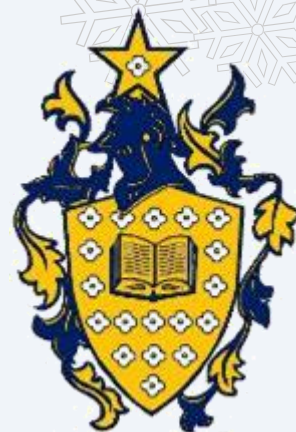




Congratulations to the 2018 Leadership Academy. Trials are continuing for the remaining leaders.

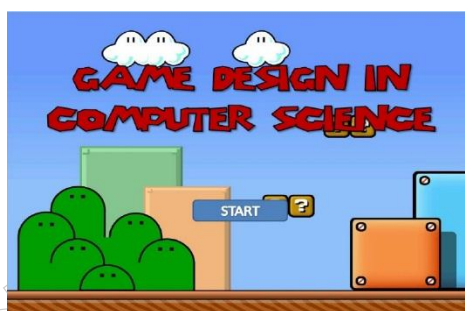


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Daily Student Notices ...

These are published daily on our school website
www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz

School Hours ...

8.45	School Starts
10.45 - 11.05	Interval
12.35 - 1.25	Lunch
2.55	School Ends

School Absentees ...

Phone: 855 9718 Ext 5
Text: 021 250 5968
Email:
absent@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz

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.

Kia Ora Koutou, Greeting

It has been another great week at school and we have continued to be really pleased with how the students have started the year. They have embraced our school values of courtesy, co-operation, courage and commitment and it has been pleasing to see many of our Year 8 students really stepping into a leadership role and supporting our new Year 7 students.

This week we held our academy expos where students got the opportunity to find out more about the exciting learning on offer in the various academy programmes. This year we have seven academies operating - academic, the arts, sports, science and engineering, hospitality, digital and leadership. In this newsletter, you will find out more information about each academy and there is also a link to the application form where the students can apply for the academies that they would like to trial for. If you have any further questions or queries after reading the information in regards to the academy programmes, please feel free to contact the school and we will be happy to assist.

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. You will receive some important information in regard to our 'Create' programme, which is now commencing in week four. Also a reminder that next week we have our Teacher Only Day on Monday and our swimming sports taking place on Tuesday at St Paul's swimming pool. It would be great to see you at the swimming sports if you are able to make it and hopefully the weather will be a little kinder to us this year compared to 2017! Also, so you are aware, school-wide testing is taking place over the next couple of weeks - this information assists teachers in terms of your child's learning and next steps.

I would also like to take this opportunity to clarify the situation in regard to digital devices at Fairfield Intermediate, to hopefully offer reassurance to some parents/caregivers. As you are aware, at Fairfield Intermediate, we are a BYOD school and are encouraging students to bring devices to school (as per the expectations) to use as a tool for learning. While we have offered some options to parents/caregivers that may assist with this, we are certainly not making it 'compulsory' that students bring a device to school. We will do our best at school to provide devices or alternatives to those students that do not have a device, where we are able.

We hope that you have a great weekend and hope to see some of you at the swimming next week.

Angela Walters
Acting Principal



This week the students of Fairfield Intermediate visited our Academy Expos. Our academy programme was created to provide unique and challenging opportunities for staff and students. It is designed to enrich existing curriculum programmes and cater for students whom we have identified as possessing passion, ability and talent in specific areas. Teaching personnel are carefully selected to lead or assist with academies based on their abilities, experience and passion in curriculum areas. All academies are led by an HOD (Head of Department) with selected staff being included in academy focus teams. Nearly all Fairfield Intermediate staff are actively involved in running academy programmes as members of an academy focus team. Our academies have a wide and extensive reach, positively influencing students and the community alike.

This year the application process will be done digitally. Please take the time to discuss the academies with your children this weekend and fill in the application form through this address - tinyurl.com/academies2018. If you do not have access to the internet at home, students are able to complete these forms using digital devices at school.

The children will have until the end of week three (Friday 16 February) to submit their applications. The trials will begin week 4 and conclude by the end of week 10 when the final academy will be named. There will be a capping ceremony very early in term 2.



The Hospitality Academy gives students the opportunity to learn about the Hospitality Industry. They will learn about health and safety, kitchen skills, menu planning, food preparation and cooking. Catering for school events is a highlight of the academy. Students will have the opportunity to learn from experienced chefs what the



industry involves. There is a cost of \$40 and all students will receive their own apron and hat.



The Sports Academy has been designed for students who demonstrate ability and/or potential in either our core sports, or across a range of sporting codes. This year the final academy will be split into two groups:

1. Year 7 and Year 8 Elite Squad
2. Year 7 and Year 8 Development Squad

The Sports Academy is a mixture of practical, written work and trips. Students learn about fitness, nutrition, hydration, training techniques, sports psychology, game strategies and how to cope with success/ defeat. Guest speakers (trainers,

administrators, medical professionals and pro-athletes) share their experiences and knowledge with the students. A highlight for the academy is their annual five day sports camp that both squads will be attending later in the year. There will be an approximate cost of \$250.00 per student for this academy that will cover sports camps and uniforms.

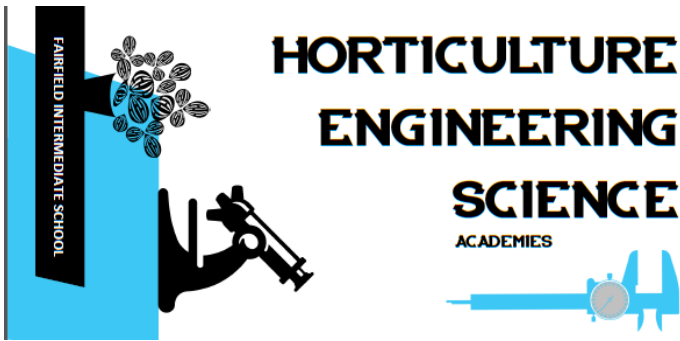
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Do you want to extend your thinking? Improve your problem solving skills? Work with others and have fun? The Academic Academy has been designed to extend and enrich students who demonstrate a high academic ability in literacy, numeracy or both. The academy works alongside the accelerate class programme but is not exclusive to those students who are already in an accelerate class. We aim to work with some of the high schools in Hamilton, the University of Waikato and a range of other organisations. We offer

chances to compete in academic competitions such as the Waikato Children's Literature Quiz, the Waikato Schools' Spelling Bee, Waimaths and Baymaths. We also offer second language learning courses, workshops with specialists, field trips and experimenting with technology. There is a cost of \$20 per student for this academy.





We are fortunate this year to have Ms Karin Doull take the reins of the Science Academy. She has a winning history with the Waikato Science Fair and has an exciting program planned involving a variety of avenues for students to explore. Wall charts and photography for the Science Fair will be the initial focus.

Students will later have the opportunity to explore areas of personal interest, while also achieving merit badges. There is a cost of \$20. Year 7: Wednesday, Year 8: Friday.

Engineering

Following a successful 2017, engineering students will explore modeling using materials, software, 3D printing, and laser cutting. They will participate in the ePro8 engineering competition where they will design and build a radio control combat robot for the competition. Students will later develop an autonomous microcontroller-based robot which will require learning in electronics, soldering and programming. There is a cost of \$20. Year 7: Wednesday, Year 8: Friday with Mr McPeak.



Horticulture

Ms Lorraine Semple is the passionate green thumb who will guide students through the development and maintenance of the school's various raised vegetable gardens. Students will learn to turn a simple patch of backyard into a productive and healthy living pantry. There is a cost of \$20. This academy will be likely be available only on Friday.

Digital Technology Academy

There is a new academy being offered in 2018 that will help to encourage students to be curious about digital technologies. They can become creative, innovative and inspired as they learn about coding/scratch, 3D printing, Sphero robots, un-maker's space, Minecraft for education, game design and electronics. Students can work, play, interact, design and become a creator of technology. We can't wait to get started on our journey to become future-focused, digitally talented citizens. There is a cost of \$20. Come and join us! Put in an application today!





At Fairfield Intermediate School, there are plenty of opportunities within the arts and the Arts Academy is just one of those opportunities. This year the academy is split into three main areas. Each area will have a lead teacher and there is a fee of \$25 for each of these academies.

Music

Within our Music Department, there will be opportunity to learn how to perform with other musicians. We have a school orchestra that will be focusing on how it is possible to move from individual practice to performing in a group. We have the great fortune of having two musical directors this year, both Jody Thomas, our brass tutor, and Jodi Albery, our HOD of Arts will be leading our orchestra. The orchestra will be rehearsing after school and this will more than likely be on a Tuesday.



Rock Band is for students that have been learning guitar, bass guitar, drums and keyboard. This will be a mix of Year 7 and Year 8 students. They will learn how to play together, how to communicate as a musician and will look at simple music theory with a view to writing their own songs.

Our vocal group will mainly train as a choir. The focus will be on techniques such as breathing, diaphragm control and blending. There will be an opportunity to work in small groups as well. We will perform within school events and at local competitions.

Art

This year our art students will be working on a variety of art making skills. The focus will be how to include skills into greater pieces of work. Work may include Waikato Schools' art days, visiting artists and trips to exhibitions. All students that are interested in any form of visual arts will be welcome to try out. The Year 7 and Year 8 groups will run separately. The Visual Arts class will be led by Mrs Nelda Halgryn.

Stagecraft

Stagecraft is a new area for our academy. This will be drama and dance combined. The group's focus will be to prepare students to understand all aspects of being on stage. This may include how to prepare for an audition, stage directions, drama and dance skills. This class will be led by Mr Scott Robertson.





NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY.



The Fairfield Intermediate PTA meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 12 February, in the school staffroom. We are a small group, who meet once a month. We usually organise 2-3 fundraising projects a year, to benefit the students. We welcome any interested people to come and join us.

Swimming Sports

The school swimming sports will be held on **Tuesday 13 February at St Paul's Collegiate Swimming Pool.**



The emphasis is on **participation and supporting your team colours!** All staff and students will be attending the swimming sports. Students are allowed to wear mufti in their House colours or the school PE uniform. All students must wear a school hat/cap and **PARENTS** please ensure sunblock is applied or supplied.

The winners of the races held at our swimming sports will go on to represent the school at the Waikato Intermediate Schools' Competition which will be held on Monday 12 March.

Parents, caregivers and families are more than welcome to attend to support the students.

Immunisation Notice

There is an Immunisation Education Day on Friday 23 February. Staff from Waikids will be coming to school to inform the Year 7 and Year 8 students about immunisations available for their age group.



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.

Student Acknowledgments ...

We congratulate and acknowledge the following students who received certificates at assembly for their efforts and achievements.

Room 1	Jaxson Diamond	Consistently demonstrating the 4 C's, encouraging others and always helping when needed.
Room 2	Keira Landon	Showing leadership when working with new students at our school.
Room 3	Hudson McCool	Achievement in mathematics and contribution towards class discussion.
Room 4	Amira Stephenson	For her outstanding contribution to classroom discussions.
Room 10	Jordyn Schollum	Showing courtesy consistently, being a great role model to both the Year 7's and International students.
Room 12	Oliver Ward	The leadership he has shown around the school.
Room 14	Leighton Raharuhi	A consistent, positive and courteous attitude. He has started 2018 off with a bang! Well done!
Room 15	Anekar Tai-Rakena Barton	Showing and being courteous at all times.
Room 16	Cyrus Emery	Hard work and focus during all learning this week.
Room 17	Seini Toma	Stepping up as a school leader and excellent role model in Room 17 this year.
Room 20	Shelby Gibson-Rippey	Demonstrating courage in helping to lead Rimu's first team hui. Ka rawe!
Room 21	Olivia Owen	Showing courage by presenting her pepeha.
Room 22	Liana Gorman-Crean	For displaying the school's values to a high level.
Room 23	Jamie Vette	His creativity in writing.
Room 24	Jasmine Prenter	Excellent role modelling and enthusiasm in all areas of school life to begin the year.
Room 26	Harmony Corless	The diligence you have shown towards your learning in week 1 - awesome start.
Room 29	Rebecca Adams	Helping your teacher and fellow students feel welcome.



Congratulations!



The International Department have had a very busy start to the year welcoming international students from Korea and China to Fairfield Intermediate School.



If you are interested in being a homestay family for international students please contact Ms Pennie Braithwaite, International Director, to pick up an application form. Families are required for Thai students from 12-31 March and Japanese students from 3-23 March. Please either phone the school or email Pennie at pbraithwaite@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz.

Community News ...

PARAFED WAIKATO WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL 2018 SEASON

Are you a young person with a physical disability, don't know how to get into a sport? Well look no further, give Wheelchair Basketball a go! Our club is currently looking for new players for next season. You do not need your own wheelchair to play, we can provide these, and your disability does not have to be one that requires a wheelchair. Wheelchair Basketball is played similar to that of able bodied basketball. The court is the same size and hoops are the same height. For every two pushes the player must bounce or pass the ball. We welcome players from 10yrs +. Weekly Trainings on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm @ Hamilton Boys' High School Gymnasium. Next season starts on 21 February 2018. Wheelchair Basketball in the Waikato is available for everyone to play, able bodied included. You can either play socially or competitively. Come on what are you waiting for, come join us - Give it a Go. Register your interest by emailing your inquiries to wwchbball@gmail.com or visit Parafed Waikato Website <https://parafedwaikato.co.nz/>.

HAMILTON MARIST JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Competition Grades 2018 Teams - **Pre-season Skills & Fitness Training**

Calling all 11th–13th Grade Rugby players. Sunday Sessions 10am – 12pm at Marist Clubrooms on 11th, 18th, and 25th March. Please be there as from these sessions we will be developing the competition grades for the 2018 season. The 25 March sessions will be simulated games to create the teams.

Also if you are keen to coach or manage a competition team grade team please contact us. Steve Burgess on 027 335 8866 or email Hamilton.marist.junior.rugby@gmail.com.

Please remember to bring a drink bottle, boots or sneakers and a great attitude!!

SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC CLASSES

Enrolments are now open for Term One 2018 at the Hamilton Community Centre of Music. The first session is on **Saturday 10 February**. The Centre caters for all ages (3 to retired) and ability levels, offering group-format music tuition in a range of instruments. Fees range from \$39 to \$95 per term (8 lessons) depending on age and instrument. The enrolment fee for an instrument class includes participation in as many of our ensembles as the student wishes.

A music appreciation/readiness programme (*Music Makers*) is available from age 3. *Young Voices* children's choir caters for those aged 9+. New this year are lessons in Bass Guitar and an Exam Stream option for students wishing to prepare for examinations in certain instruments.

Class times are between 8.00am and 1.00pm on Saturdays during primary school terms. The Centre is located on the University of Waikato campus in Hillcrest. Contact us via our website <http://www.hccm.ac.nz/> or phone 07 838 4611.