



FAIRFIELD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

2 February 2018

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE KEEP

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday to Friday	8.45 am	to	2.55 pm
Interval	11.10 am	to	11.35 am
Lunch	12.50 pm	to	1.35 pm

SCHOOL TERMS 2018

Term 1	Tuesday 30 January	to	Friday 13 April
Term 2	Monday 30 April	to	Friday 6 July
Term 3	Monday 23 July	to	Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October	to	Friday 14 December

SCHOOL ABSENTEE PHONE LINE

Please phone the school on **855 9718 Ext 5**, text **021 250 5968**, fax **855 8347**, email mail@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz or call in to the school reception to report if your child is absent. This should be done by 9.00 am **each and every** morning your child is away.

Absenteeism, due to ill health, of more than three consecutive days must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate.

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From the Acting Principal ...

Kia Ora Koutou, Greetings

A warm welcome to all new families (and returning families) to the Fairfield Intermediate School community. We have had a great start to the year and we have been impressed with the manners, courtesy and respect shown by all students in our first week at school. We appreciate that for our new Year 7 students, in particular, there are a lot of new expectations that they are getting used to - such as shaking hands at the gate. We have been really pleased with how the students are embracing the changes, and we will continue to support your child as they settle into their new school environment.

We started the week with a fantastic powhiri for our new students and it was wonderful also to see so many parents/whanau attend. Our Year 8 students did well and performed with pride and passion. We have also welcomed a number of new teachers to our school this year. Their enthusiasm and passion for teaching and learning is already evident and they will be a great addition to our school. Alongside our new students and teachers, we have welcomed a number of international students, including a group of Korean student teachers. We value our interactions with our international guests and it is always a real pleasure to have them at our school.

We have a number of different events coming up, so please check out our Facebook page and weekly newsletters for the latest information and updates. Next week you will receive some important information in regard to our academy programmes, and our 'Create' Programme (which commences in week three) - so please look out for these. In week five, we also have our official 'Meet the Teacher' evening and it would be great to see you all there. If you have any questions or queries regarding our term events or any information that comes home, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist. We want to ensure that we make the transition as smooth as possible for your child and that you have the information you require as a parent/caregiver, in order for your child to have a successful time at Fairfield Intermediate School.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support while our Principal is on sick leave. We are all very excited about the year ahead and as a staff we will work together to ensure that your child enjoys a fantastic education during their time with us. Don't forget, if you have any queries, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher or the Senior Leadership Team and we will all be happy to assist.

Miss Angela Walters
Acting Principal



From the Principal ...

Kia Ora Koutou, Greetings

A warm welcome to our new staff and students. I am very pleased to be able to welcome you to Fairfield Intermediate School for 2018. A number of people have asked about my absence so a brief explanation. Over the holidays I fractured my tibia in multiple places and, after a three week stay in hospital, am now at home immobile with plates and pins permanently inserted into my leg and ankle. I am in regular contact with the school and the Management Team and hope to return (albeit on crutches) in a few weeks' time. The Deputy Principal, Angela Walters, and Assistant Principal, Chris Keegan, have everything in hand and have the support of our fantastic staff to ensure everything will continue as normal.

I would just like to thank the large number of our staff who came in to hospital to meet with me around my hospital bed and organise a great start to 2018 for our staff and all our students. As academy trials start and students come home with new home learning, new friendships and exciting opportunities I would encourage everyone to be bold and to seize opportunities on offer. Whanau, if you have any questions please feel free to call in and see teachers or management as we are here to help your child succeed. Finally a special thanks to our BOT for their support and understanding during this time. All the best for a great start to 2018.

Mr Andrew Shortcliffe
Principal

Introducing Staff for 2018

Mr Andrew Shortcliffe - Principal
Miss Angela Walters - Deputy Principal
Mr Chris Keegan - Assistant Principal

Mrs Emily Wilson – Girls' Dean
Mr Dion Crouch – Boys' Dean

Teaching Teams (House Deans in Bold)

Kauri (Orange)

Miss Angela Karl 14

Mr Al Wilcox 15
Mr Scott Robertson 16
Mrs Bernie Lockhart 17

Nikau (Green)

Ms Karin Doull 1

Miss Janine Dyer 2
Mr Jono Dawson 3
Mrs Victoria Boswell 4

Rimu (Red) – Mr Dion Crouch

Mrs Tarsh Leaf 20
Mr Mahi Newton-King 21
Mr Juan Gregan 22
Mrs Caroline Taylor 23

Totara (Blue)

Mr Theo Warrick 12

Miss Melanie Neumann 24
Miss Katherine Batchelar 25
Miss Hannah Griffin 26

Kowhai (Yellow)

Mrs Kelly Kenyon 9

Miss Jessica Carter 10
Mr Andre Jaques 29
Ms Lorraine Semple 30

Patricia Ave Satellite Class – Room 19

Ms Rachel Wade-Swelim

Mrs Michelle Thomas
Mrs Colleen Gorter

Create Specialists

Mr Shannan McPeak - MakerSpace

Mrs Alison Mitchell - Fusion
Mrs Angela Bowler - Hauora
Mrs Jodi Albery - Performance
Mrs Nelda Halgryn - MediaLab

International/ESOL

Ms Pennie Braithwaite

Mrs Zena Taylor
Mr Kaine Cargill-Isaacs

Curriculum HODs

Overall HOD – Miss Angela Walters
English – Ms Melanie Neumann
Mathematics – Mrs Caroline Taylor
Digital – Mrs Kelly Kenyon

Sport – Mr Chris Keegan
Maori – Mr Dion Crouch
Te Reo Maori/Kapahaka –
Mr Tom Berryman

Academy Focus Teams - HODs

Leadership – Mr Andrew Shortcliffe
Academic – Miss Angela Walters
Science and Technology – Mr Shannan McPeak
Digital – Mrs Bernie Lockhart

Hospitality – Mrs Alison Mitchell
Arts – Mrs Jodi Albery
Sports – Mr Chris Keegan

Administration and Support

Mrs Sharon Arnold - Executive Officer
Mrs Jacky Cameron - Receptionist
Mrs Jos Falanitama - Student Centre
Mrs Leticia Koschany - Librarian
Mr Paul Hansen - Property Manager
Mr Keith Spooner - Gardens/Grounds

Student Support

Mrs Diane Ormsby – ORS Teacher
Mrs Debbie Westall
Mrs Lyn Reid
Mrs Trina King
Mrs Elaine Huirama
Miss Jess Tong
Miss Melody Simon

TEACHER ONLY DAY

On **Monday 12 February** we will be having a Teacher Only Day, which means that the school will be closed for students while, as a staff, we undertake professional learning. At Fairfield Intermediate School, we very rarely have Teacher Only Days outside the usual school holiday time, but we have an opportunity to work with an outside professional learning facilitator on that day. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause, but we believe that the benefits from the professional learning will have positive benefits for your child and their learning.

MEET THE TEACHER

We will be holding an opportunity for parents and caregivers to meet with classroom teachers on **Wednesday 28 February from 5.00 pm**. This will be an opportunity to meet with class teachers and also our specialist teachers. Please note that this is not an interview evening but a chance for a more general chat.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – YEAR 7 AND 8

As from next week we will be emailing and posting out statements. Basic school fees are Camp \$170.00, Technology \$100.00 and School Donation \$50.00. Please note that the camp fee must be paid in full before your child attends camp (unless you already have an automatic payment set up and running to pay your fees).

PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS

If you have problems and concerns, the first place to address them is with your child's class teacher, and then if not resolved with your child's House Dean. If the problem is still unresolved then please contact either the Deputy Principal, Miss Angela Walters, if it relates to a learning matter or the Assistant Principal, Mr Chris Keegan, if it is a behaviour matter. Finally you can always contact the Principal if issues remain unresolved.

ICT MATTERS

We have a significant investment in IT infrastructure, along with many students bringing their own devices to school. All students will be asked to sign a User Agreement after being taken through it with their class teacher.

Device Insurance - Please check that your insurance covers your child's device. The school does not provide cover of any kind. **During school hours only** all devices will have an anti-virus cover, however there are lots of free on-line anti-virus applications if you wish to load these on to your child's device.

As we move forward towards a digital curriculum, Fairfield Intermediate classrooms, have now all changed into BYOD classrooms, so there are no longer laptop and mainstream classes. This means that all students are able to bring their own device to school daily. We suggest laptops over tablets or chrome books. If your child does not own a device, there are a number of options available. All students without a device at school this week, will be given some information to bring home regarding the various purchase options. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries concerning this.

LOST PROPERTY

We have many items of lost property every year, all unnamed. (Named property is returned to the student's classroom.) Please make sure that all clothing, in particular, is named so it can be returned.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

We have an open door policy, however our Health and Safety Regulations require that if you are visiting our school you must sign in first at Reception. Please do this to ensure that in the case of an emergency everyone on our school grounds is accounted for. Thank you.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are normally emailed or sent home every Friday. There is a lot of information in this newsletter which will be placed on our school website www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz each week. Please keep your newsletters to refer back to and, in particular, this week's cover page with important information for the year.

DAILY STUDENT NOTICES

These are published every morning at 9.00 am and are posted in all classrooms for students to check so that they are informed of any events/news happening on the day and upcoming events. These are also put on the school website for parents to check on a daily basis.

STATIONERY

Thank you to all those who have purchased stationery already. From Monday 5 February the normal stationery sales times are before school from 8.00 am until 8.45 am each morning (i.e., before the school bell rings to start the day) from the Student Centre. These times are standard for stationery sales throughout the year. Eftpos facilities are available although credit card payments are not.

UNIFORM

The correct school uniform is required to be worn at all times during the school day. Please note however that the Fairfield Intermediate hoodies are **not** part of the correct school uniform. They can be worn at camp or on out-of-school organised sports days but not during normal school hours.

Jewellery - Only the following may be worn:

- One pair of plain earring studs in the ears only.
- One wrist watch.
- One plain light chain or bone carving that has cultural or religious significance only.

Please note that the uniform includes black leather shoes, not canvas shoes, and black Roman or Ruggers sandals. **School caps/hats are now compulsory** and need to be worn during interval and lunch breaks when the students are outside. School caps are available for sale from the school office at a cost of \$20 each.

We would also like to remind you that make-up is not to be worn at school (this includes nail polish) and that plain hair ties or head bands (blue, yellow or black) only are to be worn. Mufti gear is also not to be worn with the uniform (e.g., mufti beanies, coloured tops under school shirts, etc).

If your child requires a temporary uniform pass for a valid reason, they need to see the Boys' Dean, Mr Dion Crouch. If your child is wearing the incorrect uniform, a letter will be sent home informing parents/caregivers and we will require your child to be in correct uniform from then on.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

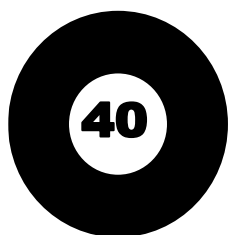
PLEASE NOTE - In all cases a valid reason must be given for the absence or it will be noted as unjustified.

It is also important that if your child is late, i.e., arriving to school after the morning bell has rung, they must sign in at the Student Centre. They must do this, even if you have phoned the school to explain that they will be late.

We use a text messaging service. In the first instance, where we have been given cellphone numbers, we will text a caregiver if your child is not at school. Please immediately reply to this text or phone the school on 855 9718 to explain the reason for your child's absence.

BUS BAY – FRONT OF SCHOOL PARKING

Please **do not** park in the bus bay at the front of school. We need to keep our children safe and the bus bay area needs to be kept clear for school buses.



You are reminded that the speed limit is 40 km/h outside schools, this speed limit is indicated with the flashing school zone speed signs. We would, however, urge you to keep your speed down on Clarkin Road at all times.

The bottom gate, coming in by the wharenui, is for emergency and special access vehicles **only**. Do not drive in or drop students off in this driveway.

We also ask that if you are collecting children from school, especially on Clarkin Road, that you make arrangements for them to walk down the road to meet you. With Fairfield Primary finishing earlier than us it is always busy at the front of school from 2.30 pm onwards. The staff car park area, which is clearly marked, is not to be used as a drop off and pick up area. Thank you.

Please also refrain from driving cars in the Kensington Place gate driveway in the mornings or afternoons, unless you are going to the dentist. If you are parking for the dentist you need to turn right as you drive down the driveway. We now have several school transport vans and cars bringing students to school. They need to have access priority and plenty of room to turn and drop children off safely. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Cycling is a great way to get to school but it is important to ride with courtesy and respect for all other cyclists and motorists. Make sure you are visible at all times and clearly show your intentions. Think of other road users when you can, for example, let them know you are happy they waited for you by waving, smiling, or giving them a 'thumbs up'. This will make sharing the road easier for everyone. Ensure you know the road code regarding cycling and always wear your helmet and lock your bike.

CHANGES TO DETAILS – ADDRESS – PHONE – CELLPHONES - EMAIL

Please ensure that all changes of address, phone numbers, cellphone numbers and email addresses are kept up-to-date with the school. This is particularly important, when we are trying to contact parents/caregivers in cases of sick students at school. Thank you for your assistance with this.

MONEY / CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

If your child needs to bring money to school for use after school, please ensure that they hand it in to their classroom teacher who will look after it for the day by placing it in a lockable cupboard and returning it at 2.55 pm. Cellphones are not to be used at school during school time. If your child must bring a cellphone to school for after school use this must also be handed in to the classroom teacher for safe keeping. **The school will not be held responsible for any cellphones that go missing on school premises.**

Please place any money for school costs into an envelope and clearly write your child's name, room number and what the payment is for on the outside of the envelope. Your child is to then put the envelope in the drop box located in the Student Centre. Receipts will be issued to your child over the next day or two.

SCHOOL CAMPS

This year school camps will take place at Port Waikato as set out below. The cost is \$170 per student with a deposit of \$50 to secure your child's place, to be paid as outlined below. Please note as Kauri House are only at camp for four days, the cost of that camp is \$136.

Rimu House – 5-9 March 2018 (Rooms 20, 21, 22, 23)

- Cut off for full payment Friday 23 February

Kauri House – 26-29 March 2018 (Rooms 14, 15, 16, 16)

- Deposit paid by 23 February
- Cut off for full payment Friday 16 March

Kowhai House – 9-13 April 2018 (Rooms 9, 10, 29, 30)

- Deposit paid by 23 February
- Cut off for full payment Friday 16 March

Nikau House – 5-9 November 2018 (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4)

- Deposit paid by 7 September
- Cut off for full payment Friday 5 October

Totara House – 12-16 November 2018 (Rooms 12, 24, 25, 26)

- Deposit paid by 7 September
- Cut off for full payment Friday 5 October

Thank you to those families who have already offered assistance. Teachers will be organising camp meetings in due course. Parents intending to assist and anyone interested are most welcome to attend.

SPORT

Welcome to another year of sport at Fairfield Intermediate School. The year is shaping up to be a big one for sport so please encourage your children to get involved! Mr Chris Keegan is the Sports Co-ordinator this year so any queries please email him – ckeegan@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz.

PTA (PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION) MEETING

Our first meeting for the year will be held on **Monday 12 February at 7.00 pm**. This meeting will be held in the School Staffroom. Please use the Kensington Place entrance to our school (Kensington Place runs off Hukanui Road beside the Davies Corner Shops). The back gates to the school will be open, and the Staffroom is at the back of the school. Everyone is most welcome to attend this meeting.



With the Rugby Sevens ready to explode onto Waikato Stadium for the first time ever this weekend, Hamilton City is buzzing with the build up! Our school was lucky enough to host a number of players from Wales, Argentina, South Africa, Samoa, Russia, Spain and PNG.

The School Leadership Academy and Leadership Academy trialists welcomed them with a powhiri and performed a number waiata for the players. They represented Fairfield Intermediate displaying the school's virtues - Courtesy, Courage, Co-operation and Commitment.

Wales, in return, performed a song and all players participated in a skills session, we were also on the front page of the Waikato Times with a write up about the event this weekend.

