



This week we farewelled the students and teachers from our sister school, Ningbo Junior High from China, who enjoyed their time here at Fairfield Intermediate.

## School Swimming Sports

Congratulations and well done to all the parents, staff and students that braved the wet weather earlier this week to attend the school swimming sports.



*Exceptional Learners  
Exceptional Place  
Whakaharahara  
ā konga  
Whakaharahara wāhi*

### Daily Student Notices ...

These are published daily on our school website  
[www.fairfieldintermediate.school.nz](http://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](mailto: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 is hard to believe that we have just completed our third week at school for the year - it only feels like yesterday that we were welcoming our Year 7's to the school at the powhiri.

As you are aware, we endeavoured to hold our school swimming sports on Tuesday but just like last year we were unfortunately hampered by bad weather. Fortunately though, the competitive swimmers were still able to compete which was great and from this group, students will be selected to compete in the WIS Swimming competition coming up on Monday 12 March. This is an inter-school competition where representatives from all the intermediates and middle schools in the Waikato compete. During the year there will be more of these competitions in the various sporting codes and also some inter-school arts days/competitions.

This week we had our first Board of Trustees meeting for the year. At that meeting, Mr Blair Astwood stood down from his position as Board Chairperson and Mrs Rebecca Renner has been elected as the new Chairperson. Fortunately for us, Blair is still remaining on the Board, but on behalf of the staff and students, I would like to thank him for all the time, effort and hard work he has put in to support the school in his role as Chairperson, especially during a time of great change - it has been much appreciated. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Rebecca on her new role as Board Chairperson. Rebecca has been on our Board of Trustees for a few years now and like Blair, she will be a great asset to the school in this role. We also selected a new Deputy Chairperson, Mrs Tania Heke, who will support Rebecca in her role. Tania is new to our Board and we are looking forward to working with her.

We also had our first PTA meeting on Monday night and it was great to see so many parents/caregivers coming along to support the school and our wonderful students. If you missed the meeting and would still like to be involved, you are more than welcome - if you ring the school, we can let you know when the next meeting is or check out our Facebook page.

Please also note on your calendar, if you haven't already, on Wednesday 28 February from 5.00 pm we have our Meet the Teacher BBQ. This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's classroom teacher. Please note that this is more of a group gathering, rather than a time for one on one interviews. If you do wish to have a more one on one interview with your child's classroom teacher, please contact the school. In a few weeks, we will have our first set of learning conferences for the year. More information in regard to these will come out nearer to the time.

We hope that you have a great weekend and also all the best to Nikau House who are travelling to Auckland on Monday to visit the Auckland War Memorial Museum as part of their classroom learning.

Angela Walters  
Acting Principal



# St John's College

This week St John's College announced their Student Leaders for 2018. The following old boys of Fairfield Intermediate have been selected for leadership roles at the College -

**Felix Minhinnick - Deputy Head Boy (Class of 2012-13)**  
**Jordan Edwards - House Leader (Class of 2012-13)**

Congratulations and thank you to St John's College for sharing this news with us and their kind words - "We are very proud of the young men that they have become and hope that you too will take pride in their connection with your school."





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.

**Fairfield Community Dental Clinic** invites children and parents to attend a dental check-up at our facility this year. Appointments are available throughout the year and we will contact you when your child is due for his/her regular dental check, or you can phone and make an appointment at any time if you have concerns.



Appointments will generally be posted to your home address with a text reminder two days prior. Please don't hesitate to call us on 0800 TALKTEETH or 07 859 9160 to change an appointment date/time, wanting to check/update contact details, or have questions/concerns. You are most welcome to contact us if you prefer to be present during the check-up appointment. Otherwise, children enrolled under our service will be called from class.

Fairfield Community Dental Clinic  
33 Kensington Place, Fairfield

#### 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.



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**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](mailto:pbraithwaite@fairfieldintermediate.school.nz).**

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## *Lunchtime Sports*

**This week was a tug-of-war competition between the Year 8 boys!**

**1st place = Kauri  
2nd place = Rimu  
3rd place = Totara**

**Well done boys!**



# Community News ...



## POP-UP BOOK FAIR AND GARAGE SALE

Saturday 3 March from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at the Wesley Methodist Hall, Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton. Funds raised will go to New Zealand Red Cross to keep doing good at home and overseas.  
0800 RED CROSS / REDCROSS.ORG.NZ

## 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> Grade Rugby players. Sunday Sessions 10am – 12pm at Marist Clubrooms on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## SUBURBS COMMUNITY SPORTS CLUB

### 2018 JUNIOR RUGBY WEIGH-IN

Sunday 11 March 10am-2pm at Suburbs Community Sports Club, Flagstaff Park, Commodore Ave, Hamilton. Ages 4-12 years, boys and girls all welcome. All new players are required to bring a birth certificate or passport. For further details go to [www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz](http://www.hamiltonsuburbs.co.nz) or contact Brendon Stone 0274 846 013.