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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Tena koutou e te Whaanau



It has been a busy term with numerous highlights. I thank and acknowledge our staff, coaches, managers, parents, and caregivers for their committed efforts that have supported our students to participate and, in some cases, excel in various events.

2024 Fairfield College Wearable Arts Competition.

The term finished with the Fairfield College bi-annual wearable arts competition, and it was great to see the twelve participants (three from each maunga) display their creativity walking down the runway in the Kelly gymnasium. Each model was supported by a reader who explained the wearable arts fashion that they were modelling to the audience. I congratulate the models and their supporting teams who made the 2024 event such a success. Special congratulations to Kakepuku who won the 2024 event.



Attendance is crucial.

Congratulations to all students that are meeting the regular attendance criteria (more than 90%). It is great to see the number of students that are meeting this requirement and I encourage all students and their parents to make school attendance a priority in term three. There are 48 school days in term 3 and students need to attend a minimum of 44 days if they are to meet the regular attendance criteria. Research shows that there is a direct link between attendance and optimal learning and achievement. This means that the more a student attends school the more likely it is that they will optimise their learning and achievement. This is critical for meeting the requirements of achieving the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.





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Achieving the Literacy and Numeracy requirement of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement

From 2024, to gain an NCEA qualification, students need to achieve a 20-credit co-requisite using:

- The new Literacy and Numeracy standards
- Te Reo Matatini and Pāngarau standards.

Students achieve these credits by sitting external **Common Assessment Activities (CAAs)**. Some approved literacy and numeracy-rich standards can also be used to achieve the co-requisite.

The next time Fairfield College is holding the **CAAs** is over a two-week period (September 9 - September 20). I am extending an invitation with expectation to all year 12 and year 13 students that have not achieved literacy or numeracy to attend special coaching classes to prepare them for these assessments. The first coaching class will take place at 2:45pm on Thursday July 25. Leading up to the **CAAs** this coaching class will be taking place at the same time every Thursday. Each year 12 and year 13 student that has not achieved numeracy or literacy should have received an invitation with expectation to attend these coaching classes. Parents of these students should also have received an information letter about these coaching classes, and I encourage you to support your children to attend these coaching classes. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Rodgers at <u>rodgersa@faircol.school.nz</u>

Fairfield College Sports and the Apollo Projects

I express my gratitude to Apollo Projects that continue to provide Fairfield College with sponsorship that enables all students to participate in sports. Before their sponsorship the registration or equipment fees to participate in sports were viewed as barriers by some students, however, this is no longer the case and the financial barrier of participating in sports has been removed because of the support of the Apollo projects sponsorship in conjunction with the ongoing support of the Fairfield College Board of Trustees.

Thank you Parents for Your Support

I look forward to working with you and our staff in term three to optimise the learning and achievement of Fairfield College students. A reminder that term 3 commences on Tuesday 23rd July.



Ngaa mihi nui

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Richard Crawford **PRINCIPAL**

CHINESE EDUCATION FORUM

We're thrilled to announce that Kartus Hiku–Punga participated in a major forum on education development between China and New Zealand. The event featured Chinese Premier Li Qiang and New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. In a special moment, Premier Li presented Kartus with Chinese books, symbolizing the strengthening educational ties between our nations. He also announced that over the next five years, China will provide New Zealand with 1,000 "Chinese Bridge" summer camp opportunities in China and 5,000 Chinese books.

We are proud of FFC. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to broaden our horizons, embrace new cultures, and build lasting friendships.

Mrs Wang Bei, Mandarin Teacher





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New Zealand Chinese Speech Competition

On May 25th, our Fairfield College Chinese class students Kartus Hiku-Punga, Alyssa Tubman, Hezi Runga Hita, and Destiny Muagututia took part in annual New Zealand Chinese Speech Competition at the University of Auckland. We are incredibly proud to announce that they all delivered outstanding performances! The competition, known for its rigorous standards and high level of talent, provided a platform for our students to demonstrate their hard work, dedication, and passion for learning the Chinese language and culture. Each student showcased their unique skills and eloquence, making a remarkable impression on the judges and audience alike.

The students have set an example for their peers, and we couldn't be more proud of their achievements. Their participation and success in this competition highlight the importance of embracing new challenges and the rewards of hard work. We congratulate Kartus, Alyssa, Hezi, and Destiny for their incredible performances.

Mrs Wang Bei, Mandarin Teacher



YEAR 11 & 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION HAERENGA ADVENTURES

This term the Year 11 & 12 classes have been learning all the skills that are related to camping and tramping whilst exploring our beautiful backyard through a variety of haerenga / journeys.

11OED missioned their way up the Hakarimata summit learning the puurakau/stories of its history including how it had a longer name Haakari-kai-mata which means the mountain of 'uncooked food', now shortened to Hakarimata. Students demonstrated basic map skills, and learnt about the importance of gear you should take with you even on a day trip in case of emergencies. This was a great trip to prepare them for their overnight hike to the Waitawheta Hut.

Last week students completed a 9km journey to the hut where they had to use their compass and map reading skills to navigate and identify where they were. They showed great resilience through the cold, wet weather, supporting each other through river crossings, cooking their own food and a night walk to see the glow worms.

Our Year 12 Outdoor Education classes are also working on their navigation, weather reading and survival skills this term. They have completed two day trips up Maungatautari and Mount Te Aroha in preparation for their 2 night trip to the Pinnacles.

Both day trips have had muddy, wet conditions which have allowed the students to explore the importance of correct and appropriate gear for outdoor adventures. Both Mr Cornaga and Mrs Belworthy were pleased with the demonstration of their map reading ability and navigation completed by the leaders to support the classes out on the mountains.

We are looking forward to continuing building on their survival skills with building biv/shelters that they can sleep in.

The Outdoor Education trips are more than just a part of the curriculum; they are transformative experiences that shape our students into well-rounded individuals. We look forward to seeing how these skills and experiences will benefit them in their future endeavors.

Stay tuned for more adventures from our Outdoor Education classes as they continue to explore and learn from the great outdoors.





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KII-O-RAHI INTER MOUNTAIN COMPETITION

"During Week 3, the intermountain Kii-o-Rahi competition was held at FFC. It was the first time that Kii -o-Rahi was included as a mountain event, and it proved to be a huge success. All except for the first round of matches were played on the Haimona Tawha Senior Field at the front of our school. Spectators were treated to some fast paced action, with all the teams evenly matched. Ultimately, Karioi proved to be the top mountain, beating Pirongia in the final 8-6. Kakepuku finished in 3rd place, while Maungatautari came in 4th."



<u>THE GREAT GULLY GALLOP_CROSS COUNTRY</u> 2024

On Friday the 24th of May, Fairfield College held its annual cross country event. It was named after the 1976 event- the Great Gully Gallop. The weather in the lead up to the day was wet, which created tough muddy conditions for the race, but the students competed well on our new track through the Kukutaaruhe Gully.



We congratulate each student who participated- whether this was running competitively or walking it with their friends. A special congratulations to Bilal Nisar Ahmed, Sophie Harries, Liam Miller, Maia Thompson, Jayden Debenham Hagley, Alexis Hansen, Grace Hewitt, Malachi Symons, Alaska Waerehu and Zander Johansen who won their respective year level championship. Finally, congratulations Maungatautari for taking out the event for 2024.

Tough guy and gal 2024

Fairfield students competed at the Secondary School Touch Guy and Gal Challenge at Ngaruawahia Christian Youth camp on Friday 21st June 2024.

The course includes water trails, a spider web net climb, crawl under barbed wire, a tricky wire rope bridge, native bush trails, paddock running, swamp crossing and more mud.



Students can gain NCEA Leve 2 and Level 3 credits. Special acknowledgement to Year 13 student Sophie Harries for placing 1st in the Senior Girls Years 11-13.

WINTER SPORT

Congratulations to Sophie Harries who competed in the Waikato Zone Cross Country on Tuesday 21st May where she placed 4th in the senior girls age group. Just a mere 8 secs behind a top three finish, great job Sophie.

On Tuesday April 16th, a touring Australian rugby club played an U15s match against Fairfield College at our school. The club, Hamilton Hawks from Newcastle, NSW, were on a short three game tour and had selected FFC as one of their opponents. The Hawks proved to be a very well drilled unit and defeated our U15s by a considerable margin. Despite this, spirits were high as it was our teams' first hit out of the year, so a lot was learned. The occasion was finished with speeches and a kaihakari which topped the day off spectacularly.

Sport at FFC in term 2 continue to thrive. We had teams in most major winter sporting codes.

Saturday sports also went well in term 2. It has been a privilege to support our students represent Fairfield College in the various codes.

Thank you to our coaches, managers and whanau who support sport at Fairfield College.







- July 22
 - **Teacher Only Day**
- 23 First Day of Term 3
- 25 Information Evening - All Year Levels

August

- Learning Conferences 4.00pm 7.00pm 1
- 8 Learning Conferences - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- Senior Subject Choice Selection Evening 14
- 17 Y12 & 13 School Ball
- 23 Mountain Dress Up Day - Flower Power FFC Day 30
- September 2-5 Winter Tournament Week
- 9-12 **FFC Showcase**
- Intermountain Volleyball Competition 9-12
- 11-13 OED200/300 Snow Trip



2025 **INFORMATION EVENING &**



Upcoming

Events

INFORMATION EVENING - ALL YEAR LEVELS Thursday 25th July 2024 5:30pm - 7:00pm All students are invited to attend an evening with Fairfield College Senior Leadership, Staff and Fairfield College Senior Leadership, Staff and Students introducing and showcasing opportunities at Fairfield College

SCHOOL TOURS Tuesday 6th August 2024 - 9:30am - 10:00am Tuesday 20th August 2024 - 9:30am - 10:00an Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - 9:30am- 10:00

YEAR 9 OPEN DAY Friday 15th November 2024 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 logs and towei. Lunch will be provided for the students.

rrolment applications must be submitted by the th October 2024. To enable us to cater for dividual needs, all enrolling students will be erviewed.

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Kia mau

ki te takitoru

