



### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We have enjoyed a busy Term One and celebrate the achievement of our students and the efforts of our staff who continue to provide a wide array of opportunities for our students to participate in. I want to stress how important it is that our students attend school every day and every period. Please encourage your children to be a regular school attender which means that they are attending school at least 91% of the time. There is a strong link between attendance and student learning, achievement, and overall wellbeing. The more a student attends school the more likely it is that their school learning and achievement potential will be realised.

#### School Reports

Junior and Senior tracking reports for this term will be sent digitally to your registered email address on April 12th, detailing your child's progress. Should you need a hard copy or wish to update your details, please contact the main office.

Furthermore, please save the dates for Learning Conferences on May 9th and 14th, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's learning journey with their teachers.

Booking information will be available at the beginning of Term Two.

#### Fairfield College 2024 - Trip to China

I first want to express my appreciation to the Centre for Language Education and Cooperation at Fudan University in Shanghai China, as well as the Confucius Institute at Auckland University for their support that has enabled 20 Fairfield College students to participate in the 2024 Fairfield College trip to Shanghai and Beijing. I also thank Fairfield College's Mandarin language teacher Ms Wang Bei for her untiring efforts in organising the trip and making the required connections with our partners in China. Thank you also to the parents and whaanau of the participating students for your support which has also enabled our students to participate in what can be viewed as a once in a school lifetime trip. Each student was required to pass a Mandarin language test that was externally assessed, and I commend them for their efforts and persistence in setting and achieving the goal of participating on this trip.

Our primary objective in visiting China is to immerse our students in the Mandarin language and Chinese culture.

This endeavour not only aligns with the strategic goals of our government and school, but also underscores our commitment to preparing future leaders who can navigate and excel in an increasingly interconnected world.

The fifteen-day trip (March 28 – April 12) has a number of highlights, including learning experiences at Fudan University, visits to the Bund, Oriental Pearl Tower, and the Yu Garden in Shanghai. The students will travel on a highspeed train from Shanghai to Beijing and visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the Summer Palace and the Temple of Heaven. The return to Shanghai enables our students to visit Fairfield College's sister school in Shanghai, Minxing Senior High School, and other cultural experiences at Fudan University. A highlight of the trip will be the visit to Disneyland, Shanghai. The group is scheduled to fly into Auckland Airport at 4pm on Friday, April 12.

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## Whakaata Marawaatea - Fairfield College Television

On Wednesday March 13, we launched our 20-week programme Whakaata Marawaatea (Fairfield College Television). This programme is led by a Fairfield College Alumni and 1986 Head Boy, Robbie Neha and our Drama teacher Mr Grundlingh. Working with Mr Neha we were able to successfully apply to Creative Arts New Zealand for funding for this project. Mr Neha joined the film production business soon after he left school, and he now operates his own film production business. The aim of the Whakaata Marawaatea is to provide opportunities for students to learn more about shooting and producing films by getting behind a camera and producing their own films. It is great to welcome Mr Neha back to Fairfield College as the creative designer of this project and we look forward to viewing the films that are produced by our students.



## Sports at Fairfield College

Participating in sports is an important part of a Fairfield College educational experience. We offer a wide range of sports that students can participate in. We are fortunate to have long-serving Toni Phillips and Vikki Rangiawha as our exceptional Fairfield College sports coordinators. They go beyond the expected to ensure that Fairfield College students can participate in sports. Thank you also for staff and parents that coach, manage, or support our school teams. I appreciate the positive support that is provided by Fairfield College supporters on the sidelines. I encourage all our supporters to be positive in all of our sideline support interactions. This means respecting our opposition, respecting the referees, respecting the venues, and respecting the Fairfield College teams. How we act when participating in sport and how we act in supporting sport reflects the positive culture that we are continuously building at Fairfield College

Finally, I thank the Apollo Project for their generous sponsorship of sports at Fairfield College. This sponsorship removes the financial barriers that can restrict student participation in sport. If you have any queries about sport at Fairfield College including accessing financial support to remove financial barriers of your children participating in sport, please email [sport@faircol.school.nz](mailto:sport@faircol.school.nz)

Thank you for choosing Fairfield College to be the secondary education provider of your child/children. We are committed to continuous improvement, and we welcome feedback about how we are currently performing which also means providing feedback about how we can improve. Please be assured that your child is valued at Fairfield College, and we are committed to working with you to ensure that they have a positive educational experience that enables them to optimise their learning, progress, and achievement.



Ngaa mihi nui

Richard Crawford

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## YEAR 13 CAMP

Our annual Year 13 camp was held at Whaingaroa from January 31<sup>st</sup>-February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The staff and students that went had a great two nights out at Camp Raglan and it was a great way to kick off 2024. The weather was fantastic and the beach activities, swimming, archery, target shooting and team building activities were all lots of fun.



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# SWIMMING SPORTS

Year 9 Girls Champions		Year 9 Boys Champions		Year 10 Girls Champions		Year 10 Boys Champions		Year 11 Girls Champions	
1	Angellee Weir	1	Deimos Scott	1	Grace Hewitt	1	Daniel Robertson	1	Anara Jamieson
2	Abbie Parker	2	Willem McDermott	2	Milan Pfeiffer-berger Haslam	2	Malachi Symons	2	Millie Parker
3	Chloe Fendall	3	Jason Price	3	Mele Kaho	3	Roman Boxell	3	Dani Thompson
Year 11 Boys Champions		Year 12 Girls Champions		Year 12 Boys Champions		Year 13 Girls Champions		Year 13 Boys Champions	
1	Nicholas Stavenow	1	Maiya Jhaveri	1	Benji Keir	1	Hana Foster	1	George Read
2	Ryan Valu	2	Maia Thompson	2	Haegan Jamieson	2	Tasmyn Leeming	2	James Lanigan
		3	Katie Van Dyk	3	Travis Murphy	3	Sophie Harries	3	Logan Clarke



# ATHLETICS DAY - PORRITT STADIUM



It was fantastic to see the effort from our students in both Swimming Sports and Athletics this term. Whether a student participates in one event, or multiple, we are always really proud of the effort demonstrated as they represent their Waananga Akotahi and Maunga. In particular, the way our students supported their peers as they competed made us really proud. There were some amazing individual results on both days. A huge well done to all students for challenging themselves to give the events a go. Thank you to our PE faculty for ensuring these two events go ahead and run smoothly on the day.



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# SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2024 - VOLLEYBALL

This tournament was the first ever of any kind for almost all of the students involved, so attending Volleyball Nationals in Palmerston North for a week was a huge mountain to overcome for these boys. We set huge goals for ourselves that seemed achievable on the drive down to Palmerston North, but we soon learnt on day one it's going to take a lot more than the pipe dream we imagined.

Over the week we played:

- Monday** Makoura College & Hutt Valley High School
- Tuesday** Pinehurst College & Waitara Boys High School
- Wednesday** Rolleston College & Roncalli College
- Thursday** St Peter's College Palmerston North & Katikati College
- Friday** Makoura College.

Although we did not win a game, the boys and I have learnt so much about volleyball and what these boys can do once they put their minds to it.

Our skills and knowledge for the game have evolved a lot, we are looking forward to participating again in 2025.

Noho ora mai. Vikki Rangiawha

Fairfield College would like to thank Ned Marsters and Vikki Rangiawha for all their mahi getting these boys to the Nationals. It surely was a busy week from them starting at 5:00am and finishing at 11:00pm each day.



## NATIONALS 2024 Palmerston North



# SUMMER TOURNAMENT WEEK 2024 - WAKA AMA

Well that is a wrap for Waka Ama Secondary School Nationals for 2024. What a great week it was at Lake Tikitapu in Rotorua. A massive mihi to Jermaine Noho and Casey Rapana for coaching and managing our teams this year. Thank you to Kahu Pickering for driving the boys team around all week. Thank you to Jo McFadden for sorting our accommodation at Longfords. Staying at Lake Ookareka was fantastic being so close to the event venue. The weather got better and better everyday, Taawhirimaatea made for some challenging racing early in the week. Both teams got to paddle on finals day and achieved some great results with our boys placing 7th in their Te Kei junior under 16 500m turn race and our girls made the podium winning their Te Kei junior under 19 250m straight race. Thanks to Toni and Wendy at school for all the work you do in the background to make it possible for our sports teams to compete. Thank you to Giovanni who travelled over with the team and helped as a reserve/marshal for the event. To all the whaanau of our paddlers, thank you for your support whether it was watching on the livestream or travelling over the Mamaku to cheer on lakeside. And finally thank you to our amazing 12 paddlers, Sophie, Ella, Paula, Kezia, Dylahn, Aliveea, Aydan, Cherdante, Zupree, Jarryd, Junior and Mozaik for representing our kura so well both on and off the water.

Ngaa mihi  
Jenny Heta (TIC)



## TERM ONE



### APRIL

- 11 Anzac Assembly  
**(No STARS, school concludes at 2.35pm for all year levels)**
- 12 China Trip Returns
- 12 Last Day of the term

## TERM TWO

### APRIL

- 29 First Day of Term 2

### May

- 9 Learning Conferences
- 14 Learning Conferences
- 13-17 Intermountain Kii-O-Rahi
- 17 Pink Shirt Day



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