches and students are permitted to attend the photos day. Students will be able to view their photos and print at a later date afterward.

Returning Sports Uniforms and Fees

This is an urgent reminder to return all FFC sports uniforms for all teams. These are needed for team photos happening on Friday 22nd October. All unpaid sports fee's are now overdue. Please pay as soon as possible.



Sports Co-ordinators—Vikki Rangiaawha and Toni Phillips

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM FOUR

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

- 18 Start of Term 4
- 22 Sports/Clubs Photos
- 25 LABOUR DAY
- 28 WTE Workshop

NOVEMBER

- 12 Senior Awards
- 15 Year 13 Graduation
- 16 Year 13 Toga Day
- Senior Prizegiving
- 18 Leavers Dinner
- 22 NZQA Exams start
- 23 NCEA Teacher Only Day (no school for students)
- 25 White Ribbon Day
- 30 Year 10 Camp

DECEMBER

- 7 Junior Awards
- 9-10 Selectives
- 13 Junior Prizegiving
- 14 Ngaruawahia Day
- End of School Year 2021